



Whitley News

23rd May 2025



What a whirlwind of a week we've had at Whitley Memorial!

Sports Day was undoubtedly the highlight of the week — we witnessed some lightning-fast legs that could rival Usain Bolt himself. The competitive races were fierce, the field events were full of skill and the atmosphere was electric. We wrapped it all up with a wonderful family picnic — the perfect way to cool down after all that excitement (and, for some, a sprint-related hamstring incident).

A particular highlight? The parents' races. Oh, the memories made — the falls, the Olympic-level seriousness, the cheeky nudges mid-race and the pure joy of parents reliving their playground glory days. Thankfully, the children restored balance to the universe by demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and celebrating each other's victories like true champions. A huge shout out to Miss McLean and Mr Blackburn for masterminding this fabulous event — and an extra gold medal for Miss McLean's endless organization!

EYFS kicked the week off with a musical bang thanks to Tiddlywinks! There was singing, dancing and some very dedicated roleplaying. I even joined in as the Jingle Jangle Scarecrow. Though, I must admit, I feared for a moment that a rogue pirate crew could steal the school's stash of Haribo!

Finally, a massive well done to our brilliant Year 4 and Year 6 athletes who did us proud at the Northumberland Games Quad Kids competition. The results are on their way, but win or not, they gave it their all — and that's what truly counts.

Wishing you all a relaxing, sunny (fingers crossed!) half term. Keep an eye on our key dates — next term is bursting with trips and events. You won't want to miss a thing!

Mrs Roome



Year Group	Percentage
Reception	90.8
Year 1	88.9
Year 2	98.7
Year 3	96.4
Year 4	97.4
Year 5	94.5
Year 6	94.1
Overall	94.4

We continue to be impressed with everyone's growing attendance. Mrs Stephenson has been handing out the attendance awards for this term – well done to all those children who came in as much as possible! If you ever need any support with attendance, please get in touch!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
23/05/25	End of Half Term – May Holidays
02/06/25	First day back at school.
02/06/25 – 13/06/25	Year 4 Multiplication Check Administration Period
05/06/25	Year 4 Trip to Glendale Show
09/06/25 – 13/06/25	Year 1 Phonics Screening Administration Period
10/06/25	Year 6 Trip to Flamingoland
11/06/25	Year 5 Parent Share Worship – information to be sent on the first week back.
13/06/25	EYFS Trip to Newbiggin Beach
18/06/25	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Newcastle Cathedral (Children only)
18/06/25	PTA Summer Fair from 2pm
23/06/25	Year 2 Trip to Tynemouth Aquarium
25/06/25	New to Reception Parent Meeting 5pm – 6pm
25/06/25	Year 1 trip to Whitehouse Farm
26/06/25	New to Nursery Parent Meeting 5pm – 6pm
01/07/25	Transition Day – Year 6 children make their own way to their allotted Secondary School.
03/07/25 and 04/07/25	Year 6 Summer Show – information to follow
08/07/25	Year 5’s parents meeting – Newby Wiske Residential information
09/07/25	Year 5 trip to Woodhorn Museum
18/07/25	Last Day of Term



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Our Quad Kids super stars! All photos of the day and the events will be uploaded to Facebook for parents to enjoy!





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Some sports day highlights with more to come!
We will post all sports day pictures on Facebook too!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who were great sports and joined in our parent races! It has been the talking point of so many children... and staff!





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