



# Whitley News

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful Autumn term, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate all that our children, staff and wider school community have achieved together.

This term has been full of moments where our school values, particularly respect, resilience and kindness, have truly shone through. Our children continue to amaze us with the way they approach new challenges, support one another and show pride in their learning and in themselves.

We have shared many wonderful experiences this term. The children have raised money for fantastic charities including Macmillan and Children in Need, showing kindness, generosity and respect for others. We have loved sharing the children's singing talents and seeing their enthusiasm and competitive spirit come through in such a positive way. It was fantastic to see so many of you attend our Meet the Team and Parents' Evening meetings. These events are always so valuable for building strong relationships between home and school and teachers really enjoy getting to know families and sharing the exciting learning journeys ahead for the children.

Physical activity has been a real highlight this term. With increased NUFC time, more challenging PE lessons, football festivals and further sporting opportunities, children have shown great perseverance and resilience, developing both their skills and their confidence - and yes, even improving their dance moves!

Year 6 demonstrated incredible courage and resilience during their Newby Wiske PGL residential, facing fears, supporting one another and showing just how much they have grown.

Our sense of community has continued to strengthen. Family Zumba, delivered through North Tyneside Family Learning, has brought children and adults together in a fun and healthy way, creating shared experiences full of joy. We have also spent time in the wider community, attending remembrance services, visiting local schools, residential homes and our local library - opportunities we hope to continue next term.

We are proud of our strong relationship with St Cuthbert's Church, and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Terry, Brian, Susan and Arleen for hosting us so warmly throughout the term. From Harvest Festival and the Carol Service to the Christmas Fair, quiz nights and today's service, these events play an important role in our school life. Educational visits have enriched learning across the school, including visits to Sikh temples, pantomimes, Christmas shows and more. Forest School week was another huge success, with a cooking theme that encouraged teamwork, independence and perseverance - we are already looking forward to what comes next.

As many of you will have noticed, our school environment continues to improve. The new fence supporting KS1 outdoor learning, the completed roof and new blinds across school - supported by Friends of Whitley - are just some of the visible changes. Behind the scenes, staff continue to work tirelessly to improve teaching and learning across English, maths, humanities, RE and personal development and we are incredibly proud of the progress being made.

Finally, Christmas has once again brought so much joy to our school. We absolutely love making this time special for the children and the annual Christmas Fair was another huge success - thank you to Friends of Whitley and to everyone who supported it.

Thank you for your continued encouragement, trust and partnership. Everything you do for our school and your children truly matters and never goes unnoticed. I wish you all a peaceful, joyful festive break filled with time together, laughter and rest.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Roome

# Important Information

## PE Days Spring Term



Monday

Tuesday Reception, Years 1, 3 and 4

Wednesday

Thursday Year 4 and 5 gym

Friday Year 2,3 and 6 and Year 5 swim



### Return to School

School reopens to children on  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**  
Remember school starts at  
8:50am.

Facebook – we are currently adding all photographs from the past week or so to Facebook so you can see the pictures clearly. Enjoy them!



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Year	Percentage
Reception	88%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	87.2%
Year 3	89.9%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	93.5%
Total	91.7%

We are really trying to improve our attendance, where you can, please ensure your child attends school – if you require any support with this, please let us know.