



Whitley News

17th July 2026



As I sit here writing this final newsletter of the school year, after waving goodbye to our children, staff and families for the summer, I am struck by just how quiet the school feels.

The corridors that are usually filled with laughter, chatter and endless energy seem strangely still. The classrooms are tidy, the playground is empty and the heartbeats of our school have gone home for a well-deserved rest. It always feels a little emotional at this time of year and this week has certainly brought more than its fair share of tears.

There have been tears of pride as we watched our Year 6 children celebrate their final days at Whitley Memorial. Tears of gratitude as we said goodbye to valued members of staff who have been such an important part of our school family. Tears during performances, celebrations and leavers' services as we reflected on just how much our children have grown. And, if I'm honest, a few tears simply because another wonderful year has come to an end.

As I reflect on the year as a whole, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride. Pride in our children, who continue to amaze us with their kindness and determination. Pride in our staff, who give so much of themselves every single day. And pride in our families and wider community, whose support makes Whitley Memorial the special place it is.

Today, we officially say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been an important part of our school family and whilst we are sad to see them go, we are excited for all that lies ahead. Never forget that you each have your own unique light to share with the world. Continue to be brave, kind and ambitious, and know that you will always be part of the Whitley family.

This year we have also said farewell to members of staff who have each made a lasting contribution to our school community. To those who are moving on to new adventures, thank you for the care, commitment and love you have shown our children. You leave behind a legacy that will not be forgotten.

To our children - thank you for making every day different, exciting and full of joy.

To our families - thank you for your trust, encouragement and unwavering support throughout the year.

To our incredible staff team - thank you for the endless hours, the care, the dedication and the belief you show in our children every single day. It is a privilege to work alongside you.

As a girl who grew up in Bedlington, I know how special this community is. Every day I feel proud to serve it. Whitley Memorial is far more than a school; it is a family, built upon kindness, faith, service and a shared commitment to helping every child flourish.

I wish you all a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, rest and precious time with those you love. Take care of yourselves, make wonderful memories, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another year of learning, growing and letting our light shine together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Mrs Roome



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WARNING!



WATCH OUT BEDLINGTON!



HIGH RISK OF LAUGHTER • COFFEE FUELLED • MAYHEM LIKELY



WAVING Goodbye

★ TO ★

MRS WEARMOUTH

&

MRS RUTHERFORD



OFF TO CAUSE MAYHEM ON THE STREETS OF BEDLINGTON!



EXPECT:



MORNING
COFFEE
MEET UPS



CHORUSES
OF LAUGHTER



NATTER,
ADVENTURES
& MISCHIEF



PROCEED WITH CAUTION!



Laughter, Friendship & Coffee Ahead

One last goodbye to Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Wearmouth. We hope they both have the best retirement.