



New Road Primary and Nursery School

Headteacher Update

Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,
A real Wow Week! Our incredible children's artwork has been recognised as being truly excellent and Commando Joe is winning everyone's hearts and minds!

Whittlesey Festival WINNERS!

Congratulations to Elliot and Ava!

We're incredibly proud to share that both pupils won **first prize in their age categories** at the Whittlesey Festival art competition — a rare and remarkable achievement for one school to win **both categories!**

Each received a beautiful trophy and **£20 prize money**, presented by Marija from the Festival Committee. Their winning artworks showcase not only their talent but also the strength of our **art curriculum** and the creativity of our **teaching team**.



Building Resilience with Commando Joe's

We're thrilled to welcome **Marc**, a former soldier now working with **Commando Joe's**, to our school team. Thanks to funding from **Aspire Learning Trust**, Marc joins us **one day a week** to deliver high-impact sessions that help our children develop **resilience, communication skills, and teamwork**.

Marc leads pupils through demanding **command tasks** that challenge them to think creatively and work collaboratively. Activities such as **moving a litre of water using only a sheet of paper — while blindfolded!** push pupils to problem-solve under pressure and rely on one another's strengths.

These sessions are not only exciting and memorable, but they also reinforce key life skills that support children's personal development and wellbeing. This is awesome!

A list future term dates is below. Thank you for supporting our school we are proud of your children and all they achieve.

Kindest regards,

Mr Rob Litten



Monday 6th October	Harvest Festival, please send your child to school with a can of food.
Friday 10th October	Disco slips and payments deadline
Friday 17th October	Friends Disco
Friday 17th October	Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Friday 24th October	Teacher Training Day: school closed
Monday 10th November	Year 5 trip Bikeability
Friday 14th November	Children in Need.
Monday 10th of November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 11th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 11th November	Year 5 and 6 Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, 1.45pm
Sunday 16th November	Whittlesey Remembrance Parade
Friday 21st November	Year 5/6 A Question of Sport
Wednesday 26th November	Flu vaccination in school: letter will be sent
Friday 28th November	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Wednesday 3rd December	Pantomime visit to school, Rapunzel.
Monday 8th December	Nativity, Reception and Y1 at 2.30pm, save the date
Tuesday 9th December	Christingle, Y3,4,5 and 6, St Mary's Church, 10am
Wednesday 10th December	Nativity, Reception and Y1 at 9.30am, save the date
Friday 12th December	Table Tennis Tournament
Friday 12th December	Rock Steady Concert
Saturday 13th December	Whittlesey Christmas Extravaganza
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day and Class Party - last day of term!

Term Dates 2025/2026

<p>1st Term 2025 Monday 1st September Professional Day (Closed to pupils) Tuesday 2nd September Professional Day (Closed to pupils) Wednesday 3rd September – Thursday 24th October Friday 24th October Professional Day (Closed to pupils) Half Term Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October</p>	<p>2nd Term 2025 Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December Half Term Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January</p>
<p>3rd Term 2026 Monday 5th January – Thursday 12th February Friday 13th February Professional Day (Closed to Pupils) Half Term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February</p>	<p>4th Term 2026 Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March Half Term Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April</p>
<p>5th Term 2026 Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May Monday 4th May (May Day School Closed) Half Term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May</p>	<p>6th Term 2026 Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July Monday 20th July Professional Day (Closed to pupils)</p>