



Whitley News



23rd January 2026

This week has been another fantastic example of how our children continue to let their light shine, guided by our value of **love** in all that they do.

Our older pupils showed great determination and care for one another during their Bikeability sessions, confidently using their skills to work towards achieving their Level 1 and Level 2 awards. They impressed instructors with their focus and sensible decision-making and awareness while out on the road. Well done, we cannot wait to see you riding safely around Bedlington.

Year 4 truly let their light shine during their visit to Newcastle Cathedral for the Christingle service. They represented our school beautifully, sharing a reading alongside another school and taking part with confidence and reverence. The children also created eco-Christingles, thoughtfully linking the message of light and hope with caring for God's world.

Year 2 have been busy with lots of active learning this term, embracing the outdoors during science and art. They enjoyed a scavenger hunt to explore different habitats, learning how animals are suited to their environments and how habitats help protect them from predators. This learning continued into art, where the children showed creativity and curiosity by using natural materials such as leaves and sticks to create different textures.

Across the school, our value of **love** has been evident with our blossoming love trees in every classroom.

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



I **LOVE** that each year group has attendance in the 90% range this week. Let's see if we can boost that up more going forward.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	93.2
Year 1	94.5
Year 2	90.7
Year 3	95.6
Year 4	90.3
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	93.3
Overall	93.4

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
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 – 03.02.26	Bikeability
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
12.02.26	Y6 Cross County at St Benet Biscop
12.02.26	Friends of School Valentine Disco
13.02.26	Shine Awards



Y4 Cathedral Visit



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 Today, more than 300 children from schools across our Diocese were welcomed to @newcastlecathedral for a special Christingle service which included the opportunity to make an eco-Christingle, learn about Jesus as the 'Light of the World' and join together for some light-themed worship songs. A fantastic day! ✨†

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Y4 Cathedral Visit



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EYFS NUFC Club





Shine Awards

