



Whitley News



6th February 2026

This week has been another wonderful reflection of how our children continue to let their light shine, guided by our value of love. Year 5 showed fantastic determination and responsibility during their Bikeability sessions. They approached the challenges with maturity, supporting one another and demonstrating growing confidence as they developed their road safety skills.

Our lower school children have been busy completing their phonics reviews this week and we have been incredibly impressed with the progress they are making. Their reading skills are really shining through - it is as though they all have reading superpowers!

The children have also enjoyed some exciting visits, including a visit to the Hindu temple and further trips to our local library. These experiences have been rich in spirituality and reflection, giving the children opportunities to learn about different beliefs and ways of life.

We continue to be amazed by the children's achievements beyond the classroom. From sporting successes to creative talents and personal milestones, it is wonderful to hear about all they are accomplishing outside of school. A special mention must go to Hollie, who proudly shared her Blue Peter Badge for her artwork this week - which caused a small wave of jealousy among the staff!

As the evenings grow lighter, we have been taking moments to look up and notice the changing world around us. There has been a real sense of awe and wonder as we begin to see signs that spring may not be too far away. We hope the lighter nights and a change in weather will bring with it some fresh energy and springtime joy for everyone.

We wish all our families a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, ready for another positive week together.



We LOVE having all the children in school with us. Please encourage your child to attend school every day.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	93.7
Year 1	90.9
Year 2	86
Year 3	89.1
Year 4	92
Year 5	91.3
Year 6	94.3
Overall	91.5

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
09.02.26	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Check
09.02.26	Y2 Oral Hygiene Workshop
12.02.26	Y6 Cross County at St Benet Biscop
12.02.26	Friends of School Valentine Disco
13.02.26	Shine Awards

Friends of Whitley Memorial Valentine Disco

Thursday 12th February 5pm -
6:30pm.

Bedlington Market Place
Club

Tickets available from the school office. £1 per ticket,
adults must buy a ticket and children must be
accompanied by an adult.



Y5 Bikeability





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 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