



# Whitley News

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025



## What a Wonderful Week at Whitley Memorial!

This week has been an amazing celebration of our Whitley community and a shining example of how we all work together to make our school so special.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing Whitley Friends, who truly let their light shine by organising such a fantastic school fair! Their energy, creativity and hard work created an afternoon full of fun, laughter and community spirit. We are so grateful to all the helpers — from parents to staff and volunteers — who supported the event in so many different ways. And of course, thank you to all of our wonderful families for coming along and supporting the school. We're delighted to share that Whitley Friends have already raised over **£850**, and they're hoping to grow that total even further with **raffle tickets still on sale!**

Elsewhere in school, our brilliant Reception and Nursery children have been working so hard in forest school, exploring nature, learning new skills and showing amazing teamwork. It's been wonderful to see them so engaged and full of curiosity in the outdoor environment.

Our Year 6 children made us all incredibly proud this week at the Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral. They represented Whitley Memorial with respect and maturity. It was a deeply spiritual day — a moment to pause and reflect on the exciting new journeys ahead as they prepare for secondary school, but also to cherish the friendships, memories and experiences they've made during their time in primary school.

What a beautiful reminder of how every part of our school — children, staff, families and friends — works together to create such a warm and joyful community.

Mrs Roome



| Year Group | Percentage |
|------------|------------|
| Reception  | 93.1       |
| Year 1     | 90         |
| Year 2     | 94         |
| Year 3     | 93.4       |
| Year 4     | 97         |
| Year 5     | 96.9       |
| Year 6     | 88.7       |
| Overall    | 93.3       |

## Uniform Reminder

We'd like to kindly remind families that children should come to school in full school uniform, or school PE kit on designated PE days. Please ensure that football shirts, brightly coloured tops or non-uniform sportswear are not worn to school.

Wearing our school uniform helps everyone feel part of the Whitley and supports a sense of belonging and pride. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

| Date                     | Event                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23/06/25                 | Year 2 Trip to Tynemouth Aquarium                                                                                                     |
| 24/06/25                 | 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.                                               |
| 01/07/25                 | Y4 Quad Kids Final – Timings to be confirmed                                                                                          |
| 08/07/25 and<br>09/07/25 | 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                                                                                                        |
| 10/07/25                 | Year 6 Prom                                                                                                                           |
| 14/07/25                 | Year 3 trip to Plessey Woods                                                                                                          |
| 17/07/25                 | Y6 Leavers' Service at St Cuthbert's – 1:30pm<br>Parents invited. More information to follow.                                         |
| 18/07/25                 | Last Day of Term<br>St Cuthbert's Church End of Term Service<br>9:15 – 10:15 – EYFS, KS1 and Year 3<br>10:15 – 11:15 – Year 4,5 and 6 |





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## This week's SHINE AWARD Stars!





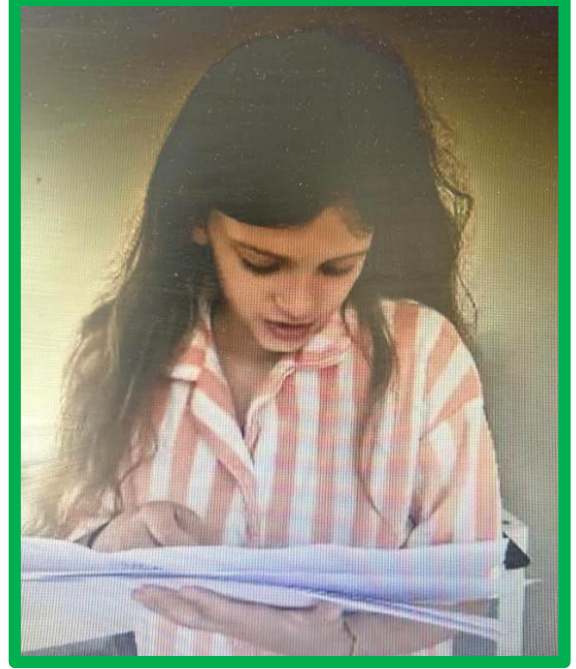
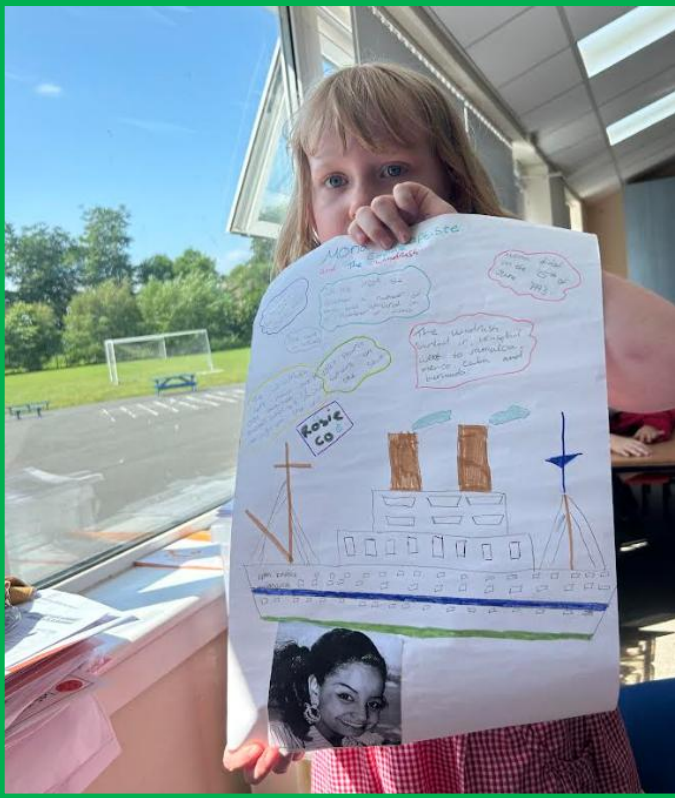


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Letting your light shine does not stop at the classroom door, especially for these year 4 children who were set an extra challenge to research Empire Windrush and they really went above and beyond creating posters, information videos, presentations and models! Well done!



## THE EMPIRE WINDRUSH

### JOURNEY TIMELINE

- Left Kingston, Jamaica – 24 May 1948
- Arrived Tilbury Docks, UK – 22 Jun 1948
- Total travel time: ≈22–29 days with stops at Tampico (Mexico), Havana (Cuba) & Bermuda



### HOW DID PASSENGERS FEEL?

- Hopeful & excited about opportunities
- Long voyage but motivated by new life in Britain
- Proud & optimistic on arrival





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Lots of children, especially our year 1 children, have been great at tending to the strawberries and last week they got to enjoy so many! They look delicious!

