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Reminder of our school protocols:

Morning Registration

The school gates open to welcome pupils at 08:40 and close at 08:50. Pupils arriving after the gates have closed *report to the school office staff to be signed in with parent, reason for lateness given and recorded*. Pupils who are late, after the gates have closed, are marked as late before the register closes (L code). Morning registration is open from 08:50. Pupils arriving after registration closes (09:20), are marked as late after register closes (U code). This is an unauthorised absence and negatively impacts a pupil's attendance percentage.

Afternoon Registration

Afternoon registration is open from 1:00, 1:15 or 1:30, depending on the year group. Pupils arriving after registration closes (30 minutes after it opens), are marked as late after register closes (U code). This is an unauthorised absence and negatively impacts a pupils attendance percentage

Leaving the Premises During the School Day

Parents are requested to notify the school in advance if a child needs to be collected during the school day. The child is to be signed out before leaving the premises with a parent or carer.

Notifying the School of a Child's Absence

Parents/carers must notify school on the first and every day the child is unable to attend school by 09:00

Parents must give detailed reasons for absence. For example, 'child has a throat infection/been sick etc.' rather than just 'unwell/poorly'.

Name of person absence should be reported to: Mrs Justina Savory School Secretary.

Headteachers are unable to authorise absence for leave in Term Time unless the reasons for this are deemed to be exceptional.

Unauthorised leave of absence could lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the local authority, per parent, per child.

As the holiday season approaches, please remember to submit any leave of absence requests in good time, please expect to receive a response within 2 weeks of submitting your request. Policies and Leave of Absence forms can be found on the school website here: <https://www.whittington-school.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=56>

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please remember to leave a message to inform the school of their absence.

School Parking



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🚒 Smart Alert: School Parking & Child Safety 🚗

We've received concerns about unsafe parking and disagreements between parents during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please help us keep everyone safe by following these simple guidelines:

✅ **Do not block roads, driveways, or footpaths**

Blocking access puts children, parents, residents, and emergency services at risk.

✅ **Think about local residents**

Please be considerate—avoid blocking driveways, creating noise, or parking inconsiderately in residential areas.

✅ **Consider parking a little further away**

A short 2–3 minute walk can make a big difference in reducing congestion and improving safety.

✅ **Think about child safety at all times**

Children can be unpredictable near roads—drive slowly, stay alert, and be patient.

✅ **Follow the Green Cross Code**

Help children cross safely and set a good example.

✅ **Check road markings and restrictions**

Yellow lines, zig-zags, and signage are there to protect children—please respect them.

✅ **Make it easier for children to be seen**

Avoid parking close to crossings or corners where visibility is reduced.

👉 **Remember: All children are important. Let's work together to keep them safe.**

Year 6 Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip

As a special end-of-year treat, our Year 6 children enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour in London. The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate the end of their primary school journey together and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the day, the children explored many of the incredible sets, props and costumes used in the Harry Potter films. One of the highlights was stepping into the magnificent Great Hall, where everyone was amazed by the detailed costumes and decorations used in the movies.

The children also loved visiting Diagon Alley, spotting famous shop fronts such as Ollivanders and Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes.

Another favourite part of the tour was seeing Platform 9¾ and the Hogwarts Express. Many children enjoyed posing with luggage trolleys disappearing into the wall and stepping aboard the iconic train carriage. The Forbidden Forest was both exciting and slightly spooky, while Gringotts Wizarding Bank impressed everyone with its enormous chandeliers, marble floors and the dragon.

The children were fascinated to learn how special effects, animatronics and green screen technology were used to bring the magical world to life. They also enjoyed tasting Butterbeer and browsing the studio shop for souvenirs.

The behaviour of the children throughout the trip was excellent, and staff were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity and manners. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of Year 6, and the children returned full of excitement, stories and magical memories from a truly amazing day.









Year 6 Leavers' Show a Huge Success!

This year's Year 6 leavers' production, Gigglebox, was a fantastic success and a wonderful way for our pupils to celebrate the end of their primary school journey.

The children worked incredibly hard for many weeks, learning lines, songs, dances and stage directions, and their efforts certainly paid off. From the first moment, the audience was entertained by the humour, energy and enthusiasm that filled every scene. There were plenty of laughs throughout the performance, with the children bringing the witty script and colourful characters to life with confidence and style.

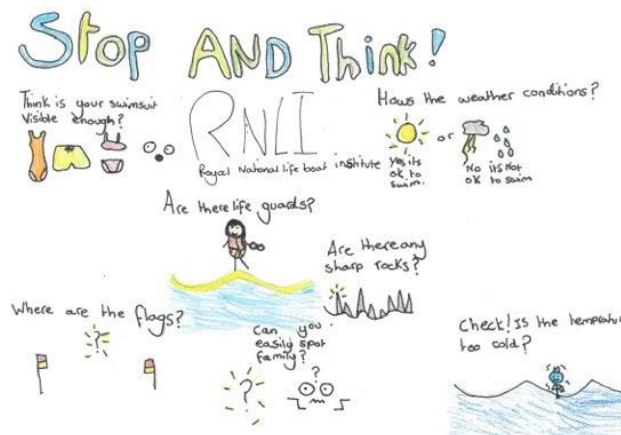
Every member of the cast played their part brilliantly, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and commitment. Their confidence on stage was a credit to them and showed just how much they have grown during their time at Whittington Primary and Nursery School. Parents, families and staff were immensely proud of the children and thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

Special recognition must also go to the children who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, moving props quickly and efficiently between scenes and operating the music throughout the show. Their hard work ensured everything ran smoothly and helped create a professional production that the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 pupils. Gigglebox was a truly fantastic production and a fitting celebration of a wonderful year group. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Well done, Year 6 – you were amazing!

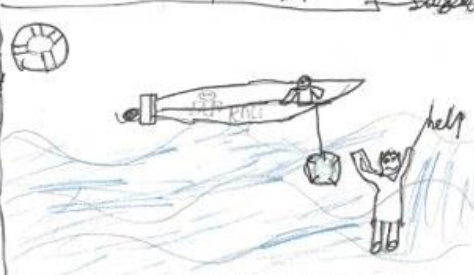
Whittington Sports and Wellbeing Week 2026



STAY TOGETHER IN WATER

Did you know? The RNLI saved over 14,000 people and don't get lost. Always stay together so you don't get lost and have to call 999 or 112.

SAFETY MATTERS



Learn about water safety

You need to be safe and make a plan before you go to the beach with your parents to make it safer.

Don't go too far out from shore because you might get washed up by currents or cold shock.

RNLI stands for Royal National Lifeboat Institution and they rescue from water.



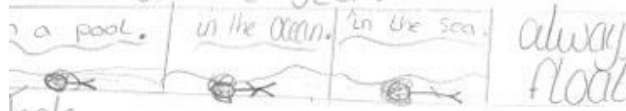
Don't pretend you're drowning because the lifeguards might not believe you.

RNLI FLOAT

Did you know the RNLI save over 146,000 life a year. They have a beeper that beeps when someone is in danger



If you need to breathe or have a break float on your back until you are ready to swim again. Also float if you are panicking in a pool, the ocean, or the sea.



facts.

You always float when you need to. Don't drown on purpose.

CALL 999/112 in danger in the water



when ever
your in danger
call 999/112

when you are in situation
where your stranded deep in
sea when you call either
999 or 112 they call the
RNLI and they come to
help you where ever you
are in the united kingdom.

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Whittington Primary and Nursery School – OPAL ACHIEVEMENT

Award for our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication, enthusiasm and creativity of our entire school community in developing an outstanding outdoor play environment for our children.

Over the past year, we have worked hard to grow and enhance our OPAL provision, continually adding, tweaking and refining what we offer. Our aim has always been to ensure that children have the richest possible play experiences, with opportunities to explore all 16 different types of play. This journey has been one of ongoing development, and we remain committed to providing the very best for our pupils.

The success of our OPAL provision is truly a community achievement. A huge thank you must go to everyone who has supported us along the way. Whether you have donated resources, collected materials, or given up your time to help build features such as our mud kitchen or pirate ship, your contributions have made a real difference.

Our lunchtime supervisors have played a vital role in the success of OPAL, fully embracing the approach and helping to create a positive, engaging play environment for all children every day.

Their enthusiasm and willingness to support new ideas have ensured that playtimes are rich with opportunity and enjoyment. A special mention must go to Natalie, whose creativity and dedication have been truly outstanding. She continually brings forward fantastic new ideas and works tirelessly to ensure that OPAL runs smoothly on a daily basis, making a lasting impact on the quality of play experiences for our children.

We were also incredibly pleased with the feedback from our recent parent survey. Responses were overwhelmingly positive and highlighted the impact that OPAL has had on our children's enjoyment and development. We have carefully considered the suggestions shared and have already begun to implement changes to further strengthen our provision.

As our journey has progressed, we have also been proud to share our OPAL experiences with other schools, supporting them as they begin or develop their own provision. It has been a privilege to contribute to a wider network of schools committed to improving play opportunities for children.

Achieving the Platinum Award is a fantastic milestone, and one we are incredibly proud of. However, we see this not as the end, but as part of our continuing journey to provide high-quality, engaging and meaningful play opportunities for every child.





Family Hub Fun Day



FREE

LICHFIELD FAMILY HUB FUN DAY

Wednesday 19th August

10:30-1:30pm



Family fun activities for ages 0-19 including

- inflatable assault course
- laser tag
- kickboxing
- archery
- table tennis
- badminton
- live music from Liberty Jamboree
- vibez and ridez DJ

Ice Cream Van from 11:30 -**first 50 ice creams free**

Over 20 services available throughout the day for support and advice.



Lichfield Family Hub

Purcell Avenue

Lichfield

WS13 7PH



Family Hub - The Foodies Club



The Foodies Club

Cook, Create & Taste!

7th August | Lichfield Family Hub

Fun hands-on cookery sessions for children aged 2-11.

Children can mix, create, explore ingredients and try new in a fun, relaxed and welcoming environment.

- ✓ Build confidence in the kitchen
- ✓ Discover new flavours
- ✓ Make something tasty to take home

All ingredients and equipment provided.
No experience needed - just come along and have fun!

Book now:
07496522555
foodies@thefoodiesclub.co.uk



Family Hub - Story Box Summer Specials



Summer Holiday Safety - CDOP Child Death Prevention Newsletter

Please find the newsletter here: Summer Holiday Safety - CDOP Child Death Prevention Newsletter [Whittington Primary School - Current Letters](#)

The John Taylor SCITT



Train to Teach
in Local Schools

Primary (3-7) Primary (5-11)
Primary (5-11) SEND Secondary (11-16)

Scan to discover more



Placements in local schools across the East and West Midlands

Full or Part-Time Routes

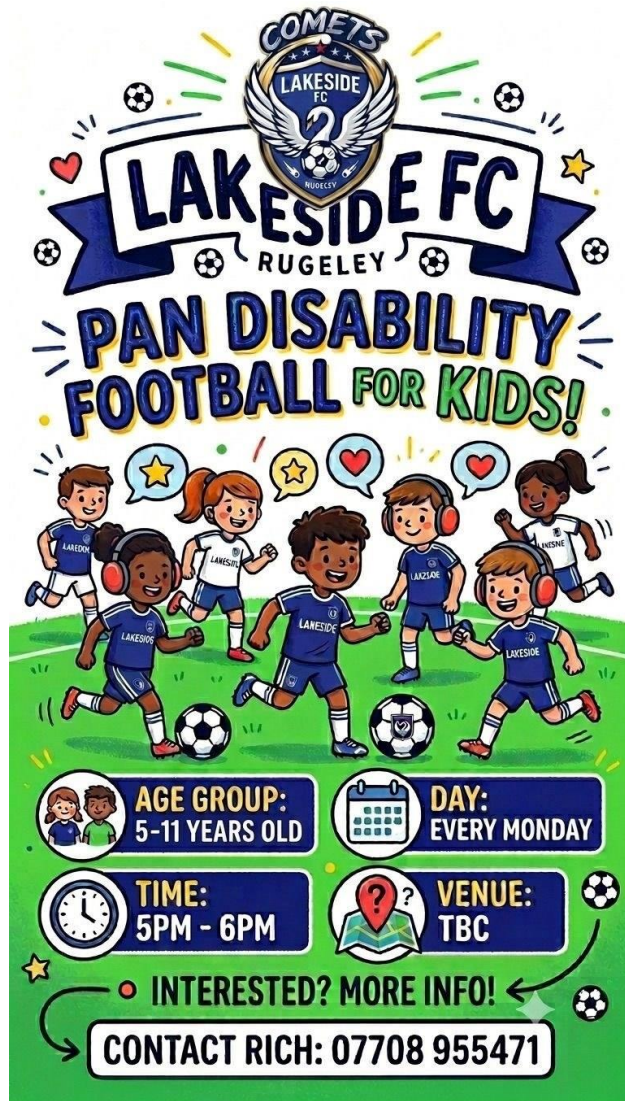
QTS & PGCE only routes


The John Taylor SCITT
Training teachers for 10 years

jtscitt.co.uk

The poster features a background image of two female teachers smiling and looking at a document. Overlaid on this are several colored circles containing text: a large blue circle with a QR code and the text 'Scan to discover more', a pink circle with 'Full or Part-Time Routes', an orange circle with 'QTS & PGCE only routes', and a teal circle with 'Placements in local schools across the East and West Midlands'. At the bottom, there is a logo with three stylized leaves in pink, teal, and orange, followed by the text 'The John Taylor SCITT' and 'Training teachers for 10 years'. The website 'jtscitt.co.uk' is at the bottom left.

Pan Disability Football Team



Getin2it & SPACE Summer Holiday Activities 2026

All activities are free throughout the summer and all information can be found on the Active Lichfield Website ([Holiday fun - Active Lichfield District](#))

SPACE Leisure Passes £12 (see flyer attached) and all information can be found on the Active Lichfield Website - [SPACE leisure passes - Active Lichfield District](#)




Lichfield District Council, Active Lichfield Communities Team are offering access to leisure activities and sessions over the summer for young people aged between 8 and 17, partially funded by Staffordshire Commissioner's Office SPACE scheme.

Limited passes available to purchase for £12.00 from 13 July 2026

Collect from Burntwood or Lichfield Leisure Centres

First come first served basis for young people aged between 8-17.

What's on Offer

- Unlimited swimming at public swimming times
- Floats and Fun Swimming Sessions
- Access to Aqua Scramble Swim Sessions
- Access to gym facilities for 14-17 year olds (access anytime before 6pm)
- Off peak court hire, tennis, badminton, squash and table tennis
- Getin2it for young people summer activities
- Getin2it Wheelchair Basketball Sessions
- **Discount on leisure centre activities including swimming for 12 months from issue date**
- *Disc & Foot Golf in Beacon Park
- *Adventure Golf in Beacon Park

*Please note that some activities in Beacon Park may require a small refundable deposit for equipment.

Activities and sessions will run at:
 Burntwood Leisure Centre
 Lichfield Leisure Centre
 Beacon Park
 Various parks, open spaces and community centres across the District.

SPACE Leisure Passes are Valid throughout the summer holiday from **Monday 27 July to Friday 28 August 2025**.

Terms and conditions apply.
 Please contact the leisure centres for Swimming timetables and court hire, Beacon Park for the Disc / Foot Golf and Crazy Golf Hire & Active Lichfield Communities for all Getin2it summer activities to find out activity times.

Getin2it Summer Activities



For Getin2it Summer Holiday Programme please scan this QR code or go to the Holiday Fun section on the Active Lichfield website.

Active COMMUNITIES

Contact us for more info
 01543 308835
sportsdevelopment@lichfelddc.gov.uk

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 activelichfield.co.uk




Holiday Activities

SCAN HERE

to find out about low cost & free activities available near you during the school holidays for young people aged between 7 and 19.




*All sessions are subject to change

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School Nurse Virtual Drop-In

School Health Referral Form can be found here: [Whittington Primary School - Current Letters](#)

Families' Health and Wellbeing

School Nurse Community drop in

NHS
Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

Tuesday

Every Week
13.00-15.00



For parents/
carers of 5-19's
and young
people not in
education

The School Nurse
is here to help your child feel healthy, happy
and safe during their school years and to get
the best from their
education. If you
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about their health

**Lichfield Family Hub (blue
building)**
Purcell Avenue
WS13 7PH

We provide a confidential and friendly service

www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing

Families' Health and Wellbeing

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

NHS
Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

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mpft.live/schoolnurse



Families' Health and Wellbeing

**School Nurse
Community drop in**

For parents/
carers of 5-19's
and young
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Thursday
Every Week
12.30-14.30

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**Spark (next to Springhill
Primary)**
Mossbank Avenue
WS7 4UN

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General Reminders



FORGOTTEN ITEMS We have noticed a significant number of items delivered to the office that have been forgotten in the mornings, e.g. book bags, water bottles, lunch boxes and instruments. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all of their belongings each day.

OPAL Please remember that children will be outside playing in all weather, please ensure they have wellies and a rain coat, a small pack-a-mac/puddle suit to keep in their bag or locker would be ideal. Mountain Warehouse in Lichfield give 20% off waterproofs if you mention Whittington.

LOST PROPERTY We currently have lots of lost property in the two containers just outside the school reception area, please don't forget to come and claim any missing items.

SCHOOL CROSSING We have ONE crossing patrol stationed near/outside school and ask that *everybody* models good road safety by crossing with them whenever they are on duty. If we don't use them, they could be redistributed elsewhere.

PARKING Please note that the school car park is for *staff only* and not to be used by parents for dropping off, collection or for The Nest at any time. Please park considerately along Common Lane; leave the white lines clear for passing cars and do not block access to driveways.

SCHOOL DINNERS All school dinners must be paid for the day they are taken at the latest, via our cashless payment system, ParentPay. Please read the following advice to set up email or text reminders to alert you when your credit limit gets low: [Payer guidance – How to set up email and text alerts – ParentPay Group](#)

SNACKS Reception and Y1-2 children receive daily fruit and veg snacks funded by the Government. All children in Y3-6 should bring in a healthy snack (**nothing containing nuts**) from home to have at mid-morning break.

DIARY DATES Please refer to the calendar on our school website for all the latest news and events: [Whittington Primary School - Calendar \(whittington-school.co.uk\)](#)

TERM DATES Please check our school website for our term dates.

KEEPING INHALERS ON SITE In order to keep your child's inhaler on site we require a care plan, asthma plan and a medicine in school form to be completed, we appreciate that requirements can change regularly but please keep the office updated so that we can keep your child healthy and safe in school.

INSTAGRAM Our Instagram is now live! Please follow us:
<https://www.instagram.com/whittingtonprimarylichfield> Many thanks!