

School Notices

Universal Free Breakfast Club— Any Pupil of White Hall may attend. Bookings for the 'Free Breakfast Club' run weekly, please ensure you book your child on by Midnight each Tuesday for the following week. Arrival is between 8.05 - 8.15am only. Children who arrive outside the time stated or have not made a booking will NOT be able to attend this club. Please be reminded that if you have not booked your child before the cut off time, we are unable to accept any children.

Important Information regards Wraparound— Please be aware, in line with our Wraparound Policy, we are unable to refund or change any booked sessions that are not used and have not been cancelled within 24 hours of booking the required session. If you wish to cancel or amend a session, please email finance@whitehall.academy to avoid unnecessary charges.

We always ensure that the children are supervised within strict ratios and this will then also avoid staff being available when children have not been present for a session.

Help your child build a Super Body this winter—The NHS Essex Super Bodies campaign is helping families keep children healthy and well this winter. As well as information about the children's flu vaccine, the campaign provides practical advice on common childhood illnesses, including how to care for your child at home, what signs to look out for and when to seek extra help. The children's flu vaccine is usually given as a quick, simple nasal spray and can help protect children from flu, reduce the risk of them becoming seriously unwell and help prevent time away from school. Our Flu Vaccination day is **Thursday 15th October 2026**. Find helpful advice and vaccination information to help your child build their Super Body this winter by visiting the NHS Essex Super Bodies website.

Swimming Lessons for KS2— Swimming lessons for Years 3 to 6 start after half term, please see the diary dates for which week is which year group. Children will need to have in school daily— traditional style swimming trunks or a one-piece swimming costume (Bikinis are not permitted), a towel and a swimming hat. We strongly recommend that all children also wear a dressing gown and sliders / crocs for the walk to the pool. As with all PE lessons, jewellery needs to be removed.

Dates for your Diary

5th October—EYFS & Key Stage 1 Photos

Surname A-N Family Photos 3.15pm until 4pm

12th October—Key Stage 2 Photos. Surname O-Z Family Photos 3.15pm until 4pm

15th October—Flu Immunisations

16th October—Wear Red Day

16th October—Nursery Photos

w/c 2nd November Year 5 Swimming

w/c 9th November Year 3 Swimming

w/c 16th November Year 4 Swimming

17th November—Parents Evening

18th November—Parents Evening

w/c 23rd November Year 6 Swimming

27th November INSET DAY

16th December—Christmas Disco

School Uniform—are you having a sort out?

We would be extremely grateful for any Uniform for our Cupboard, especially School Jumpers and Cardigans. These items are then available for anyone that needs them. If you do have any items please may you drop them into the school office. Thank you

Remaining Non Pupil Days for 2026-2027

- Friday 27th November
- Monday 22nd February
- Friday 11th June
- Wednesday 21st July

School Dinners

w/c 5th October
Week 3

Together Against Racism

KIND PEOPLE • STRONGER COMMUNITIES • BRIGHTER FUTURES



SHOW RACISM
THE RED CARD

On **Friday 16th October**, White Hall Academy will be supporting **Wear Red Day**.

We want every child in our school to grow up understanding that our differences should be **respected and celebrated**. No one should ever be treated unfairly or made to feel less valued because of their race, ethnicity, culture or background.

We have a clear message: **racism is never acceptable**. We will continue to promote kindness, respect and inclusion and encourage our children to speak up when something is wrong.

We would love pupils to **wear red on Friday 16th October** as we stand together and **Show Racism the Red Card**.




**DIFFERENT
PEOPLE
BRIGHTER
TOGETHER**

A KINDER • FAIRER • MORE INCLUSIVE TOMORROW

Attention Year 6 Parents

The new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



White Hall Academy Nursery - Free places, Sept 26 for 2-4 year olds

Don't miss out - sign up soon!

Please let your family and friends know that we have spaces available for September in our very friendly and well resourced nursery.

LATE COLLECTION

We have a number of children who are not being collected on time. School finishes at 3.15pm any child that is not collected by 3.25pm is taken to Wraparound.

Please be aware, if you are late collecting your child from school, the following charges will be applied:

3:25pm to 3:45pm - £1.50

3:45pm to 6:00pm - £8.00

ATTENDANCE

The school gates open at 8:35am and registration takes place at 8:45am.

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late for school; Please note that all children are required to be in class for 8.45am ready for registration, after this time your child will need to register at the school office and will be marked as late.

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office, in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures, by 9am. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

What a fantastic Sports Day!

We are so proud of everyone who took part, supported their teammates and gave their very best. Our final results were:

1st – Blue Team

2nd – Green Team

3rd – Yellow Team

4th – Red Team



A huge **congratulations to Blue Team**, our Sports Day winners! Most importantly, **well done to ALL our children** for making the day so special.



Stay connected
with your child's learning

Download and regularly check the Arbor app

The Arbor app keeps you up to date with your child's school life — anytime, anywhere.

Helpful hints



Download the app

Search for "Arbor" in your app store and log in with your details.



Turn on notifications

Get instant updates about attendance, messages, and important news.



Check regularly

Look for messages, view your child's attendance and keep up with key dates.



Keep your details up to date

Let us know if your contact information changes.



Need help?

If you're having trouble, contact the school office — we're here to help!



A few minutes
each week makes
a big difference!



Better
communication



Support
your child



Stronger
partnerships



White Hall
Academy & Nursery

Mobile Phone Free Zone

FOR STUDENTS



In line with the Department of Education's new policies regarding schools and mobile phones,

White Hall Academy is a Mobile Phone Free Zone for students.



Students cannot use their phones until they are off site.

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN
Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETeamhs

SCAN TO
REGISTER



bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Understanding and Supporting with Challenging Behaviour
1st October 9:30 am

Introduction to Understanding Autism
8th October 6:30 pm

Introduction to Understanding ADHD
12th October 9:30 am

Emotional Regulation
5th October 7:00 pm



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North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Striving to provide the best care by the best people

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OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team
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SCAN TO
REGISTER



bit.ly/4jtb46c



Meltdowns and Shutdowns
14th October 9:30 am

Communication Differences
19th October 7:00 pm



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WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT
Personalised support to help you reach your goals.

- 1-to-1 nurse consultations
- Weight management injections*
- Ongoing support and advice

*Subject to suitability.

TRAVEL HEALTH
All you need for a safe and healthy trip.

- Travel vaccines
- Malaria advice
- Travel health kits
- Destination guidance

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
Helping you stay healthy and safe at work.

- Health assessments
- Vaccinations
- Blood tests
- Fit to work certificates

CHILDREN'S VACCINES
Protecting your child's health, every step of the way.

- Routine vaccinations
- Catch-up vaccines
- Friendly, expert nurse care

BLOOD TESTING
Fast, convenient and reliable.

- Wide range of tests
- Private results
- Expert advice

EAR WAX REMOVAL
Safe and effective ear wax removal.

- Microsuction
- Irrigation
- Quick and comfortable

EXPERT CARE
Delivered by qualified nurses you can trust

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL
Your privacy is our priority

CONVENIENT & LOCAL
800+ Superdrug Health Clinics

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Here for your health, every step of the way

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Quick, easy and local to you.

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Superdrug Nurse Clinic

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For children & eligible families

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SAFE Safe & Effective

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

We have received a Health and Safety Alert from Essex County Council regarding assorted 'squishy' and 'squashy' toys. These toys were intended to be used as sensory, fidget or stress ball type toys. Children collect some of these toys, especially the squishy dumplings.



We have been informed that there are health and safety risks related to these and similar toys, which include:

1. The risk of exposure to chemicals in the cover material
2. Some toys are sand-filled and may contain asbestos fibres.
3. Risk of explosion / significant burns from improper use, i.e. heating in a microwave
4. Microbiological contamination of any liquid filling

There have been product recalls for some of these toys, overseen by Trading Standards. For example, because of benzene in the outer material. Benzene is a banned toxic substance. Other recalls are ongoing for similar toys which contain sand contaminated with small quantities of asbestos. There have been viral trends which encourage children to microwave squishy toys, which has resulted in the toys exploding, causing significant burns nationwide. Finally, there is an emerging social media trend encouraging children to cut into squishy toys to examine the filling – which could be contaminated with asbestos or bacteria.

The recommendations we have received from ECC include: -

- Inspect all similar toys and dispose of if concerned. Benzene will have a strong, chemical, petrol-like smell.
- Dispose of any damaged toys of this nature, or any that appear to be poor quality or counterfeit.
- Ensure toys display a CE or UKCA mark and come with a UK name and address – although this isn't a guarantee of safety. Only buy from reputable sources, don't buy from China-based sellers.
- Report concerns of unsafe products to Trading Standards via the Citizens' Advice Consumer Helpline.
- Check out the Government's page on Asbestos in Consumer Products.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE PARENTS THAT WHITE HALL ACADEMY DO NOT USE ANY OF THESE SQUISHY TOYS IN SCHOOL AND THEY ARE NOT GIVEN TO CHILDREN AS SENSORY, FIDGET OR STRESS TYPE TOYS.