



White Woman Lane School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing WWL for the next step on your child's journey.

We are lucky enough to have an extremely friendly, positive and engaging ethos at our school; a culture of respect and trust between pupils and staff which helps us to achieve very good results. We look forward to continuing to cultivate this atmosphere and having the opportunity to help all of the children, and the school as a whole, carry on moving forward and improving even further.

We believe in enabling the children to have a broad range of exciting and stimulating experiences across the entire curriculum to give them as many new opportunities for enrichment as possible. Along with academics, we place a strong emphasis on sports, performing arts, music and art. Whatever your child's current interest and strengths, they will have an opportunity to further develop and thrive, and there will be plenty of opportunities to discover new interests.

We are fortunate to have an experienced, enthusiastic and dedicated staff who will develop positive relationships with the children. A good working relationship between staff and parents is crucial to children's progress and the continued success of our school. I will have met some of you already during my time at the school; at various school and sporting events, coaching the football team or through having taught older siblings. Whether that's the case or not, I look forward to meeting and working with you next year so please feel free to contact me at school if you ever have any questions or concerns.

I am very much looking forward to an exciting and successful next year at White Woman Lane, see you in September!

Mr D Richmond
Head of school

About Our School

Ofsted: Rated *Outstanding* (2024)

White Woman Lane School is a three-form entry junior school in Norwich, with approximately 90 pupils per year group.

We are proud to be part of the Nebula Federation, working in partnership with other local schools to provide high-quality education and shared opportunities.

Our Facilities

- Extensive outdoor space including playing fields and playgrounds including climbing frames, slide and a swing
 - Outdoor learning areas and classrooms
 - Library Bus
 - Wide range of play and sports equipment
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Our Ethos

We believe:

- Every child should feel safe, respected and valued
- Learning should be engaging, challenging and enjoyable
- Strong partnerships with families are essential
- Children should develop academically, socially and emotionally

You can view our school's vision and aims on the website:

<https://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk/about-our-school/vision-and-aims/>

Approach

- Broad, balanced and engaging curriculum
 - Some cross-curricular learning
 - Maths taught over 4 classes for good teacher/pupil ratio
 - Additional support and challenge provided where needed
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Pastoral Care & Safeguarding

Children's wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

- Dedicated pastoral team supporting pupils and families
- Strong safeguarding culture across the school
- Clear systems for supporting emotional and social development
- Close communication with parents

WWL's Safeguarding policy:

<https://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk/assets/policies/Nebula-Federation-School-Safeguarding-Policy-WWL-2025.pdf>

Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum, enhanced with a wide range of enrichment opportunities.

Core Subjects

- English – Heavy focus on high quality books
- Mathematics – Emphasis on reasoning and problem solving
- Science
- Computing

Foundation Subjects

- Art & Design
- Design Technology
- History & Geography
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Languages
- PSHE (including Relationships & Health Education)

You can view summaries of curriculum on the website anytime and updates are emailed: <https://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk/for-parents-2/learning/>

Enrichment Opportunities

We offer a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom:

- Sports teams and competitions during and afterschool
- Music lessons and performances
- School productions and arts events
- Educational visits and residential trips – Multiple trips and visitors for every year group including residential in Year 4 (Aylmerton), Year 5 (Hilltop) and a week's water sports in Year 6 (Whitlingham)
- Clubs before, during and after school

Details of extra opportunities will always be updated on the newsletter and via email.

Special Educational Needs (SEND)

We are an inclusive school committed to supporting all learners.

We provide:

- Early identification of needs
- Tailored support and interventions
- Close partnership with parents
- Access to specialist external support where needed

Our aim is for every child to achieve their full potential.

Behaviour & Values

We promote a positive and respectful school culture based on:

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Kindness
- Readiness to learn

We encourage children to:

- Take responsibility for their actions
 - Work cooperatively
 - Develop independence and resilience
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Assessment & Progress

We carefully track each child's progress to ensure they achieve their best.

- Regular assessment throughout the year
 - Termly meetings with parents
 - End-of-year reports
 - Preparation for Key Stage 2 national assessments (SATS)
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Working with Parents

We value strong partnerships with families.

We keep parents informed through:

- Weekly newsletters
- Termly meetings
- Curriculum updates
- Direct communication with staff

Weekly newsletter is sent via email on a Friday and can be viewed on the website.

Homework

We encourage children to do homework in order to develop the ability to work independently and to consolidate and extend learning begun in school. Homework set is appropriate to each child's stage of development.

The breakdown of homework found in the [Home School Agreement](#) .This sets out the school's system for sending work home and brief details of what kind and what amount of homework you can expect your child to bring home.

We assume that parents approve and support our homework policy and understand the benefit of establishing a 'homework habit' to develop their child's ability to learn independently.

School Day

Playgrounds are open from 8:40am

- Registration: 8:50am
- Assembly: 9:05am
- Lesson 1: 9:15am
- Fruit break: 10:15am
- Lesson 2: 10:20am
- Break time: 11:25am
- Lesson 3: 11:40am
- Lunch time: 12:35pm – 13:25pm
- Registration: 13:25pm
- Lesson 4 Guided Reading: 13:30pm
- Lesson 5: 14:15pm
- End of the day: 3:15pm

Wrap around care

Breakfast and after-school clubs are available; these are run by staff who work with the children during the day and so know them well. Please see our website for more information: <https://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk/wraparound-care/>

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for success.

- Absences must be reported daily via phone, email or text 07984438703 giving your child's full name and reason for absence
 - Term-time holidays are only authorised in exceptional circumstances
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Lunches

- Hot meals and packed lunches are available and prepared on school site. Money should be paid in advanced by parents using the Parentpay system.
- Nut-free school
- Healthy eating encouraged

If you require any support in setting up a Parentpay account, please contact the school office on 01603 419203.

Uniform

- Details can be found on our website and children are expected to wear the suitable uniform during school time.

<https://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/School-Dress.pdf>

Valuable items

As we cannot be responsible for their safe keeping, we strongly discourage children from bringing valuable items to school. **Mobile phones will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. Written permission from the Head of School will need to be obtained. Phones will be put in the school office. The school will take no responsibility for safe keeping.** As pupils are able to contact parents/carers through the school office in an emergency, an exceptional circumstance will not be a daily occurrence. Pupils not being collected by an adult is not deemed to be an exceptional circumstance.

Money to be handed in for trips, music lessons etc can now be paid directly online through Parentpay to avoid cash being brought into school.

Bicycles on the school premises

The parent and the child will be responsible for the bicycle whilst it is on school premises, where it must be locked. Pupils who cycle must have a road worthy bicycle and wear a cycle helmet. Cycling, with the exception of Cycling Proficiency training, is not permitted inside the school grounds.

Friends of White Woman Lane School

The group of parents gives very valuable support to the school in many ways including raising funds and organising social events with the aim of maintaining the close relationship between the community and the school. Activities vary but usually include discos and a summer barbeque.

Joining Our School


We warmly welcome visits from prospective families.

For admissions, please follow the Local Authority process.

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