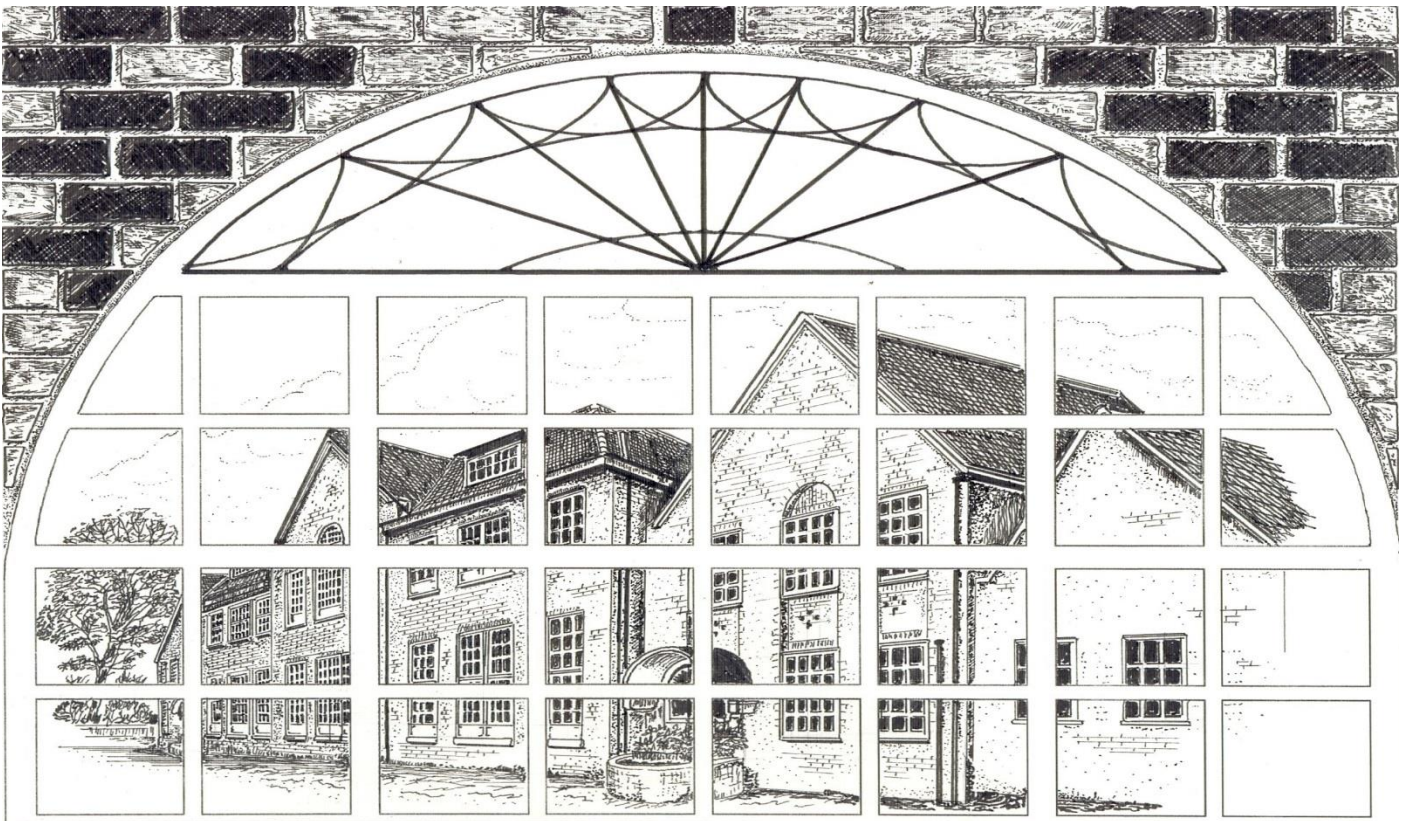




Welcome to Year 1



STAFF

The following members of staff are in Year 1 this year and Miss Wright is the Head of Year, leading the team.

Class	Class Teachers	Support Staff across classes
1R	Miss Ahmed	Mrs Young
1S	Mrs Mulvihill	Mrs Handa
1W	Miss Wright	Mrs Ajaz
Additional adults		Mrs Bains

UNIFORM

Whitehall School has extremely high standards for our pupils' appearance and attire, therefore, we ask that you adhere to the following school uniform requirements (please clearly name all items of uniform):

- Plain red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White shirt/blouse or white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/grey shorts, grey skirt or red and white gingham dress for the summer
- Strictly white, short, elasticated hijab
- Strictly white patka or joora
- White or grey socks
- Red or grey tights
- Sensible black shoes with backs and no heels

Our P.E. Kit consists of:

- Plain black shorts & plain white or red T-shirt
- Plimsolls and long plain black jogging bottoms and top required for sessions taking place outside



MEDICAL NEEDS/MEDICATION

You should have already informed the welfare staff of any medical needs your child has. On the first day of school, it is essential that you hand in any medication (e.g. asthma inhalers/spacers, EpiPens etc.) to the Lower School's welfare room so that this can be checked and then placed in the medical box in your child's classroom. In the case of asthma inhalers and EpiPens, we ask for two to be supplied to the school (one for the classroom and a spare to be kept in the welfare room).

MORNING DROP-OFF ROUTINES

Your child will enter the school every morning through the school gate located on **Cowley Road**. These gates will be open between **8.30am – 8.45am**. Upon arrival, you need to walk your child to their classroom door. The register will be taken at 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45am and find the gate closed, your child is late and they will need to be taken to the school office to enter the school.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP ROUTINE

The gate on **Cowley Road** will be opened at 3.00pm for parents to access the school site. Please collect your child/ren at the following location at 3.00pm.



The gates on Cowley Road and Whitehall Road will be closed at 3.20pm.

PE DAYS

We are asking that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have timetabled PE lessons. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on the following days this academic year: 1R - Robins - Tuesday and Friday. 1S – Swallows – Wednesday and Friday. 1W – Wrens – Monday and Wednesday.

SNACKS/WATER BOTTLE/EQUIPMENT

The school provides a daily fruit or vegetable snack to all children during snack time. Please supply your child with a named water bottle which they can have with them in class throughout the day.

Each classroom will have a supply of the stationery that your child will need for each day at school: a pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener. Therefore, your child **will not** need to bring their own pencil case to school.

SCHOOLMONEY SYSTEM

At Whitehall School, we use an online school money system for you to pay for your child's trips, breakfast club and to order free hot dinners. The information you need to access this is on our school website. Please be aware that if you would like your child to have a hot dinner, you must order before **midnight** on the day before.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is essential. Therefore, please do not hesitate to share quick messages directly with the class teacher at drop off or contact us via our year group email address: year1@whitehallschool.org. Please note that this email account will not be checked during the school day as staff will be teaching, or at weekends. Direct messaging on Class Dojo is turned off so any messages sent via this route will not be visible.

Alternatively, you can make a specific appointment with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

READING RECORD

Your child will be supplied with a reading record during the first week of term. This reading record is a very useful way to communicate important messages with your child's class teacher; the children's reading is checked daily and any messages you leave will be read. Therefore, it is essential that the reading record is taken home each day and returned to the school the next day.

BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

At Whitehall School, we believe that happiness is at the heart of learning. As part of this, we hold high expectations of behaviour from our pupils at all times. These high expectations and our positive ethos create a calm, stimulating and safe learning environment for our children. To enable us to achieve this, we have a positive, restorative behavior system so all of our pupils know the expectations and consequences if the school rules are broken. Our school behaviour code is simple: Ready, Respectful, Safe – every action can come back to these expectations. At their discretion, teachers can choose to award 'recognition time' to their class at the end of the week. We have a very fair and consistent approach to behaviour across our school.

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM

At Whitehall School, your child's learning is taken from the National Curriculum and a locally agreed syllabus for religious education. The Curriculum aims to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve; to prepare all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. Through their learning experiences, our pupils are also encouraged to further their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. In addition, we place a strong emphasis on embedding SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning) within everything we do.

Autumn Term lessons consist of:

- English: reading and writing a variety of genres, as well as specific spelling and handwriting lessons
- Mathematics: Number and place value to 10 and then 20, addition and subtraction within 20, telling the time to o'clock and 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Science: Exploring the topics of 'senses', 'seasonal change' and 'everyday materials'
- Art: line drawing and learning about the artist Joan Miro
- DT: levers and mechanisms
- History: Space exploration and Black history - Windrush
- Geography: Exploring our local area - Uxbridge
- Computing: E-safety
- RE: Islam and Christianity
- Music: beat and rhythm
- PE: dance, gymnastics, send, return and attack games, defend and shoot games
- RHSE: Who is there to help me? What things does a healthy person do?

HOMEWORK

Your child's homework will consist of:

- A minimum of 10 minutes reading per day to be recorded in reading record (and signed) daily
- Weekly spellings set via Class Dojo on a Friday and tested the following Thursday
- Starting in Autumn 2, one piece of either mathematics or English homework per week set on Class Dojo every Friday

A very warm welcome to Whitehall School where 'happiness is at the heart of our learning'.