



Whitley News

5th September 2025



What a wonderful start we've had to the new term at Whitley Memorial! This first week has been filled with excitement, resilience and joy as we welcomed both our new pupils and our new teacher, Mrs Fowler, into our school community. It has been heartening to see how quickly the children have settled into new routines. We couldn't be prouder of the way they've embraced change and supported one another.

A huge highlight of the week was our very first Shine Award worship of the year. It was so lovely to hear about all the ways our children are shining in school — through their hard work, their kindness and their creativity. The Headteacher's Awards are already rolling in too, not just for excellent learning but also for those wonderful acts of kindness: welcoming new classmates, offering a helping hand and showing that true Whitley spirit.

Across the school, the learning has been buzzing with energy. Year 3 enjoyed their brand-new Class VIP, celebrating what makes each member special. Year 2 impressed us with their artistic skills, experimenting with shading techniques in their sketchbooks. Year 6 produced some of the finest scientific illustrations of the heart we've ever seen — labelled and drawn with incredible precision. Over in Year 4, the classroom was filled with delicious smells as pupils tried their hand at baking inspired by their English text. It feels almost as though we were never away — the children have simply dived straight back into learning with enthusiasm. Looking ahead, reading books will be coming home next week along with a brand-new reading challenge, and further details about homework will be shared shortly. In our reflections this week, we've been thinking about spirituality: looking in, out and up. There has been real awe and wonder as we've watched our youngest children take their very first steps into school life.

What a successful start to the term — full of promise for the weeks ahead. We wish all our families a restful weekend and look forward to all that's to come.

Mrs Roome

PE Days

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

| Date | Event |
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| 12/09/25 | Year 5 First Swimming Session |
| 15/09/25 | Year 5 and 6 Meet the Team 3.25pm – Year 5 Classroom |
| 16/09/25 | Flu Immunisations – Please check you have completed the online paperwork for this. |
| 17/09/25 | Year 1 Meet the Team – 9am Year 1 Classroom |
| 18/09/25 | Year 2 Meet the Team – 3.25pm – Year 2 Classroom |
| 19/09/25 | Year 3 and 4 Meet the Team – 3.25pm - Year 3 Classroom |
| 21/09/25 – 24/09/25 | Year 6 Newby Wiske/ PGL Residential |
| 23/09/25 | Year 3 Family Zumba Session |
| 26/09/25 | Macmillan Coffee Morning with children performances |
| 06/10/25 | Y6 Fire Station Visit |
| 15/10/25 | School Photo Day |
| 23/10/25 | Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert's Church |
| 24/10/25 | Teacher Training Day/Start of Half Term Holidays |



We are so proud of the attendance of all the children for the start of term, what a fantastic start! Hopefully we can keep this up. Please reach out and speak to us if you require any support around attendance.



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Our Shine Award Stars!



Shine



It was like the Great British Bake off down in KS2 today. I have yet to try some of the recipe but I can imagine Prue and Paul would be delighted by the taste of the bread the children have made!





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