



Whitley News



6th March 2026

It has been another wonderful week in school and we are incredibly proud of the many ways our children have continued to *let their light shine*.

This week our Forest School has been full of STEM investigation as part of our celebrations for Science Week. The children have fully embraced the opportunity to learn outdoors and apply their scientific thinking in exciting ways. Year 4 became true scientists and engineers as they took on the challenge of building a raft. Their task was to design and construct a raft that would float and then test how much weight it could hold. The problem-solving on display was fantastic to see and the children showed great resilience as they refined their designs.

Meanwhile, Year 6 stepped into the role of Crime Scene Investigators in Forest School. Using chromatography techniques, they tested different inks to help solve a mystery and discover who had committed a "crime" in the forest area.

Year 4 have also truly become Geographers this week through some impressive fieldwork around the school. They have been exploring how water is used within our school environment and investigating where it comes from. Their new knowledge is very impressive; I think they may soon be teaching the staff a few things about the school's water systems!

We also had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day. A huge thank you to all the children and staff who participated and helped make the day so special. We enjoyed a very exciting worship featuring our mysterious *Masked Reader*, which caused great excitement across the school. Classes also welcomed special guest readers and our Year 6 pupils did a wonderful job reading stories to Reception and Nursery. It was a truly joyful way to celebrate the love of reading together.

Today we also waved goodbye to our Year 2 ducks. The children have loved watching them grow and caring for them over the past week.

Overall, this week has been a wonderful opportunity to focus on our Personal Development, encouraging the children to look both inward and outward - thinking about their own talents while also exploring the wider world around them. From considering different career aspirations to contributing creatively to our community through the bus stop art project, the children have shown great enthusiasm and thoughtfulness.

As you will have seen in today's communication, we are expecting our SIAMS inspection next week. We are really looking forward to the opportunity to celebrate how our Christian Vision shines through every part of our school community and the many ways our children live out these values each day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Roome



Well done to Year 3 for reaching this week's attendance target and Year 4 for winning the attendance award.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	88
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	88.3
Year 3	95.6
Year 4	97.2
Year 5	93.3
Year 6	92.4
Overall	93.3

We loved welcoming in parents from year 1, 4 and 6 this week to discuss statutory assessments that will take place in the near future. If you were unable to attend, please discuss this with your child's class teacher at parents' evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
09.03.26	Professor Brain Storm Workshop to Launch Science Week
09.03.26-13.03.26	British Science Week – science competition, see the letter for more information
12.03.26	SIAMs visit to school
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

Parents' Evenings are taking place this coming Monday and Wednesday. Check your appointments, we cannot wait to share everything positive about your child/children. If you cannot make it, please discuss this with your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Don't forget parents' evening!



Shine Awards





TTRS World Cup



You still have until Sunday evening to take part in the TTRS World Cup Y2-Y6 school competition. The current scores are as stands. Round 2 will be announced on Monday. Who will be topping the leader board this week?

Please note, all questions are suitable for your child and the competition is only happening out of school hours.

	World Cup - Round 1 CREATED BY: Miss Jenny McVicar		
Morpeth	39	Ford	9
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Prudhoe	224	Bamburgh	148
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Lindisfarne	335	Langley	188