# Whitley News

23rd October 2026

What a week it has been at Whitley Memorial! There have been so many wonderful opportunities for our children to learn , explore and let their light shine. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic Forest School day, putting their teamwork to the test as they built their own dens. It was wonderful to see them working together and encouraging one another.

One of the highlights of my week was our beautiful Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert's Church. It was such a special opportunity for our school community to come together in thankfulness and reflection, reminding us of the importance of gratitude, generosity and caring for others. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and to Reverend Helen and her wonderful team for leading such a lovely service.

Our Key Stage 2 children have also been thinking carefully about how we can care for God's wonderful world through their recycling workshops. Year 3 created planters, Year 4 made tote bags, Year 5 explored making birdseed paper and Year 6 designed bird feeders. What a fantastic way to bring creativity and environmental responsibility together!

Year 6 also enjoyed a visit to St Benet Biscop this week, where they had great fun exploring the school and experiencing some of the exciting learning opportunities on offer. Meanwhile, Year 3 continue to make wonderful progress with their ukulele lessons. It has been lovely to see their musical confidence growing, and I have a feeling a few ukuleles might be making their way onto Christmas lists this year!

Of course, this week also brought a visit from Ofsted. Whilst inspections are always busy occasions, it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to continue doing what they do every day – letting their light shine. I was incredibly proud of the way they approached the week, and I would also like to thank our parents and carers who took the time to speak with inspectors or complete the parent survey. Your support and encouragement mean so much to our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break full of fun and family!

Mrs Roome

Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance has dipped this week. Did you know that just one day off school means missing 5 hours of valuable learning? Every day really does count!

| Year Group | Percentage |
|---|---|
| Reception | 90 |
| Year 1 | 96.5 |
| Year 2 | 97.2 |
| Year 3 | 89.3 |
| Year 4 | 91.9 |
| Year 5 | 94.3 |
| Year 6 | 90 |
| Overall | 92.9 |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| 02.11.26 | Flu Immunisation Team |
| 06.11.26 | Shine Awards - Parents invited |
| 08.11.26 | Sunday – Remembrance Service Parade – we would love for any children or families to join us. |
| 09.11.26 | Y2 Synagogue Visit |
| 10.11.26 | Peace Service in school 9 am – Parents invited |
| 11.11.26 | Acts of Remembrance Service – Bedlington Front Street – more information to follow |
| 13.11.26 | Children in Need – Non uniform day<br>Pudsey's Got Talent Worship – 9 am – Parents Invited |
| 16.11.26 | Y5 Visit to St Benet Biscops to watch Billy Elliot |
| 20.11.26 | Non Uniform day to collect Tombola Prizes for the Christmas Fair – More information to follow<br><br>Out of School Achievements |
| 25.11.26 | Y1 and Y6 Mosque Visit |
| 27.11.26 | Shine Awards – Parents invited |
| 02.12.26 | Whitley Friends Christmas Fair – starts 2:30pm |
| 10.12.26 | EYFS and Y1 Northern Stage Theatre Visit – The Christmas Sorting Office |
| 11.12.26 | Y2-Y6 Pantomime Visit – Whitley Bay Play House Snow White |
| 18.12.26 | Christingle at St Cuthbert's Church Rec- Y6 |
| 18.12.26 | School Singalong 1:15 – School playground<br>School Finishes at 1:30pm |

# Y5 & 6 Forest School



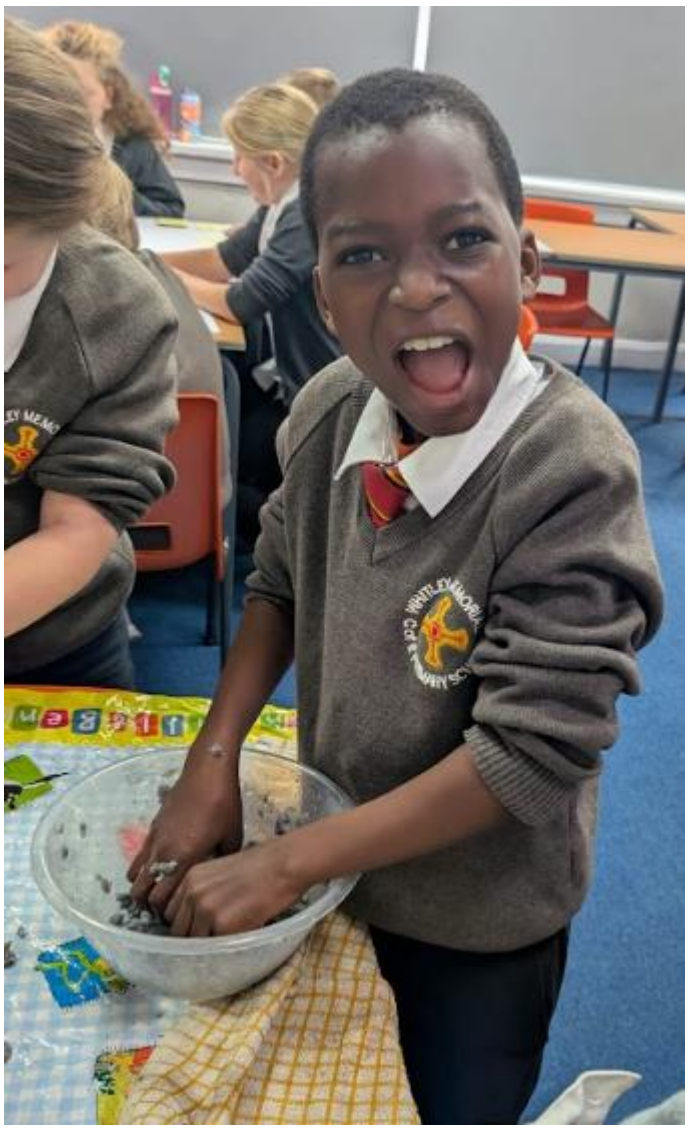








# Recycling Workshops












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# Ukulele





# Y1 DT – Tree of Life



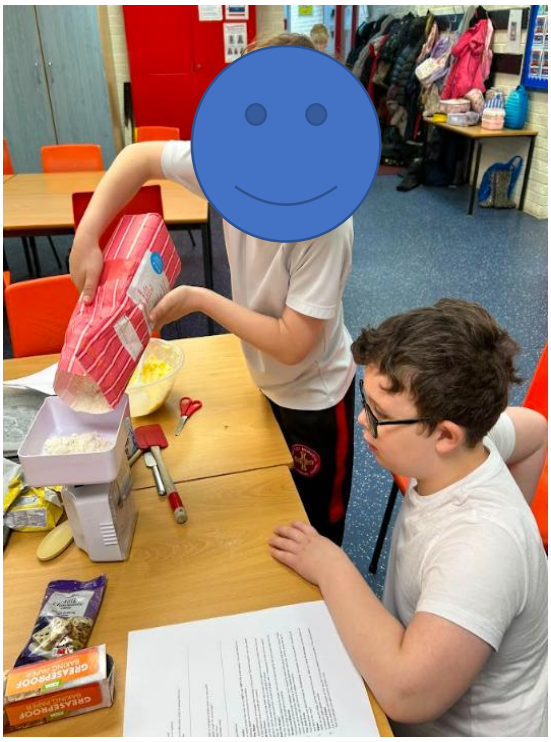








# Y4 DT – Cookery











# Forest School Learning









