



Whitley News

17th October 2025



What a fantastic week it has been at The Whitley - and it is hard to believe next week is the last week of term- time is flying by.

We began the week with school photos, every child looked smart, confident and proud - we just know parents are going to adore the photos when they arrive.

Tea at 3 was another highlight, with plenty of smiling faces and biscuit crumbs to prove how much it was enjoyed! It is always a pleasure to see our pupils so thrilled to receive a Headteacher's Award!

This week also saw our SEND Coffee Morning, beautifully hosted by our SENDCo, Mrs Townsend, and joined by Amanda from *Be You*, Kayleigh our school nurse and Dianne from the Early Help team. It was such a valuable opportunity to come together, share experiences and seek support and advice in a relaxed setting. We are really looking forward to holding more of these throughout the year and building on the positive connections made.

Across school, it has been a shining week for creativity in Art and DT. Year 2 have completed their much-loved *Moving Monsters* projects - always a firm favourite! They have been busy using a whole range of DT skills including designing, cutting, joining, measuring and using levers and linkages to bring their creations to life. Year 1 have also been showcasing their artistic side, making fabulous paper play sculptures by folding, curling, curving and concertina-ing paper strips - the results are simply amazing and our new display is a real showstopper!

Be sure to read to the end of this newsletter to discover the exciting hands-on learning Year 4 have been doing in history and English - our curriculum really is very creative and something to be proud of.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled next term as our new hall displays will be complete. This year's focus has been *Black History Month* - each year group has explored a key individual, creating stunning displays and next week they will be sharing their learning during a whole school worship. This has been a great way to learn about key individuals role in history and how they have shaped our world today. Well done to every pupil, staff member and family for helping our Whitley light shine so brightly.



We understand illness has struck this week and sometimes attendance is out of our control. Once your child is better, bring them straight back to school, we always miss them so much.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	91.6
Year 1	90.7
Year 2	65.9
Year 3	87.8
Year 4	93.4
Year 5	94.5
Year 6	87.7
Overall	87.1

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
23/10/25	Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert’s Church
24/10/25	Teacher Training Day/Start of Half Term Holidays

Harvest Festival – Thursday 23rd October

St Cuthbert’s Church

We’re delighted to invite you to our Whole School Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert’s Church on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Reception to Year 6 will leave school at around **9:10am**, aiming to begin the service at **9:30am**.

Parents and families are warmly welcome to join us. You are invited to either stay after morning drop-off and walk to church with us, or meet us there in time for the start of the service.

We look forward to celebrating the Harvest Festival together as a school community.



HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION

We will be collecting non perishable food to donate to a local foodbank. Please bring any donations to the school office by Thursday 23rd October.



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
- Gravel
- X3 large sheets of tarpaulin

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



Year 2 Moving Monsters!





Year 4 - English

Year 4 have been reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in English and they discovered that Edmund betrayed his brother to the White Witch for some Turkish Delight. Because of this, it only seemed fitting to taste some Turkish Delight and decide whether it was good enough to betray someone – thankfully year 4 decided not!



Year 4 – Humanities

In history year 4 learned about what an archaeologist does and investigated some Roman artefacts that could possibly be found on Hadrian's Wall. The class were very good at handling the objects (loaned by the SLS) and had great ideas about what they were made from and what they were used for.



Shine Awards

