



Whitley News

10th October 2025



What a creative and enjoyable week we have had at The Whitley!

As we come to the end of another wonderful week, I have been so proud to see our school value of resilience shining brightly in everything we do.

This week, our Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to visit the North East SafetyWorks workshop, where they explored a range of real-life safety scenarios in an engaging and practical way. The experience was invaluable - helping them to think deeply about how to keep themselves and others safe in the world around them. Their maturity, teamwork and thoughtful reflections throughout the visit were a real credit to our school.

We continue to reflect on our spirituality of looking in, looking out, and looking up. Looking out, teachers have shared moments of joy and connection, particularly during the Reception and Year 3 dance sessions. Watching the children's faces light up as they learned new moves was a reminder of the power of shared happiness.

In school, we've been making some small but exciting changes to our environment. Moving some of our Thrive and provision items into the old Year 5 classroom has been a great success - our Breakfast Club children have especially enjoyed exploring and using the space in new ways.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our families and community and we'd love your support once again in developing our outdoor provision. Donations of sand pit equipment and construction materials (tyres, gravel, tarpaulin, cable reels) would be very warmly welcomed.

Finally, I have been in awe of our children's achievements beyond the school gates. From swimming and dancing to martial arts and so much more, it has been wonderful to celebrate the many ways our pupils let their light shine - not only in school but through their passions and dedication outside of it. Their commitment and enthusiasm remind us that learning, growth extends far beyond the classroom. Wishing everyone a restful weekend!

Mrs Roome



Please support us in striving to reach new attendance goals this year, let's all aim to be in school each and every day so we can all continue to celebrate our learning.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	92.4
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	89.7
Year 3	98.7
Year 4	93.3
Year 5	98.1
Year 6	94.3
Overall	94.6

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
13/10/25	School Photo Day
16/10/25	SEND Coffee Morning
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

School Photo Day - Monday



Do not forget it is school photo day on Monday. We cannot wait to see all the brilliant hair styles and wide smiles on the day!



Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening, everyone loved being able to share how well your child/children have settled into their new year.

If you missed your appointment or could not make it, please get in touch to arrange an alternative time. Teachers will be contacting those who could not make it to give you a brief update on your child's first few weeks in school.



Help and donations needed!



School parliament have made the decision that the next outdoors provision area will be construction areas. We are looking to make three larger scale versions of the construction area above. To do this we are looking for donations of:

- Cable reels
- Toy construction vehicles
- Tyres
- Gravel
- X3 large sheets of tarpaulin

If you have any of these or can donate in bulk, please get in touch with Miss Hansen.



Safety Works!





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Let's Dance!





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Breakfast Club



Breakfast club is free to all of our students. It begins at 8am each morning. You can access Breakfast Club by entering school at the Barrington Court Entrance and heading to the Key Stage 2 door.



NSPCC Speak Out!



NSPCC 'Learning'



Mrs Townsend delivered the NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe learning in worships this week. In the session, children are taught to speak out even if they are worried. They are taught to speak to a safe adult or Childline. Please chat to your child further about this to support them with knowing it is ok to talk when they are worried.

All children have the right to:

- ✓ speak out and have their views taken seriously
- ✓ be kept safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.

