



Whitley News

16th January 2026



This week has been another shining example of how brilliantly our children let their light shine in so many different ways!

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit from *Dave Be Safe*, learning about bullying, online safety and making good choices out in the wider world. The children were fully engaged throughout and contributed thoughtfully to every discussion - we are incredibly proud of their maturity and the way they supported one another.

Our phonics sessions were also a highlight of the week, as we welcomed our RWI partner into school. Staff and children alike truly let their light shine! They were blown away by the children's enthusiasm for learning and how confidently they tackled new sounds. Our staff were praised for their animation and expertise in delivering high-quality lessons - a joy to see!

Looking ahead, we are very excited for Bikeability next week for some of our pupils, along with Year 4's upcoming visit to the cathedral. We know these experiences will provide even more opportunities for our children to grow, challenge themselves and shine even brighter.

We have also spent time this week reflecting on our value of love. It has been wonderful to see so many beautiful 'love trees' blossoming across our reflection stations. Reading messages from our children about how they show kindness and care for one another has made us smile each day.

We wish all our families a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday, ready for another brilliant week together!



We are incredibly proud of this week's attendance, thank you for working together with us to help get your children in to school!

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	94.1
Year 1	93.5
Year 2	89.3
Year 3	99.4
Year 4	93.5
Year 5	95
Year 6	96.3
Overall	94.7

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
19.01.26 – 22.01.26	Bikeability
21.01.26	Y4 Cathedral Visit
23.01.26	Shine Awards
27.01.26	Y2 and Y4 Bedlington Library Visit
28.01.26	Y1 and Y3 Bedlington Library Visit
28.01.26	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight check
30.01.26	Shine Awards
02.02.26 – 05.02.26	Bikeability (Class or ch to be confirmed)
03.02.26	Y5 Bedlington Library Visit
05.02.26	Y3 Hindu Temple Visit or School Visitor
06.02.26	EYFS Baptism Experience afternoon
06.02.26	Out of School Achievements
09.02.26 – 12.02.26	Y6 Bikeability (Class or ch to be confirmed)
12.02.26	Y6 Cross County at St Benet Biscop
12.02.26	Friends of School Valentine Disco
13.02.26	Shine Awards



School Uniform



School Uniform Overview 2025-2026

Years Nursery –Y4



- Grey/black school trousers, school shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes or plain black trainers
- Red summer dress
- Black or grey tights

Year 5 and 6



- White shirt
- Grey/black school trousers, school shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- School tie
- Black shoes or plain black trainers
- Red summer dress
- Black or grey tights

PE Kit



- White t-shirt (not vest)
- Black Shorts, black joggers /tracksuit bottoms/WMPS branded tracksuit
- Red or grey hoodie
- Trainers
- Long hair to be tied back

Footwear

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height.
- Crocs
- Sandals

Jewellery

We allow children to wear a simple stud earring in school. Northumberland County Council has a policy of not allowing earrings to be worn during PE for reasons of safety (this includes swimming) therefore please ensure earrings are not worn on these days, plastic retainers may be worn. Parents will be called into school to remove earrings if child cannot do so independently. The school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery or watches.

A simple digital or analogue watch may be worn. No watches that connect to phones, internet or messaging are permitted.

Polite Uniform Reminder:

We would like to remind families that our school uniform helps everyone feel part of our school community. Recently, a few children have been wearing clothing that does not follow our school colours or uniform policy.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing clothing that meets our uniform expectations. School-branded items are not required, for example, plain black trousers, a white polo shirt or shirt, and a red jumper or cardigan are all perfectly acceptable without a school logo. The same applies to PE kit.

If you need any support with uniform, we have a range of spare items available in the school entrance area which are free to take. Thank you for your support.



Dave Be Safe





Year 1 were locating the UK on a world map and comparing its size to other countries around the world.



House points



A few children secured their 50 house point bronze badge this week. This means they will move onto their silver 100 house point book.

House points are awarded one at a time to children who may have produced a brilliant piece of work or to children who are following our school rules and letting their light shine.





Shine Awards

