



Whitley News



26th September 2025

What a Week of Performance, positivity and pushing ourselves!

As we reach the end of another exciting week at school, it's been impossible not to notice a very special theme running throughout everything we've done - performance and the courage to try something new! From our youngest learners to our oldest adventurers, our children have been shining in the spotlight in the most inspiring ways.

In Year One, our pupils let their light shine as they explored the story *Cave Baby* in a wonderfully creative way. After crafting their own imaginative masks inspired by the characters, they didn't stop there - the classroom transformed into a stage as they danced and moved like their chosen character. Year 3 also stepped into the performance world and they didn't do it alone! Some of our brave children (and their equally brave parents!) took part in a high-energy Zumba session led by the North Tyneside Council Family Learning Team. There was music, movement and a whole lot of laughter - what a success it was!

And speaking of performing... our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a truly heart-warming highlight of the week. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to support such an important cause. But what made it even more special was the confidence and pride that our children showed as they performed in front of a packed hall of parents and grandparents. Their singing, poetry and smiles lit up the room. A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended, donated cakes, bought coffee, tea or raffle tickets - thanks to your generosity, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that we raised **£550** for Macmillan Cancer Support. What an achievement!

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils returned from a hugely successful residential at Newby Wiske PGL. From start to finish, this trip was filled with challenge, laughter, growth and unforgettable memories. Every single child lived out our school values, but we were particularly blown away by their resilience. Whether facing fears, taking on new activities, or simply being away from home, they each rose to the challenge in their own unique way. Their bravery shone through and we couldn't be prouder.

A heartfelt thank you must go to the incredible team at PGL - from the delicious food to the endlessly encouraging leaders, they made this adventure one to remember. Furthermore, thank you to our incredible staff who make this residential possible each year, whether that be our office staff, our teacher organisers or our volunteers, the trip would not go ahead without everyone working together.

As we head into a new week, we do so full of pride in what our children have achieved - not just through what they did, but in how they did it: with courage, creativity and confidence.

Mrs Roome



We have noticed the lateness levels are creeping up, remember school begins at 8:50am.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	92.8
Year 1	97.4
Year 2	86.9
Year 3	98.1
Year 4	92.2
Year 5	92.2
Year 6	95.9
Overall	93.9

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
03/10/25	Shine Awards – Y1 to Y6
06/10/25	Y6 Fire Station Visit
06/10/25 and 08/10/25	Parents' Evening Events
10/10/25	Out of School Achievements
13/10/25	School Photo Day
16/10/25	SEND Coffee Morning – more information to follow
17/10/25	Shine Awards – Y1 to Y6
23/10/25	Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert's Church
24/10/25	Teacher Training Day/Start of Half Term Holidays



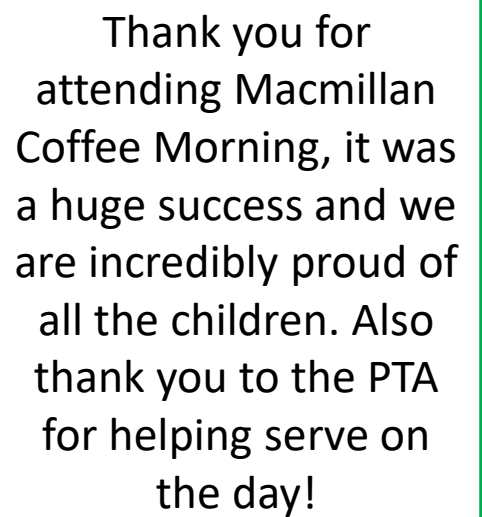
Our sandpits are ready to be launched in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds!

School parliament are asking for donations of small diggers and buckets and spades to use in these. If you have any, we would be truly appreciative if these could be brought to the school office this week – thank you!





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Year 1 Cave Baby

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Zumba



Parents and grandparents had so much fun taking part in a Zumba session with the Family Learning Team – we cannot wait to get them back in to encourage more family sessions.





PGL – Newby Wiske



A huge well done to our Year 6 children who completed their residential stay at PGL – Newby Wiske. They all demonstrated fantastic resilience and independence during their time away – this was definitely the least amount of packing support we have ever given on a trip.

Thank you to the year 6 team, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Riley who work tirelessly to ensure all the necessary paperwork and admin is completed to allow our residentials to go ahead and also thank you to the staff who attended the residential, making sure all the children had the best time while they were away.

Year 5 parents, it will be your turn next so we will be in touch soon to establish numbers for next years residential.