



# Whitley News

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## It's Been a Cracking Week at The Whitley!

Another week has flown by and what a quacking good one it has been! One of the highlights was our celebration of out-of-school achievements in worship this morning. We were in total awe seeing the variety of skills our children have—karate, kickboxing (we now know who to keep a safe distance from!), dancing, Beavers, Brownies and more. A huge well done to everyone who took part and special applause to Slater who showcased his fantastic talents in front of the whole school!

The whispers of quacks have been heard all around the school this week, as Year 2 welcomed some very special new members—our school ducks! Four out of five eggs have hatched and they've already grown so much. Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying having the ducks as part of their learning but they're not the only ones hooked! Other year groups and staff have all been popping in to visit the duckling, and they've certainly ruffled a few feathers with their cuteness!

This week I am letting some Year 5's light shine as they have produced fantastic published stories based on *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. The quality of this work is something to be truly proud of—each story is beautifully written, showing creativity, imagination and hard work.

If you're flicking through this week's newsletter, you'll also get a sneak peek at our wonderful bus stop work on display around Bedlington. Make sure to have a look!

As we waddle towards the end of term, we're looking forward to an **eggtastic** Easter Celebration Week next week! A huge thank you to **West Bedlington Town Council**, who have kindly donated Easter eggs for all our children—they are being sent home today. We are so grateful for their generosity and we know the children will be thrilled!

Thank you for celebrating another wonderful week with us.

**Mrs. Roome**



### Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	93.9
Year 1	86.2
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	93.1
Year 4	97.9
Year 5	90.2
Year 6	92.1
Overall	92.6



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
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 Parents are welcome and can walk to and from church with school.
11/04/25	Annual Egg Rolling Race

THE WHITLEY FRIENDS'

*Easter*

# DISCO

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

5:00 – 6:30PM

BEDLINGTON MARKET PLACE CLUB  
FRONT STREET  
£1 PER TICKET

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE SCHOOL RECEPTION.  
EVERY ADULT AND CHILD ATTENDING NEEDS A TICKET AND  
SPACES ARE LIMITED.

SWEETS, FLASHY TOYS AND RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE DISCO .  
CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES .



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**Easter Egg Competition**

Design the best Easter egg and win egg-citing prizes!

Entries to be brought to school Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April



## EGG Rolling

Next Friday (after church) we will host our annual egg rolling race. Please send your child to school with a boiled egg or 2 (these can be coloured so they are easily identified) and we will have the class egg rolling race down the bank!



Biggest improvement in accuracy:

1. Harry B
2. Theresa J
3. Maddie S

Most Correct Answers:

1. Theresa J
2. Maisey P
3. Harry B

Biggest improvement in accuracy:

1. Joseph C
2. Ailsa S
3. Alice P

Most correct answers

1. Lena C
2. Lolah W
3. Elijah L



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Dear Parents and guardians,

We have recently noticed an increasing number of children not wearing the correct school uniform. As a school, we believe that wearing uniform helps to create a sense of belonging and pride. Please see the guidance below for our uniform expectations.

We understand that replacing uniform can sometimes be challenging, so we want to remind you that we have a **uniform bank** in school with spare items available if needed. If the cost of uniform is something you require support with, please do not hesitate to speak to us—we are here to help.

**We also kindly ask all parents to check the uniform they have at home. Some named items have gone missing from school, and we would love to return them to their rightful owners.**

Finally, we would like to remind everyone about appropriate footwear for school. **Without a medical reason, Crocs are not a suitable option** as they do not provide the necessary support and protection for children’s feet during the school day.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all our children are dressed appropriately and comfortably for school.

## Years Nursery –Y4

- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Black shoe/ trainers
- Red summer dress



## Year 5 and 6

- White shirt
- School tie
- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes/ trainers
- Yellow summer dress



dress

## PE Kit

- White t-shirt (not vest)
- Black Shorts.
- Plimsolls / trainers
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Hairband / clips to tie back long hair
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and black or red (grey Y5&6) tracksuit or hoodie.
- PE kit should be worn on specified PE days



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## Footwear

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous.

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Keep your eyes peeled in Bedlington for some of our students amazing art work for the bus shelters! I am sure everyone will agree that we have some incredibly talented artists in our school!

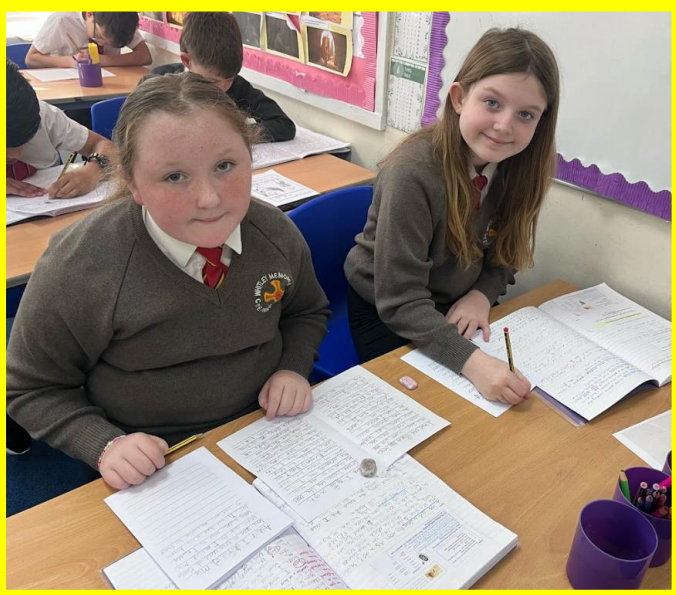




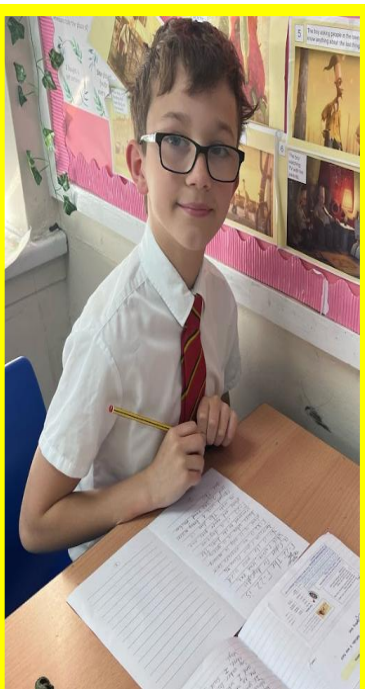
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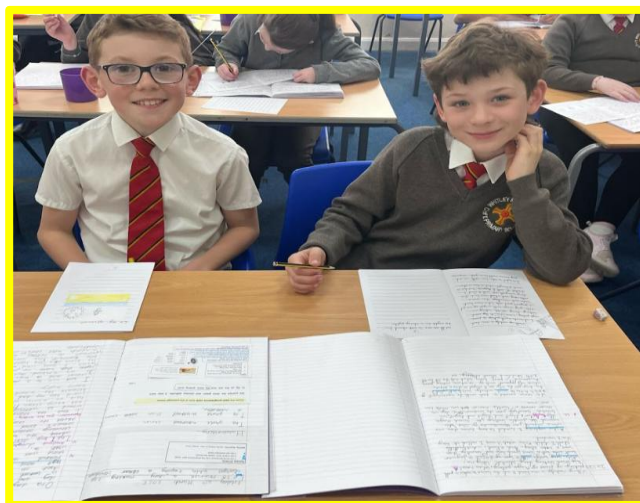
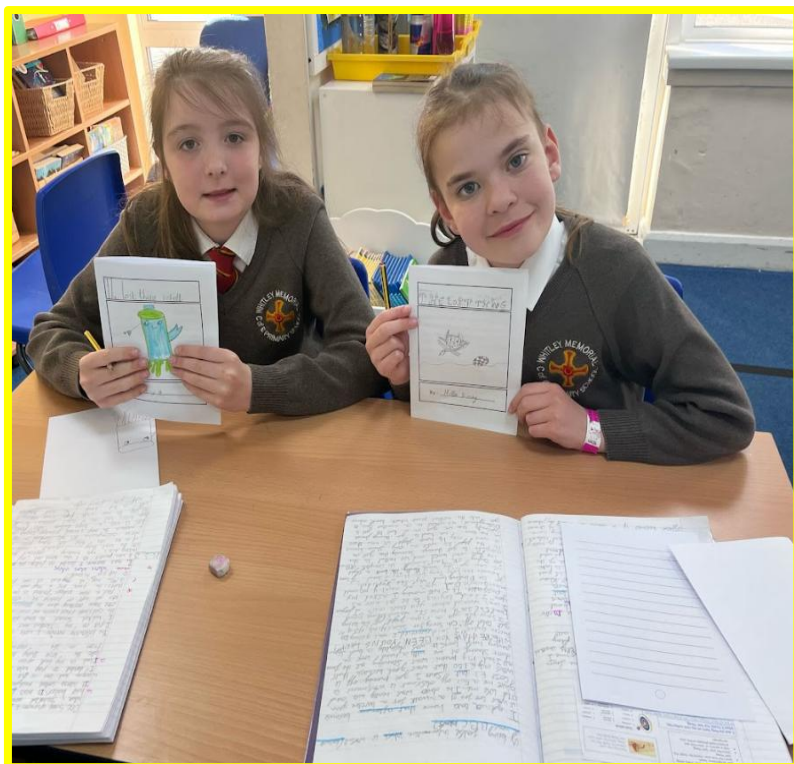
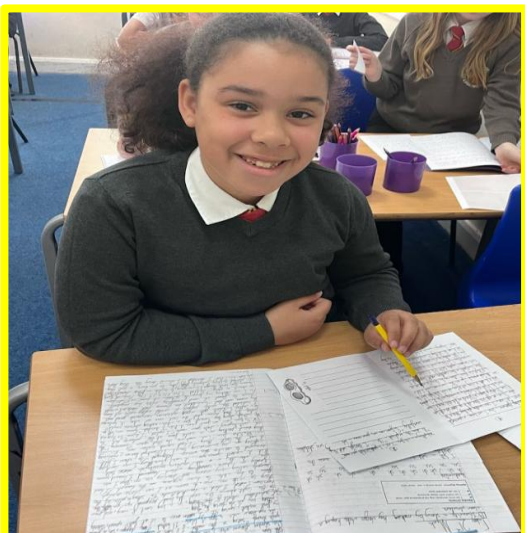
Some of our year 5 children have been working on spectacular narratives in English and their published work is incredible. I know we are looking at future best selling authors and illustrators here at Whitley Memorial!





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We are so fortunate to be able to have some ducklings in school for year 2. This is linked to their science and it is truly a memorable experience for them. The current year 3 children still talk about their ducklings. Year 2 have been brilliant at caring for the ducklings and I know they are all excited to see them swim soon!







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