

SCHOOL Newsletter

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Newsletter 2 – January 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

We have another busy term ahead with nursery enrolments, primary 1 enrolments and Parents' Night amongst other things.

Keep up to date with what's happening on our Twitter (X) page @WhiteleesPS



12th January	P1 Enrolment - 2.00pm-3.00pm
14th January	P1 Enrolment - 9.30am-10.30am
15th January	P1 Enrolment - 3.00pm 4.00pm
29th January	Parent Council Meeting - 6.00pm
13th February	Latest and Best jotters distributed to parents
16th February	Spring Break
17th February	Spring Break
18th February	In service Day
19th February	Latest and Best jotters returned to school
5th March	Parents' Evening
6th March	World Book day celebrations
19th March	Parent Council Disco
20th March	Red Nose Day
2nd April	School closes 2.30pm for the Easter break
20th April	Return to school
30th April	Power Off and Learn Outdoors day
4th May	Bank Holiday
7th May	In Service Day
14th May	Parent Council Meeting - 6.00pm
15th - 21st May	P7 Outdoor Trip
22nd - 25th May	May Weekend Holiday



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Thank you to all our parents who have already signed up to Parent's Portal. If you haven't already signed up please consider doing so. This is a one stop shop where you can report an absence, top up your child's dinner card, update contact details and sign permission slips amongst other things. This will also be where your child's report card will be published when the time comes, paper copies will no longer be sent home and copies will no longer be emailed.

You can sign up through your MyGovScot account. If you don't already have one you can register online. If you require more information please drop us an email at enquiries-at-whitelees@northlan.org.uk

SWAP SHOP

Our Swap Shop is still open and we hope you will continue to make full use of this. We have items of school uniform, shoes, jackets, blazers and toys available. Please call our school office if you would like to arrange an appointment to visit the Swap Shop.



Our Parents' Night will take place on Thursday 5th March from 3.30pm - 8.30pm. Appointments can be booked online only. Please look out for an email coming to your inbox soon with further details.



P1 Enrolment

P1 ENROLMENT - AUG 2026



WHEN?

Enrolment for children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2026 and 29 February 2027 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 12 January 2026. Please come along to Whitelees Primary School on one the following dates and times to enrol your child:

Monday 12th January 2026
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 14th January 2024
9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 15th January 2024
3.00pm - 4.00pm

CHILDREN LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING STREETS MUST REGISTER AT WHITELEES PRIMARY SCHOOL:

If you wish to send your child to a school outwith our catchment area you must still register them at Whitelees Primary school and complete a placing request online.

Almond Road
Birkenburn Court/Place/Road
Cherry Avenue
Lilac Avenue/Court/Hill/Place
Redburn Court/Place/Road

Arns Road
Braesburn Court/Place/Road
Chestnut Avenue/Court/Place
Maple Court/Road
Roseburn Place

Ash Road
Castburn Road
Hornbeam Road
Pine Court/Crescent/Grove
Whitelees Road

Birth certificates and current council tax bill MUST be produced.

Following on from enrolments, a full programme of induction activities, including a school tour, will be emailed to you in February.

P1 Induction



Welcome to Team Whitelees Nursery to Primary 1 Transition



Session One

Focus – Welcome to Whitelees

Who – Parents/Carers and Pupils

What:

- Parents/Carers and the children will be welcomed for a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet other parents.

When:

- Tuesday 1 17/3/25
- 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Session Two

Focus Text – Norris, The Bear Who Shared

Who – Parents/Carers and Pupils

What:

- Parents/Carers and Pupils will gather in infant classrooms to hear Norris, The Bear Who Shared story.
- Parents/Carers and children will engage in some play activities within the school setting.

When:

- Tuesday 28/4/25
- 3.30pm to 4.15pm

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Session Three

Focus Text – The Colour Monster Goes to School

Who – Pupils

What:

- Pupils will listen to The Colour Monster Goes to School story and then will create their own Colour Monster.
- Pupils will receive a letter from their P7 Buddy.

Who – Parents/Carers

What:

- Parents/Carers will meet Community Development Officer

When:

- Tuesday 19/5/25
- 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Session Four

Focus Text – The Invisible String

Who – Pupils and P7 Buddies

What:

- Pupils will read The Invisible String story and will then work with their buddy to make their own 'heart'.
- Pupils will join Parents/Carers for a school lunch.

Who – Parents/Carers

What:

- Parents/Carers will look at uniform samples with Parent Council and then will join their child for a school lunch.

When:

- Tuesday 16/6/25
- 11.00am to 12.15pm

'Transitions research and practice suggests that a positive start to school supports children in making important relationships with their educators and peers, in experiencing a sense of wellbeing and belonging when they are met by a balance between familiarity and the new, and in developing positive expectations.'

(Educational Transitions and Change Research Group)

REMINDERS

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school each day. These can be replenished at our water fountains. Increasingly children are coming to school without water bottles and unfortunately, we are unable to continue to supply disposable cups. If you are unable to provide a water bottle for your child please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange one for them.



Please remember to top up your child's dinner card online using Ipayimpact to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for their lunch and breakfast (if they attend Breakfast Club). The cost of a school lunch is £3.40.



We respectfully ask that you do not use our staff car park to drop your child/ren off at school including for Breakfast Club. The car park is often busy with vans and lorries making deliveries especially in the morning along with staff arriving to start work. This is primarily for the safety of pupils, parents, staff and visitors. Those with a blue badge are, of course, welcome to use the car park, please make sure you display your blue badge.



If your child arrives at school after the bell has gone at 9.00am please make sure they enter through the office and not through their class doors. This will ensure they are marked as present and ensure that no absence texts are sent to parents in error.



Please be reminded that we are a **nut free** school. We have several children with severe nut allergies who could suffer a life threatening reaction.



Many thanks for your continued support on these matters.

