

## Whitley News



23rd October 2025

#### What a Wonderful End to the Term at The Whitley!

Today marks the last day of term and what an absolutely brilliant way to finish! We began the day with a truly beautiful service at St Cuthbert's - a heartfelt thank you to Terry, Susan and Brian for their continued support and for leading a joyful celebration. The children's singing was simply incredible, filling the church with happiness, pride and so much energy - a perfect reflection of our Whitley spirit!

Our Reception class have truly let their lights shine this! They were bursting with curiosity and excitement during a visit from our PCSO, asking interesting questions, exploring the police car and even trying on parts of the uniform – we definitely have some future officers in reception. Their adventurous spirit continued when they sampled new fruits inspired by the story *Handa's Surprise* – a brilliant, hands-on way to bring their English learning to life.

We also want to celebrate our Year 3 and 4 pupils, who absolutely shone during a rugby session in Blyth this week. They had an amazing afternoon learning new skills, showing brilliant teamwork and displaying determination that made their coaches beam with pride.

A huge round of applause too for all the children who completed our reading challenge this term! Their dedication and hard work were rewarded with a funfilled trip to the park, packed with laughter, smiles and well-deserved enjoyment after all their amazing reading efforts.

Looking back, this term has been nothing short of extraordinary. From residentials, swimming sessions, school trips, coffee mornings, family Zumba sessions and so much more, our calendar has been bursting with memorable experiences. Every pupil, staff member and family has contributed to making this term truly special – thank you for supporting school so much!

We are so proud of all our children for letting their light shine so brilliantly this term. I cannot wait to see that light shine even brighter next term – have a wonderful half term and we will see you back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

November.



Last year we improved our attendance so much, as a challenge, it would be great to improve it again this year. Please work with us to bring your children into school as much as possible.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	90.4
Year 1	82.9
Year 2	83.4
Year 3	81
Year 4	86.3
Year 5	85.2
Year 6	80.8
Overall	83.8



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

Date	Event
04/11/25	Year 4 Family Zumba session
09/11/25	Bedlington Remembrance Service 2pm - Please let Mrs Stephenson know if you would like to join us during the parade.
11/11/25	Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph 10:30 – School MPs and Senior Students
13/11/25	EYFS – Nursery Rhyme Parent Share
14/11/25	Children in Need Non-uniform – information to follow
20/11/25	Non uniform day to collect tombola and raffle prizes
17/11/25 – 21/11/25	Forest School Week - class information to follow
24/11/25	Br Khadim visiting school – Y6
03/12/25	PTA Christmas Fair
08/12/25 – 12/12/25	Christmas Performance week – see Christmas dates
11/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/25	School Christmas Dinner Day
12/12/25	Y2-Y6 Panto
15/12/25 – 19/12/25	Christmas Party Week – see Christmas dates
16/12/25	EYFS & Northern Stage Christmas Theatre Visit
19/12/25	Christingle at St Cuthbert's – Full school service at 9:30am
19/12/25	Christmas Singalong 1:15 to finish school at 1:30pm



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### Year 3 & 4 - Rugby







