Whitley News

13th November 2026

What a truly special and memorable week it has been at Whitley Memorial! This week, we have had the privilege of representing our school at the Bedlington Remembrance Parade and at the school's service. We were incredibly proud of our children who showed so much respect. Remembrance is such an important opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as all those who continue to serve and protect us.

Meanwhile, our Year 2 children enjoyed a very special visit to the synagogue. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of Judaism, explore a place of worship and learn more about the beliefs, traditions and practices of others.

We also had plenty to celebrate as part of our Children in Need activities, with a very special Whitley's Got Talent Worship! What a treat it was! We were thoroughly entertained as some of our wonderfully talented staff took to the spotlight to share their hidden talents. There was plenty of laughter, lots of cheering and some fantastic performances. It was a brilliant reminder that talent comes in all shapes and forms, and that we have some very special stars within our own school family! We also raised an amazing £150 for the charity.

Our worship was also a particularly emotional one as we took the opportunity to say a very special goodbye to Mrs Martin, who officially retires today. It is difficult to put into words just how much Mrs Martin has meant to Whitley Memorial and to the wider Bedlington community. Over the years, she has touched the lives of so many children and families, creating memories, building relationships and leaving a lasting legacy that will continue for many years to come. Her kindness and commitment have made a difference to generations of families and she will be missed more than she will ever know. We wish her the most wonderful retirement, filled with happiness, laughter and lots of time to enjoy the things she loves. Thank you, Mrs Martin, for everything.

As we say goodbye to Mrs Martin, we are also looking forward to welcoming Miss McLean back to school on Monday, when she will be taking over from Mrs Martin. We know she will be warmly welcomed back with us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Roome



Year Group	Percentage
Reception	88.9
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	92.8
Year 3	87.8
Year 4	92.9
Year 5	97.9
Year 6	94.2
Overall	93.1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember all dates are subject to change and events may

Date	Event
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 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
04.02.26	Shine Awards – Parents invited
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 School Finishes at 1:30pm

Please check the Christmas dates for information about school productions, carol singing and Christmas parties.

Worship Leaders and Eco Champions





Remembrance









Y2 Synagogue











Children in Need







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Inter Faith Week

Poetry Competition 2026

The Faith & Belief Forum

As part of Inter Faith Week, we are inviting all children to take part in our **Poetry Competition!**

The Challenge

Write a poem of **no more than 20 lines** on the theme:

'Lighting the Way for a Shared Future'

You can:

- draw on your own experiences (e.g. family, community, celebrations),
- make it a personal poem, or
- write more generally about what different faiths and cultures believe.

Key Information

Complete at home: Children should create their poem at home.

Hand in at school: Please bring your completed poem into school.

Closing date: Monday 23rd November.

National competition: A panel from the Inter Faith Week team will be judging all entries, and prizes will be given to the winners.

We look forward to reading the children's creative and thoughtful poems!

WHITLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tombola & Raffle Donations

NON-UNIFORM DAY
Friday 20th November

Wear your own clothes and bring a prize donation!



Chocolates & biscuits



Pamper treats & smellies



Candles & cosy gifts



Toys, games & puzzles



Festive food & hot drinks



Bottles & bubbly

Please bring new, unopened items.
Alcohol donations from adults only.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas fair!