Whitelees PS & NC

Return to School August 2026

welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to another great year in Whitelees and look forward to working with you to ensure our children are getting the best possible opportunities and experiences. Below you will find a brief update with some information on routines and upcoming events.

As always, if you have anything at all you'd like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Murdoch
Head Teacher

Morning Routine

We usually open the school gates around 8:30am as a courtesy to ensure children who are dropped off early have a safe area to wait before school starting. Please be reminded that there is no adult supervision during this time. We ask that children are dropped off as close to 9:00am as possible, but understand this isn't always possible.

Wet Mornings

In the event of wet weather in the mornings, all school children will have access to the main hall from 8:50am onwards – children will be able to enter through the middle doors only. Again, we kindly ask that children come as close to 8:50am as possible.

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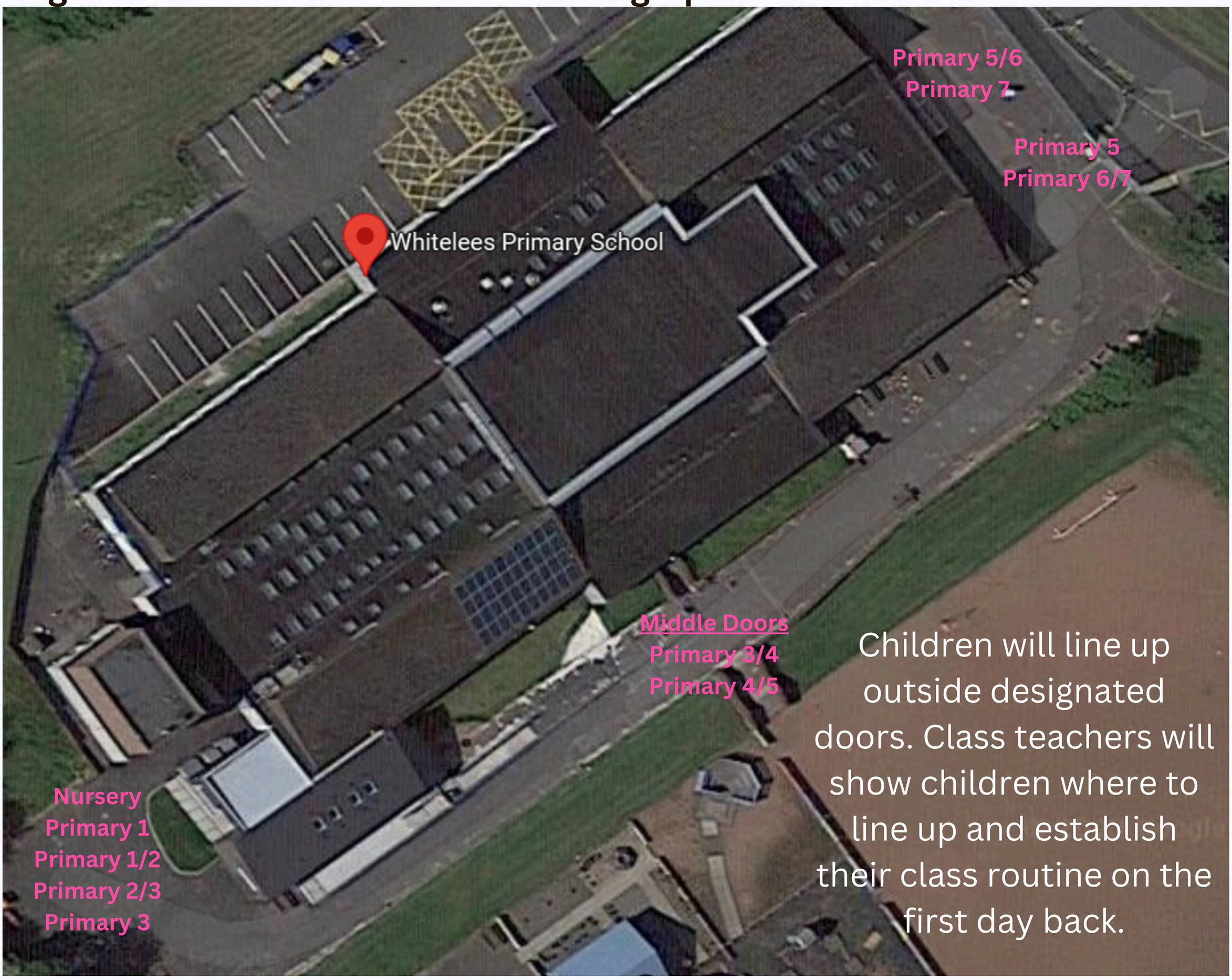
August 2025 - Return to School - Lining Up Areas



August 2026 - Return to School - Classes and Class Teachers

Primary 1 - Mrs Kirsty Rodman
Primary 1/2 - Miss Nadine Sinclair
Primary 2/3 - Mrs Paige Forrest/Mrs Annette Quinn
Primary 3 - Mrs Jillian Allan/Mrs Annette Quinn
Primary 3/4 Mrs Steph Garey/Ms Sarah Bradley
Primary 4/5 - Ms Sarah Bradley/Miss Nicole Morrison
Primary 5 - Mrs Amy Robertson
Primary 5/6 - Mrs Kirsty Reid
Primary 6/7 - Mr Darren Young
Primary 7 - Miss Meghan Hart

Please Note there is no need for children to line up before 9.00am, they can stay with their parents until the bell rings.

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August 2026 - Return to School

Monday 10th August and Tuesday 11th August are in-service days and children should not attend. Children return to school on Wednesday 12th August 2026 at the following times:

Nursery children should enter through Nursery doors at the usual time of 8:50am.

Primary 2-7 children should enter through designated doors at 9:00am - class teachers will be outside ready to greet children.

Primary 1 children should enter from 9:30am through the Primary 1 doors - these are located close to the Lilac Gate but children can enter through the gate that is most suitable.

Primary 1 adults will be invited to take their children to new classes. Following on from this, new Primary 1 parents will be able to spend some time in the hall together and have an opportunity to ask the Senior Management Team any questions.

New Primary 1 children will finish at 2:30pm on the first day back and will be escorted out to adults by class teachers. This will allow a quieter time for children to leave and establish routines with parents/carers.

Please Note: P1-3 children must be dismissed to an adult at the end of each school day. After the first day, Primary 1 children will be dismissed at 3:00pm with all other school children.

There will be no formal PE during the first week back at school, PE days will be communicated during Meet the Teacher.

We would request that parents/carers refrain from entering the building during pick up at 3.00pm. If your child has forgotten something please speak to the class teacher or pop round to the school office who will be happy to help.

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We are excited to welcome everyone back to nursery and school and look forward to another great year ahead at Whitelees.

Best Wishes,

Laura Murdoch
Head Teacher

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Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 26th August 2:00-3:00pm
Save the Date!

Over the first couple of weeks, the staff will be taking time to get to know your children and build good relationships, we will then host a Meet the Teacher event at the end of the month. Following on from previous years, we will host an open afternoon, where parents and carers are invited into classes to hear about class and school routines. This will take place from 2pm-3pm on Wednesday 26th August, which will allow time for you to visit the class(es) of all siblings. Due to space restraints, we ask that no more than two adults attend per child.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo access codes will be issued at Meet the Teacher. When registering for Class Dojo, please ensure your email address matches the one that is on our school system, this is for safeguarding reasons. If you are unable to attend the Meet the Teacher event, we will issue the Parent code directly to parents/ carers at a time that is convenient for you. Class Dojo codes **will not** be issued to children, this will avoid codes getting lost and/or being picked up and used by someone else.

Class Dojo can only be accessed on a school device so class teachers will only pick up messages during school hours, however as they will be working with the children during the school day, messages will be responded to either before the school day starts or after the school day has ended. If you have any urgent queries, please contact our school office on 01236 794814.

As with previous sessions, absences and appointments for school and nursery should not be communicated through Dojo as teachers will not see these messages, therefore information will not be passed to our Clerical Team, this will result in absence calls and messages. Please report absences/appointments through email, Parent Portal or by telephoning the school office on 01236 794814.

Labels

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name and class. We often have a large number of children with the same bags and packed lunch boxes, resulting in some confusion, labelling these items will help to reduce this.

School App

Unfortunately, our current School App has ceased trading and we are currently testing a new school app. We are hoping this will be up and running by the end of this week.

Parents Portal

At the beginning of the new school session, we ask that you sign up to our Parent's Portal as this will be used for our Data Checks this year to ensure we hold the correct contact information for your child/ren.

Parent's Portal is a platform to save time, where you can report an absence, top up your child's dinner card and sign permission slips, amongst other things.

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 or call the school office, where Mrs Ronald and Mrs Lowrie will be happy to assist.

NO NUT SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are strictly a **no nut zone school**. We now have several children with severe nut allergies, therefore it is vitally important that nuts are not brought into school, to avoid any potential harm. This includes items such as **Nutella and chocolate spreads, Kinder Buenos and Happy Hippos**, as well as other Kinder products. We kindly ask that you are vigilant when providing snacks, this will help to help keep everyone safe. Your support in this is very much appreciated.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

A reminder that all mobile phones and smart devices will be locked away by the class teacher at the beginning of the day and children will be able to get them back at the end of the school day. All mobile phones shoul be switched off as soon as your child enters the playground in the morning.

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To minimise cash handling and ensure accurate allocation of payments we use our online system Ipay Impact for all payments to the school. This is used to top up dinner cards, pay for school trips, and to purchase show tickets, amongst other things. If you haven't already signed up please contact our school office who will be able to provide you with all the information you need to complete this.

If you are a parent of a new P1 child this information will be sent home to you in the next week or two so there is no need for you to contact the school office for this information.

School Photographs

Our photographers will be back in school to take class, individual and family photographs this year.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 17th August to take class photographs.

They will be back in the school again on Tuesday 18th August to take individual and family photographs. The arrangements for this day will be as follows:

Family Photographs

Parents wishing to include children not yet at school should be at the school office with all children for 8.30am sharp on Tuesday 18th August. The photographer will take these family shots between 8.30am and 9.00am. All other family photographs of siblings who are at school will be taken during the school day.

Individual Photographs

These will be taken throughout the day for P1 to P7.

Nursery Photographs

As nursery children do not all start at the same time, photographs will be taken later in the year once all children are attending nursery however, if you have a child in the nursery and the school please let us know and we can arrange for a family photograph to be taken on Tuesday 18th August.

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Car Park

We respectfully ask that you do not use our staff car park to drop/pick up your child/ren from 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.

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