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Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience in waiting until Monday for this newsletter. It had been an incredibly busy and eventful week and I'm excited to share all the wonderful achievements with you.
We have had so many moments to celebrate, including our talented group of children who attended the regional finals of the bowling competition. Their determination and sportsmanship were truly inspiring and we are so proud of them for representing our school so well.

We are also extremely grateful to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. It has been a joy to discuss and celebrate the achievements and progress of your children. Your support means so much to us and we look forward to continuing to work together to help each child shine.

It was a great privilege to host David Aikers, the new Diocesan Director of Education, this week. He was truly impressed by the vibrant school community here at The Whitley and took note of how clearly our school vision of 'Letting Your Light Shine' is reflected in the children's activities. A memorable moment was when our students engaged in a thoughtful debate on who betrayed Jesus, demonstrating not only their understanding but also how they are actively living out our values. It was also wonderful to witness the children's voices shine as they shared how they let their own light shine in the world.

On the note of shining light, we are incredibly proud of our students who volunteered at the bag pack at Morrisons in support of Whitley Friends. Thanks to their hard work, £150 was raised. Additionally, we are thrilled to share that our Comic Relief fundraising efforts were a resounding success! Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised £152 on the day plus £240 from the sale of Red Noses, to support this important charity.

> With warmest wishes, Mrs. Roome

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	93.2
Year 1	89
Year 2	96
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	98
Year 5	94.6
Year 6	94.9
Overall	94.6

We were immensely proud of our children on Friday – there was nearly 100% attendance across the school! Well done for getting into school and joining in. We love it when you are all here!

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#### Please remember all dates are subject to change and events may be added as the term goes on.

Date	Event
26/03/25	Mosque Visit – Y1 and Y6
28/03/25	EYFS Parent Share – Sowing a Seed 9 – 10:30am
02/04/25	Nursery Intake Visit
10/04/25	Whitley Friends Easter Egg Competition
10/04/25	Whitley Friends School Disco – Market Place Club
11/04/25	Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church 9:15 — EYFS — Y3 10:15 — Y4 — Y6

EYFS are excited to invite their parents in this coming Friday for their Sow a Seed parent share. Doors will open at 9am and parents can stay until 10:30am.





Biggest improvement in accuracy:

- 1. Lena C
- 2. Harry B
- <mark>3. Roman D</mark>

Most Correct Answers:

- 1. Lena C
- 2. Harry B
- <mark>3. Roman D</mark>



Biggest improvement in accuracy:

- 1. Lucas T
- 2. Sienna M
- 3. William S

Most correct answers 1. Lolah W

- 2. Jalen K
- 3. Georgia R





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#### This week's SHINE AWARD Stars!



















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Well Done for raising £150 from the Morrisons Bag Pack













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