



Welcome to Whitecote Nursery

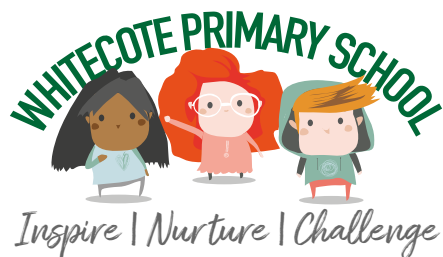
Where we...



We are delighted

to welcome your child into our Nursery and know that their time with us will be happy and educational. We aim to provide a relaxed and nurturing environment where your children can grow and develop.

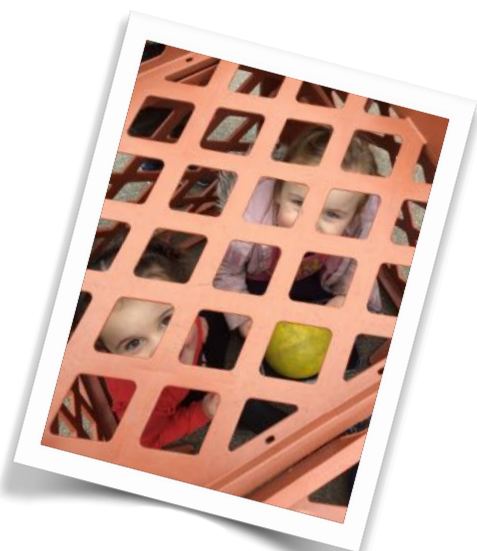




Our Foundation Stage

Whitecote Foundation Stage has a 50-place Nursery, providing quality Nursery education for three and four year olds. Children are admitted to Nursery from the waiting list, in birth date order, the term **after** they are three.

Should you need to contact us at anytime, please telephone the school on **0113 2164800** and ask for the Nursery.



Session Times

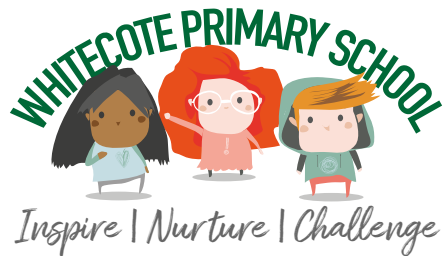
Morning Session: 8:45am - 11:45am

Afternoon Session: 12:15pm - 3:15pm

Beginning of the week sessions: Monday and Tuesday 8:45am - 3:15pm and Wednesday morning 8:45am - 11:45am

End of the week sessions: Wednesday afternoon 12:15pm - 3:15pm and Thursday and Friday 8:45am - 3:15pm

30 hour Sessions: Monday to Friday 8:45am - 3:15pm



Our Team

The Nursery Team consists of: Mrs Thompson (Nursery Teacher beginning of the week) Mrs Chorlton (Nursery Teacher end of the week) Mrs Myers, Mrs Hope, Miss Whiteley and Miss Best

Registration

During COVID restrictions parents are asked to wait at the cloakroom doors for their child to be collected by a member of the Nursery team. Once they have hung up their coat and bag on their peg, they need to find their name and complete their morning task.

The children are placed in colour groups which their name card is colour matched to



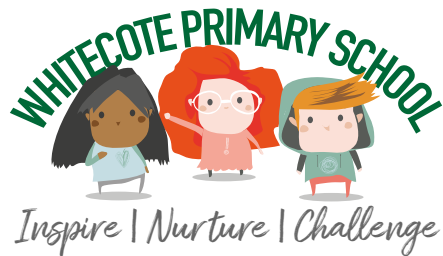
Green group (Mrs Thompson/Mrs Chorlton)

Red group (Mrs Myers/Miss Whiteley)

Yellow group (Mrs Hope)

Blue group (Mrs Best)

Once all of the children are inside Nursery we will close the gates and do our register together.



End of Session

At the end of the session we ask that the children are collected from the Nursery promptly:

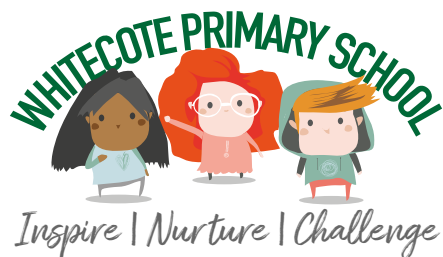
11:45 am (morning) The doors will be open from 11:35.

3:15 pm (afternoon) The doors will be open from 3:05.

At present parents are asked to wait outside the cloakroom doors whilst a member of the Nursery team collects their child from the classroom. Children need to take their lunchboxes and water bottles home each day to be washed. Children **MUST** hold their adults hand until they have left the Nursery premises.



If your child is to be collected by a different person, **who must be over 16 years of age,** please notify a member of staff. We will not allow any child to leave with another child or an unknown adult.



Lunchtimes

Children that attend full days will have their lunch in school. Please bring a packed lunch and drink with your child, which will be eaten in the Nursery

Classroom. We pride ourselves on being a healthy school and ask parents to support us, as we educate all the children to be healthy eaters, by providing healthy food in their lunch boxes. This includes no fizzy drinks or chocolate please.



Your Child's first day

Following on from your child's two visit sessions, if they appear happy and settled they will attend full sessions from then on. The Nursery staff are

here to help and to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible learning environment for your child. If you have any worries, queries or concerns, at any time, please come and talk to us about them.



Learning through play

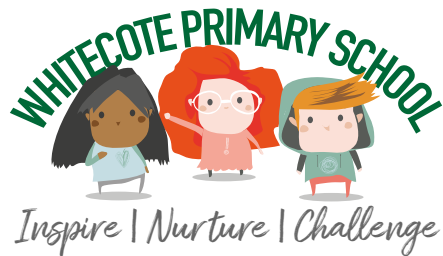
Through play children come to understand the world around them. The Nursery is based on a free-flow approach where with the support and guidance of the Nursery staff the children are able to choose from a wide range of activities. In this way the children learn to make choices, take responsibility for themselves and become independent and motivated. The planned environment allows the children to explore, investigate and learn at their own pace, thereby developing emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically and aesthetically to the best of their ability.



Learning Journeys

When the children start Nursery, they are taking the first steps into the Foundation Stage of their education. The curriculum for the Foundation Stage is divided into 7 areas of learning and the activities on offer in the Nursery are designed to support these. Achievements are recorded in their individual 'Learning Journey' which is recorded on Tapestry. Parents are encouraged to read their child's 'Learning Journey' and add any comments about their achievements as well as adding their own observations from home. Please ensure you provide Nursery with an email address via the permission slip to allow you access to your child's account.





Clothing

The Nursery is a busy place filled with lots of fabulous hands on experiences and although aprons are provided, clothes may still get messy. Therefore, please send your child in older clothes, and those with elasticated waists can help the children when they need the toilet. It would be helpful for you also to provide some spare clothes in case your child has an accident or gets wet. Please put these in a bag with their name on and leave them on your child's peg in the cloakroom.

To help your child become more independent, try to encourage him/her to put on and take off his/her own coat.

Please put your child's name in their coat, and all other clothing.





Toilet Training

When children start at Nursery the expectation is that they will be toilet trained, and are able to go to the toilet and wash their hands independently. Please inform us of any medical reasons if your child is not yet able to do this. Toilet training is more successful when children receive consistent expectations, both in school and at home and we aim to work together.

Milk and Fruit

Whitecote Primary School is a 'Healthy School' where healthy eating and drinking is encouraged. Each child receives a carton of milk everyday and all children are encouraged to try this, unless we know they don't like it or have an allergy. Water is available as an alternative and throughout the day. Please send your child with a named water bottle.

We give fruit to the children everyday and they are encouraged to help prepare the fruit and hand it out to others. This is provided through the Government's 'Fruit and Vegetable Initiative'.

A big thank you

We thank you for choosing to send your children to Whitecote Nursery, we are sure they will have a fantastic time!

