



# Whitley News

9<sup>th</sup> October 2026



What another fantastic week it has been at Whitley Memorial!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have been making the most of their Forest School sessions this week, developing their personal development skills in the great outdoors. It has been fantastic to see them building confidence and learning to take sensible risks as they challenged themselves to climb trees. For some children, this meant pushing themselves a little further than they might normally feel comfortable, while for others it was about knowing their own limits and making safe decisions. Our Year 6 children have also been out and about this week, visiting SafetyWorks! This is such a valuable experience for our oldest children, particularly as they begin to develop greater independence and prepare for the next stage of their education. During their visit, the children explored a range of everyday situations designed to help them recognise potential dangers and make sensible decisions. From road safety to understanding how to respond in an emergency, the interactive activities encouraged them to think carefully about their own safety and that of others. These are such important life skills and it is wonderful that our children have the opportunity to develop them in such a practical and memorable way.

When I think about everything that has been happening across school this week, it really does remind me of what it means to let our light shine. We want every child at Whitley Memorial to recognise that they have something special to offer and that every achievement, however small it might seem, is worth celebrating.

With that in mind, a little reminder that next week we will be celebrating our children's out of school achievements! We absolutely love hearing about all the wonderful things our children get up to beyond the school gates. Whether it is a sporting achievement, learning a new skill or simply doing something they are really proud of, we cannot wait to hear all about it. We know our children have so many talents and interests and it is always a joy to give them the opportunity to share these with us.

There has certainly been plenty of learning and laughter at Whitley Memorial this week, and I am looking forward to celebrating even more of our children's achievements next week!

Mrs Roome



Please remember to contact the school office if your child is absent from school.

| Year Group | Percentage |
|------------|------------|
| Reception  | 98.9       |
| Year 1     | 86.1       |
| Year 2     | 91.7       |
| Year 3     | 88.2       |
| Year 4     | 95.8       |
| Year 5     | 94.6       |
| Year 6     | 91.6       |
| Overall    | 92.3       |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

| Date     | Event                                                                    |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                  |
| 06/11/26 | EYFS Nursery Rhyme Parent share                                          |



## Shine Awards





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# Y6 Safetyworks!



# Y2 DT Moving Monsters!

