



Whitley News

28th November 2025



What a wonderful week it has been at The Whitley - a true celebration of our school community and the many ways our children continue to let their light shine.

We began the week with an exciting trip for our Year 5 pupils, who visited St Benet Biscop to watch the brilliant production of *Rock of Ages*. The show was incredible and the children were absolutely captivated from start to finish. Their enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour made us incredibly proud.

We were also delighted to welcome Brother Khadim from the Newcastle Mosque, who visited school to speak to our children about the Islamic faith and life within the mosque. Our pupils were so respectful and engaged, asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine curiosity and appreciation for learning about different cultures and beliefs.

Adding to the excitement, we welcomed some of our soon-to-be new Nursery starters into school. It was such a joy to meet them and we cannot wait for them to officially join us in January and begin their Whitley journey.

Later in the week, a group of children attended a Football Festival in Blyth, where they had an amazing time developing new skills and putting them into practice in small games and one-to-ones. Their teamwork, determination and smiles said it all!

To round off the week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 5 to their swimming session today. I was bursting with pride watching them let their light shine in the pool. Each child is progressing brilliantly at their own pace, showing confidence, resilience and such positive attitudes. What super swimmers we have here at The Whitley!

Well done to every pupil, staff member and family - your positivity, kindness and efforts continue to make our school shine brightly each and every week.

Mrs Roome



Please remember school begins at 8:50am. We love welcoming the children in with all the friends so try your hardest to be on time, it definitely leads to a more settled day.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	87.3
Year 1	89
Year 2	83.8
Year 3	97.2
Year 4	92.9
Year 5	99.3
Year 6	90.4
Overall	91.4

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
03/12/25	PTA Christmas Fair
05/12/25	Y4 Visit to the Sikh Temple
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

Singing at St Cuthbert's Church – Saturday 6th December

We would be really grateful if some of our children would come and join us at St Cuthbert's Church to sing some Christmas songs. We will be meeting at the church at 10:15am, ready to sing at 10:30am.





Shine Awards!





Eco Champions!



Our newly appointed eco champions will be attending regular meetings with Mrs Teasdale and looking at ways of making our school more economically and environmentally friendly – we cannot wait to see what they achieve!



PTA Christmas Fair



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

Wednesday 3rd December – 2:15pm

Arrangements for the Christmas Fair – all our children have been busy making and preparing their stalls for this year's Christmas Fair. I have seen tealight holders, Christmas trees and much more ready for you parents to buy.

Children can be collected from their classroom doors at 2pm.

Any child who is not collected will go to EYFS for the rest of the day, they can be collected from the nursery doors at any time from 2:15pm.

Please note – Year 5 and 6 MUST be accompanied by an adult for the fair.

Cash will be required for payment of things at the fair, there is not a card payment system.