



# Whitley News



27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

What a wonderful first week back to spring term, we were all so happy to welcome everyone back.

This term has begun so beautifully, with the first signs of spring just starting to grace us with their presence. The brighter mornings, lighter afternoons and glimpses of sunshine have brought a real sense of excitement across the school. There is something so uplifting about this time of year and we are all hopeful that it won't be long before we are back enjoying learning and play on the school field once again.

We have also been delighted to welcome back our much-loved annual school pets – the ducks! Two of our ducklings arrived already hatched, and we were thrilled to witness another hatch before our very eyes while Years 1 and 2 gently sang “Five Little Ducks.” It was a truly magical moment. Watching the ducklings grow each day brings such fascination and rich learning opportunities for the children. Their curiosity, care and sense of wonder have been wonderful to see.

Some of our children have also had the opportunity to take part in an exciting golf skills workshop this term. They thoroughly enjoyed learning how to hold and control the clubs, practise their putting and develop their coordination and focus. Experiences like these not only develop physical skills but also teamwork, resilience and a positive attitude towards trying something new.

Over the past few days, you will have received several letters regarding Parents' Evening and various upcoming meetings about statutory assessments. These opportunities are so important in keeping you informed and involved in your child's journey. We very much hope to see everyone over the coming weeks as we celebrate your children's successes and talk together about how they continue to let their light shine.

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

Mrs Roome



On Monday, each class will receive an attendance target – who will reach their target and receive a class reward for this?

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	96
Year 1	95.6
Year 2	89.6
Year 3	94.5
Year 4	96.9
Year 5	97.1
Year 6	94.75
Overall	94.8

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
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<sup>®</sup>

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## 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!

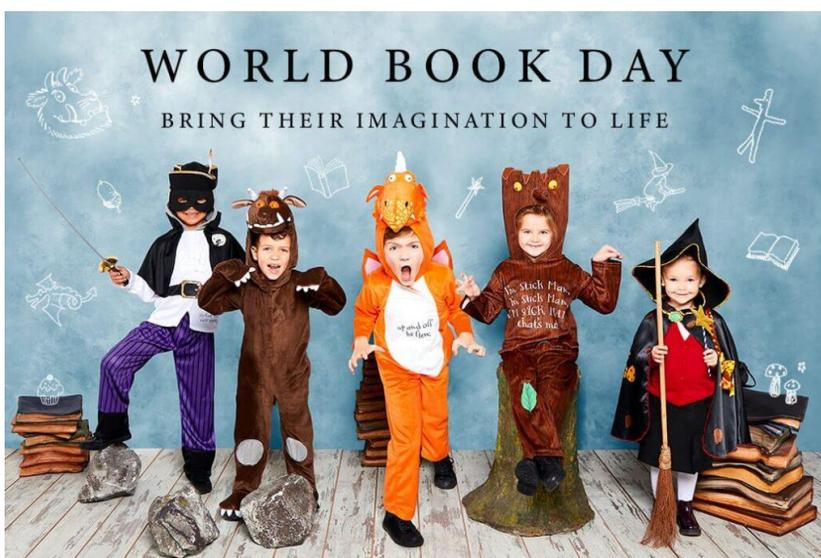
Thanks to a bid made by Friends of Whitley last year, we have a selection of World Book Day costumes available to borrow. These are for any families who would find it helpful to use a school costume, whether that is for practical reasons or to keep costs down.

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



On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** we will be dressing up for World Book Day. During the day we will have special story time, a book themed worship and some activities to celebrate reading and the magic it brings to our life. We cannot wait to welcome all the children in in there costumes.



# Year 2 Class' Pets – The Ducks



All five ducks have now hatched and they are currently thriving. We cannot wait to explore their lives more as part of Year 2's science learning.



# Golf Skills





# Shine Awards

