



# Whitley News



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

This week's newsletter is coming slightly earlier so Mrs Stephenson has one less job of sending it out while she celebrates her **60<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow**. We have had another fantastic week at Whitley, there has certainly been plenty to celebrate!

One of this week's highlights was our Year 3 Parent Share, where families enjoyed an incredible art gallery showcasing the children's creativity.

There was some wonderfully competitive art auctioning between parents and children – I think some of the art has been undervalued but that is the joy of an auction.

Our EYFS and KS1 Sports Day was another success. Although the windy weather made hearing instructions a little challenging, it certainly didn't dampen spirits! The children showed fantastic determination in some competitive races before enjoying a lovely picnic and ice creams together. This years Parent Race was a lot more tame with only a few tumbles and falls.

Tuesday was also a very special day as children across school successfully transitioned into their new classes, while our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their first taste of secondary school life. We hope they all had a brilliant day and are feeling excited for September.

A big thank you to St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy for inviting our Year 5 children to take part in their Fun Run. They had a wonderful time and loved the opportunity to visit one of our local secondary schools.

With just two more fun-filled weeks of learning to go, we are looking forward to making even more special memories together.

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Roome

**Pictures from this week's events will be added to Facebook.**



Another great week for attendance.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	90.8
Year 1	92.8
Year 2	89
Year 3	94.7
Year 4	93.8
Year 5	96.2
Year 6	96.3
Overall	93.6

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
03.07.26	Y6 Performance – Please arrive to be seated around 1:50pm. The show will start at 2pm.
08.07.26	Y3 visit to Great North Museum Y1 Parent Share Y6 Prom in the evening
09.07.26	KS2 Sports Day – Festival Style Sports day. Parents to leave the school site after drop off and then return to the KS2 entrance to sign in from around 9:25am. Children will then come out and join their parents. The idea is children complete the activities they wish to while Mr Blackburn calls up each year group for the sprint race trials. The ice cream van will be available throughout. We will end the sports events with a sprint race and a long distance race for each year group. And of course, there will be a parent race too! Parents can then stay on the school ground until 12:20pm to share a picnic with their child.
14.07.26	Y6 Flamingo Land Visit
16.07.26	Y6 Leaver's Service St Cuthbert's Church 1:30 – 2:30 – Parents Welcome. Children can leave after the service with a parent.
17.07.26	Last Day of Term Whole School Church Service School finishes at 1:30pm



Look at the amazing crowns some of our children made in their interventions this week!

