



Whitley News

18th July 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we come to the end of a truly remarkable school year at Whitley Memorial, I want to take a moment to say thank you and what a year it has been!

A year of uncertainty at times, yes, but even more so, a year of *letting our light shine*. We have never been prouder to be part of this incredible school community.

Of course, it would not be a proper newsletter without celebrating some of the many ways your children have shone recently.

This week, our brilliant Year 3 children became amazing geographers during their trip to Plessey Woods - full of curiosity, questions and care for the environment around them.

Our enrichment days were a huge success, and it has been wonderful to hear such lovely feedback from staff, parents and the children themselves.

We have also been touched by the thoughtful feedback from your end-of-year reports. It is an honour to share our reflections and knowledge of your children with you - and we thank you for the trust and support you have shown us all year long.

Mrs Thompson has really let her light shine this week by organising our uniform bank, showing the great Christian Value of service and serving our local community, we hope you all grabbed some to use!

And of course, how could we not mention the incredible Inflatable Fun Day! Giggles echoed across the playground (from the children *and* the staff!) and it truly was a day filled with laughter and joy. A huge thank you to Whitley Friends for making this happen - and for everything you do throughout the year to make school life so magical.

Today, we also say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who leave us ready for their next adventure. You have all been incredible and we wish you so much luck next year! Remember, you can shine anyway you choose to!

To those members of staff we've said farewell to this year - Mrs Beal, Mrs Travis, Mrs Adcock, Mrs Gray, Mrs Day, Mrs Burford and Rev Ian- we thank you for the love, care and dedication you have given our children. You have left your mark in ways that will never be forgotten.

To our children - thank you for being you.

To our families - thank you for your unwavering support.

To our incredible staff team - thank you for giving your all, every single day.

As a girl who grew up in Bedlington, I know just how special this community is. I am beyond proud to be continuing as Headteacher next year, leading alongside such a dedicated team of people - teachers, support staff, governors, families and of course, our amazing pupils.

And finally, to all our Whitley families - I wish you a relaxing summer full of sunshine, rest and time with those you love. Thank you for being such a vital part of our journey.

With heartfelt thanks,

Mrs Roome



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The inflatables were enjoyed by all! So much so that we nearly all forgot to take photographs as we just enjoyed these with the children. We have added a couple of highlights and staff pictures from the school fair!



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We are so glad the weather held off until the end of the school day so the Year 3 trip to Plessey Woods could go ahead. They had an amazing time and learnt some incredible forest school skills!





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We hope you all made use of the uniform bank. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and the staff for setting this up and running it at the end of the school day!



Thank you to St Cuthbert's church for hosting our end of year service today! We love our visits to church and it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past year and what the future will hold!