



Whitley News

2nd October 2026



What an incredible week it has been at Whitley Memorial! There has been a real buzz around school, with our children shining in so many different ways.

One of the biggest highlights was our TTRS Rock Star Day. Our children arrived at school dressed and ready to rock at maths ...and rock at maths they certainly did!

Throughout the day, the children took part in Times Tables Rock Stars battles, maths hunts and secret code challenges. The energy around school was brilliant and it was great to see the children so determined to put their maths skills to the test. They threw themselves into the activities, supported each other and, of course, enjoyed a little friendly competition along the way!

There was also excitement for some of our youngest children this week as our Nursery pupils received their Bookstart packs. We love the thought of these books heading home to be shared with families. Developing a love of reading starts from such an early age, and those moments spent enjoying a story together are so important. We hope our Nursery children enjoy exploring their new books at home.

There have also been some exciting changes to our Key Stage 1 outdoor provision. It is continuing to grow, giving our children even more opportunities to take their learning outside.

The new water trays have been a huge hit this week and the guttering and stands have sparked some fantastic ideas. It has been lovely to watch the children building tracks together, testing out what works and changing their designs when things don't quite go to plan. This is learning through play at its very best. This week has been another reminder that children can shine in all sorts of ways. It might be mastering a times table, taking a new book home to share or having an idea and finding a way to make it work.

What matters is that our children are excited to learn and have the confidence to give things a go.

There has certainly been plenty of that at Whitley Memorial this week!
Mrs Roome



Attendance is thriving – thank you for bringing your children in to school promptly and ready to learn.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	96.1
Year 1	93
Year 2	93.4
Year 3	90.4
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	94
Overall	95

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
05/10/2026	Reception – Year 5 Parents’ Evening
06/10/26	Y1 and Year 2 Forest School Afternoon – information sent in a letter
07/10/26	Nursery – Year 5 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 sent in a letter
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 sent in a letter
21/10/26	KS2 Recycling Workshop
23/10/26	Harvest Festival – St Cuthbert’s church

Monday 5th and Wednesday 8th Parents’ Evening:

Please come to the main school office where one of our Year 6 children will accompany you to your teachers classroom. Childcare is available in our KS2 wrap around area. We are looking forward to sharing how your child/children have settled into the new academic year.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!



TTRS Day





Bookstart







Shine Awards

