



Whitley News

18th September 2026



What a fantastic week we have had at The Whitley!

It has been wonderful to see our children continuing to settle into their new classes, routines and expectations. There is such a positive energy around school, with children showing enthusiasm, resilience and a real determination to learn and challenge themselves.

Our Year 4 children had their very first swimming lesson last week, they showed fantastic resilience , particularly when facing new experiences and overcoming fears. We are incredibly proud of the way they supported and encouraged one another , demonstrating that sometimes being brave means having a go even when something feels a little daunting.

In Year 1, the children have been enjoying their English Learning based around Cave Baby. They have been getting creative by making their own Cave Baby headbands, bringing their learning and imaginations to life.

Our Year 2 children have been working hard to develop their Design & Technology skills. They have been learning about pivots and levers and working carefully to master these skills . It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and perseverance as they develop their understanding through practical learning.

Year 3 have been thriving in PE showing wonderful resilience and determination. Their hard work and positive attitudes have been recognised with lots of certificates.

Early years have been enjoying their learning both indoors and outdoors. They have also begun their weekly Makaton, learning new signs to support communication and help them express themselves. We are very excited to see our youngest children becoming experts and we hope , teaching the rest of us some of the skills they learn!

Our core values are already shining through in so many aspects of school life, whether it is a child overcoming a fear in the swimming pool , persevering with a new skill , celebrating a friend's success or discovering something new , we are seeing our children grow in confidence and resilience every day.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Townsend



Last week we improved our attendance so much it would be great if we could do it again next week!

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	93.3
Year 1	87.1
Year 2	92.7
Year 3	87.5
Year 4	94.7
Year 5	92.8
Year 6	99.2
Overall	92.5

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Friday 25th September starting from 9am
If anyone would like to donate cakes for the coffee morning, they would be gratefully received. Please bring them with an ingredients list on Thursday 25th September by 4pm.
Please do not use NUTS in any cakes!
Join us for coffee, tea and plenty of cakes.
Classes with entertain us with songs during the coffee morning.



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