



# Whitley News



13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

This spring term has been a wonderful celebration of how our children continue to let their light shine each and every day.

Across the school, the children have enjoyed a rich range of visits and experiences that have deepened their understanding of the world around them. Experiences such as, trips to the local library, the Hindu Temple, St Cuthbert's church for a baptism and the cathedral have offered meaningful opportunities for reflection and respect for different beliefs and ways of life. We have taken part in Bikeability and have been fortunate to continue all our engaging learning at home.

This term has also been spiritually reflective. Through our reflection stations, children have been encouraged to look *in* at how love makes them feel, *out* at how their love and actions impact others, and *up* at the love that can be seen in the world when people care for one another. These moments of quiet reflection have supported the children in developing empathy, compassion and a deeper understanding of what it means to live out our school values in everyday life.

During Mental Health Week, we took time to focus on wellbeing, kindness to ourselves and others, and the importance of talking about our feelings. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful Whitley Friends for organising such a brilliant Valentine's Disco. I heard there was some incredible dancing, particularly from the year 6 boys. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support and the time and energy they give to enriching school life for our children and families.

As we come to the end of the spring term and look ahead to half term, we hope this break brings a chance to rest, recharge and enjoy time together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Roome



Keep your eyes peeled for some exciting attendance incentives next term. Can you reach 100% ?

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	88.4
Year 1	88.6
Year 2	85.8
Year 3	91.8
Year 4	94.7
Year 5	93.8
Year 6	93.5
Overall	91.1

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
25.02.26	Golf Skills Festival – Relevant Ch informed
27.02.26	Y4 Swimming begins each Friday for the rest of the school year.
02.03.26	Y4 Forest School
03.03.26	KS2 SATs Parents' Meeting
04.03.26	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parents' Meeting
05.03.26	World Book Day – Come dressed up as your favourite book character.
05.03.26	Y4 Multiplication Check Parents' Meeting
06.03.26	Year 6 Forest School
09.03.26	Professor Brain Storm Workshop to Launch Science Week
09.03.26 – 13.03.26	British Science Week – More information to follow
09.03.26 and 11.03.26	Parents' Evening
10.03.26	Y5 and Y6 Police Workshops
13.03.26	Y3 Forest School
16.03.26	Nursery and Reception Forest School
23.03.26	Y1 Forest School
24.03.26	Y4 Time Odyssey Trip
27.03.26	Y5 Forest School
27.03.26	Reception Sow A Seed Parent Share
30.03.26	Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church
01.04.26	Y2 Forest School
01.04.26	Easter Egg Competition due

# World **BOOK DAY**



## **World Book Day – Costume Support**

World Book Day is coming up and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone get involved by dressing up as their favourite book characters! More information about this will follow next term.

Thanks to a bid made by Friends of Whitley last year, we have a selection of World Book Day costumes available to borrow. These are for any families who would find it helpful to use a school costume, whether that is for practical reasons or to keep costs down.

If you would like your child to borrow a costume, please email [admin@whitley.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitley.northumberland.sch.uk) or let the office know. We will then arrange for your child/children to come along and choose a costume.

We want every child to be able to take part and enjoy the day

# Shine Awards

