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DATES

December

Wed 10th—NHS Flu Immunisations for those who have registered online

Thu 11th—Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm (Please see page 2)

Wed 17th—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Fri 19th—Last day of the Autumn Term

January

Mon 5th—First day of the Spring Term

Fri 16th—FoWs Break the Rules Day (Details to follow)

Mon 26th—Pianist Iyad Sughayer visiting school

Term Dates Available on School Website

2025 –2026 —[Click here](#)

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times because we teach new content every single day.

2026 Residentials

Y2 & Y3 Tattenhall Residential -Tues 30th June—Wed 1st July

Y4 London Residential - Tues 24th—Wed 25th March

Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential - Mon 6th—Friday 10th July

Details to follow

Parent Carer Meetings

Here are the key dates for each class:

•**Reception & Year 6:** March 4th 2026

•**Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5:** June 17th & 18th 2026

Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to

Reminder

**No Celebration Assembly until Thursday 18th
due to the stage being out**

Cheshire West Library Service Visits Whitley in Style!

We were delighted to welcome the Cheshire West Library Service to Whitley Village School this week – arriving in their brand-new electric vehicle! The children loved exploring the mobile library and discovering new books. It was a fantastic way to spark curiosity and encourage reading for pleasure. If you've never joined a library, why not make this 2026 year you do? Libraries offer so much more than books – from eBooks and audiobooks to family activities and local history resources. They are a brilliant way to nurture a love of reading and curiosity in children and adults alike.

Here are some local libraries you might like to visit:

Cheshire West

- **Northwich Library** Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR
More details [here](#)
- **Weaverham Library** Russet Road, Weaverham, CW8 3HY More details [here](#)
- **Barnton Library** Townfield Lane, Barnton, CW8 4LJ More details [here](#)

Halton

- **Halton Lea Library**, Second Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 2PF
- **Widnes Library**, Victoria Square, Widnes, WA8 7QY Full details on Halton libraries

Warrington

- **Warrington Library**, Museum Street, WA1 1JB
- **Penketh Library**, Honiton Way, WA5 2EY

Joining is free and easy – and it opens the door to a lifetime of learning and enjoyment.



Building an Inclusive Learning Culture: Appreciative Enquiry in Action

As part of our Trust's commitment to an inclusive learning culture and within her new role as Deputy Director for Primary Education, Mrs Broom organised an Appreciative Enquiry at West Lancashire Community High School, a special school successfully meeting the needs of pupils with learning difficulties. Mrs Downey and I conducted this enquiry this week, alongside other Headteacher and SENDCo colleagues from within The Rowan Learning Trust.

We were inspired by the school's dedication to inclusion and reminded of the power of collaboration in inspiring delivering high-quality education for all.



Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Athletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before you win. If you would like a number and to help support school,

Please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or

littlhayjay@gmail.com

Lottery Winners

We have lots of spare numbers so please consider supporting this initiative.

19/11/2025	10	ROLLOVER	
22/11/2025	35	Charlotte Mottram	£50
26/11/2025	40	Rollover	
29/11/2025	46	Rollover	
03/12/2025	1	Rollover	



Please consider choosing a spare number

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE VIRTUAL TICKETS

Thursday 11th December
2pm and 6pm

Due to fire regulations in the hall, only 4 tickets per household can be allocated on School Spider. 2 can be used for the afternoon performance and the other 2 used for the evening performance. If you do not require some of your tickets, please let the school office know by **Monday 8th of December** so that we can have more people seated and less people standing. Children will need to be back at school at 5.30pm for the evening performance. The main school door will open at 5.30pm.

Many thanks.



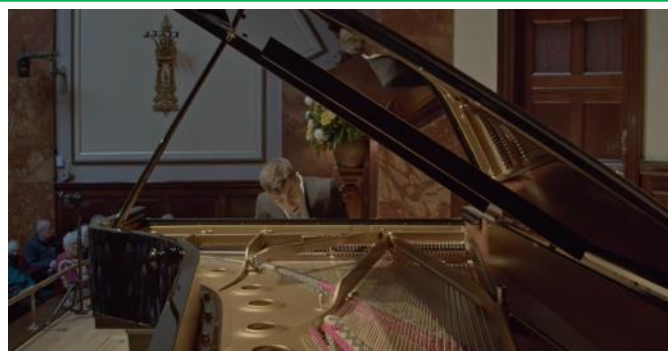
Empowering Children Through Ownership of Learning

Over the past year, we have been working closely with our pupils to help them take greater ownership of their learning. One of our key priorities has been making engagement more visible and meaningful. To support this, we have drawn heavily on the renowned Australian academic Amy Berry's research in this area.

Her Engagement Continuum Model has been a powerful tool in our classrooms. It helps children understand what genuine engagement looks like and gives them the language and confidence to take more agency in their own learning journey.

This week, we were thrilled to hear directly from Amy Berry, who generously shared resources to help us measure our progress and gather more pupil feedback. These tools will enable us to refine our approach and ensure that every child's voice is heard.

Although we are a small school, we pride ourselves on being outward-facing and committed to continuous improvement. By embracing innovative pedagogical approaches, we strive to be the very best we can be.



Special Performance at Whitley

On **Monday, 26 January**, Whitley Village School will welcome Iyad Sughayer, the acclaimed Jordanian-Palestinian classical pianist, for a very special performance and some pupil workshops.

We are now planning to invite parents and grandparents to join us for an exclusive afternoon recital before the end of the school day. Full details of this event will be sent out next week.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils and families to experience world-class music right here at Whitley. We are thrilled to offer enrichment activities like this, which inspire creativity and broaden horizons.



Please encourage any prospective parents to contact us to arrange a visit.

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At Whitley, we place great emphasis on ensuring that all our pupils have access to a wide range of enrichment activities. These experiences are designed to broaden horizons and nurture essential life skills. It was a real pleasure to see so many of you join us at St Luke's Church, situated in the heart of the village. This charming church provided the perfect setting for the children's first public performance of the Christmas season. Opportunities such as these encourage pupils to step beyond their comfort zones, fostering resilience and confidence as part of their ongoing character development journey. We are immensely proud of their efforts and grateful for the support of our school community in making these moments so special.



ICE 2026... GIBRALTAR



The **Girlguiding International Community Experience (ICE)** is a program offered by **Girlguiding UK** for members aged **11 to 13** who want to explore international opportunities and develop leadership skills. It's designed to give young people a taste of what it's like to take part in community projects abroad

Sophia has earned a place on the ICE trip to Gibraltar as the youngest guide in the Northwest and now needs your support to fundraise!

With your help, she'll spend a week exploring, meeting local Girlguiding members, joining activities, and completing a community action project—learning new skills and making a real difference. 🌍 ☀️ ✈️

To raise funds, Sophia will be running a couple of fun games at the school Christmas performances, with prizes to be won—so **please bring some cash!** Many thanks for your support!



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