



Whitley News

25th September 2026



What a wonderful week it has been at Whitley Memorial! If there has been one thing shining brightly throughout everything we have seen this week, it is our children – they’ve shown their talents and their determination to be the very best versions of themselves.

Our Year 6 children have returned from an incredible residential adventure at PGL, and what an experience it has been! From the excitement of the water park to the stomach-flipping heights of the giant swing, our children threw themselves into every opportunity. Perhaps the greatest compliment of all came from the PGL team themselves, who described our children as “shining stars.” We could not agree more! Whether they were conquering a fear or encouraging a friend, our Year 6 pupils truly radiated their light throughout the residential.

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning was once again a wonderful example of our whole school community coming together. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised £460 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who donated such fantastic cakes, came along to support us and helped make the morning such a success. A particularly heartfelt thank you must go to our wonderful Friends of Whitley Memorial, who once again gave their time to help us serve the mountain of delicious cakes!

Of course, the real stars of the morning were our pupils. Their performances were simply wonderful. Standing in front of an audience takes courage and seeing our children sing, speak and perform with such confidence was a very special moment.

The fun hasn’t stopped when the school bell rings either! Our children attending Wraparound Care have been having a fantastic time after school, enjoying the opportunity to play, relax and spend time with their friends. Finally, we had another reason to feel incredibly proud this week when our Read Write Inc. partner visited school. They were blown away by the progress our children have made in such a short space of time. This progress does not happen by accident. It is the result of children working hard every day and an incredibly dedicated team of teachers and staff who continually strive to give our pupils the very best opportunities.

From giant swings and water parks to performances, phonics and after-school fun, this week has reminded us that letting your light shine can look different for every child. For one child, it might mean standing on a stage and performing. For another, it might be finding the courage to face a fear. It could be reading something today that felt impossible only a few weeks ago, showing kindness to a friend or simply daring to try something new.

Every one of our children has their own unique light to share with the world and our privilege as a school community is to help them recognise it, nurture it and have the courage to let it shine.

This week, Whitley Memorial has certainly been glowing!

Mrs Roome



We have noticed the lateness levels are creeping up, remember school begins at 8:50am.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	92.2
Year 1	96.5
Year 2	95.5
Year 3	91.1
Year 4	94.8
Year 5	97.5
Year 6	96.8
Overall	95

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
01/10/26	TTRS Day – information to follow
02/10/26	Shine Awards – Parents invited
05/10/2026	Reception – Year 6 Parents’ Evening
06/10/26	Y1 and Year 2 Forest School Afternoon – information to follow
07/10/26	Nursery – Year 6 Parents’ Evening
08/10/26	Y6 Safety Works Visit
09/10/26	Shine Awards – Parents invited
13/10/26	Year 3 and Year 4 Forest School Afternoon – information to follow
14/10/26	School Photo Day
15/10/26	Y6 Cross Country – St Benet Biscops
16/10/26	Out of School Achievements – Parents Invited
20/10/26	Year 5 and Year 6 Forest School Afternoon – information to follow
21/10/26	KS2 Recycling Workshop
23/10/26	Harvest Festival – St Cuthbert’s church



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Thank you for attending Macmillan Coffee Morning, it was a huge success and we are incredibly proud of all the children. Also thank you to the PTA for helping serve on the day!





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