

# The WHPS Weekly

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a busy week in school, participating in Anti-Bullying Week across the school, as well as Interfaith Week. The children have taken part in different assemblies and lessons to raise awareness of bullying and what to do if there's a problem. Keep an eye out for the WHPS Weekly about Anti-Bullying on Friday 28th November.

We also want to say a huge thank you to our teachers and all the families who attended parents evening this week. At WHPS, we know working as a whole community to support the children works best and our teacher-parent meetings are an important part of making this happen. There was such a high attendance of parents and carers and we appreciate the time all of our adults have taken to make the meetings happen.

This week's newsletter has some information about Writing and Reading at WHPS; something we know is so important for our children. Reading is at the heart of our school! We know that it's a key skill to unlocking a world of opportunities and experiences for our children.

Next week is going to be a fun-filled week with sports competitions, a visit from the owls in Reception, Y6 workshops and a visit from a famous actor—Ian McKellen! He will be talking to Y1 to Y6 on Friday during whole school assembly.

What a fantastic week to be at our school!

Please remember as the weather starts to get wetter and (finally) colder, that children should bring their coats (and any other weather appropriate wear) to school each day.

We wish you a lovely, and hopefully not too wet, weekend!

Miss Bones

## EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Yr4 Danube Class Swimming PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>9:15 Prospective parent tour</b>
	<b>10:00-14:00 Basketball Competition</b>
	<b>Football League Competition PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>Owls visit Reception children</b>
	<b>Yr3 Thames Class Swimming PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery PM</b>
	<b>2:45 PM Golden Time</b>

What a fantastic start to the year it has been for English here at West Hampstead Primary School! Our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity, ideas, and a genuine love for storytelling and reading. We are incredibly proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been and how hard they have worked on their stories, reports letters and instructions.

## **Wonderful Writing Everywhere!**

Across the school, children have been working hard to improve their writing skills from exploring descriptive language to crafting exciting narratives. Teachers have been celebrating achievements big and small, and it's been lovely to see growing confidence in the way children share their ideas on paper. We are delighted by their willingness to *have a go* and challenge themselves to be the best writers they can be!

## **Diving Into Reading for Pleasure**

We are very happy with the success of our *reading for pleasure time*. Every day, teachers dedicate time at the end of the school day to read aloud purely for enjoyment and the children LOVE it! Classrooms have been brought to life with teachings sharing their passion and love of literature.

The children have been captivated by stories, characters, and the magic of books, often continuing conversations long after the reading stops. It has been wonderful hearing them talk so passionately about what they are listening to.

## **Beautiful New Book Corners**

This term classrooms have enhanced their book corners with new themes and decorations to inspire and encourage children to get lost in a good book!

Teachers have redesigned these spaces with even more colourful designs and themes which fill the children's imagination and the children have noticed! Many have said how much they enjoy spending time there, choosing books, and getting lost in fantastic stories. These vibrant reading areas are inspiring curiosity and making reading feel extra special every day.

## Upcoming competitions to try at home:

Visit these links to find out more about a writing competition coming up in the Spring Term:



<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>



<https://write.iseb.co.uk/#:~:text=%2D%20Time%20to%20Write%20is%20an,free%20account%20to%20get%20started.>

# Competition

## Tulip Siddiq MP's Christmas Card Competition

CALLING ALL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS  
OF HAMPSTEAD & HIGHGATE  
TO SHOWCASE YOUR  
ARTISTIC TALENT

The winning design will be Tulip's official  
Christmas card and the winner and runners  
up will be welcomed with their families to  
the Houses of Parliament for a special  
celebratory reception!

We need you to design your own Christmas card and bring them to Ms Schafer  
by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Your festive picture must be on A4 paper, landscape.  
Put your name and year group on the BACK of your picture.  
**We look forward to seeing your entries.**



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# WINTER FAIR

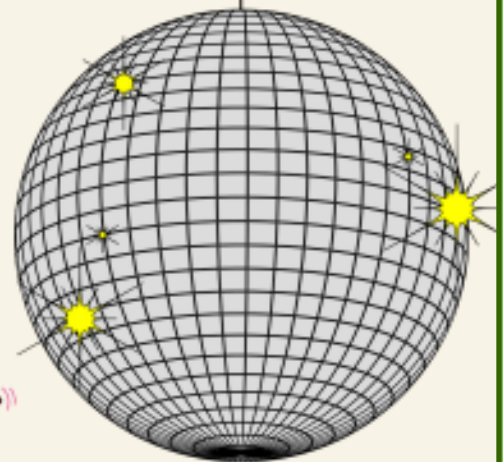


**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER  
12-3PM**

**HOT FOOD CAKES MULLED WINE GAMES  
RAFFLE CRAFTS BY ART-K & MORE!**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....**

**SILENT DISCO!**



**Free Entry**

**Everyone Welcome!**



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