



Whitley News

16th October 2026



There have been so many lovely moments across Whitley Memorial this week and it has been a real joy to see our children letting their light shine in so many different ways.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have enjoyed another successful Forest School session, developing their confidence and independence in the great outdoors. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been busy investigating which materials would make the best waterproof tent for Barnaby Bear. It has been wonderful to see their scientific thinking in action!

Our Year 6 children also represented school brilliantly at the cross-country event at St Benet's, organised by Mr Fletcher from St Bede's. What a fantastic success! We are so proud of everyone who took part and showed such determination.

However, some of my favourite moments this week have been the little celebrations of success. I have had boys running up to me, bursting with excitement, to share the progress they have made in phonics. I have also presented Headteacher's Awards to children in EYFS who can now write their own names and draw themselves with all their body parts. The pride on their faces was simply wonderful!

I also enjoyed walking around school to see maths in action. I was blown away by the children's arithmetic skills and the purposeful learning taking place in every classroom.

As I take a moment for spiritual reflection this week, I find myself thinking about the people who help others to shine. Our wonderful staff work tirelessly to create these moments of success, offering encouragement and celebrating every step forward. The joy that achievement brings our children is something truly special and it reminds me why we do what we do.

At Whitley Memorial, letting our light shine is not just about our own achievements, but about helping others recognise the light within themselves.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Roome



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

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	98.3
Year 1	93
Year 2	93.8
Year 3	92.5
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	97.2
Overall	95.2

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date	Event
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



Year 6 Cross Country





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