



Whitley News



23rd 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 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 Parents invited. More information to follow.
18/07/25	Last Day of Term St Cuthbert's Church End of Term Service 9:15 – 10:15 – EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 10:15 – 11:15 – Year 4,5 and 6



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This week's SHINE AWARD Stars!



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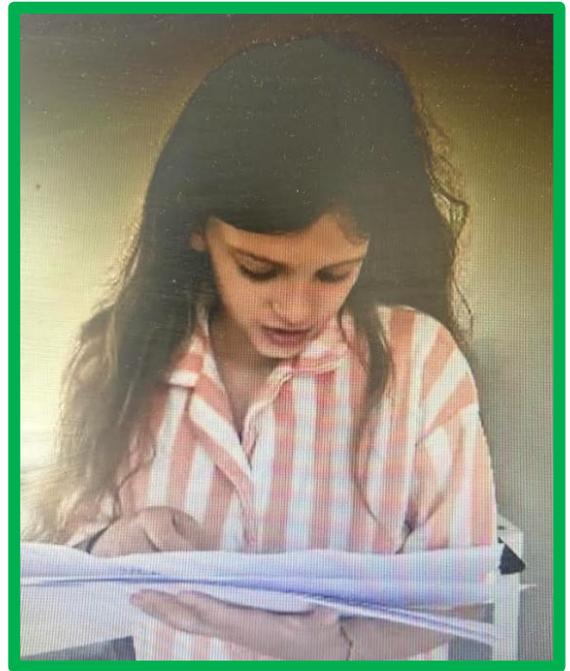
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Letting your light shine does not stop at the classroom door, especially for these year 4 children who were set an extra challenge to research Empire Windrush and they really went above and beyond creating posters, information videos, presentations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

