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DATES

May

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th—Year 6 SATS Week (Breakfast for Y6 children)

Thu 21st—New Reception Parents Meeting

Mon 25th—Fri 29th— Half term Holiday

June

Mon 1st—Y4 Multiplication tables check start (2-week window)

Mon 8th—Start of Y1 Phonics screening check

Sat 13th—Rose Queen Event (meet at school at 1pm and depart at 1.30)

Wed 17th & Thur 18th—Y1—Y5 Parent / Carer evenings

Tue 30th—Wed 1st—Y2 & Y3 Residential to Tattenhall

July

Mon 6th - Fri 10th —Y6 Residential to Min-y-Don

Mon 13th—Reception & Year 6 Reports sent out

Wed 15th—FoWs Dressdown Day, £1 optional donation

Fri 17th— 9:15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Term Dates Available on School Website

2026 –2027 —[Click here](#)

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



Year 5 have been enjoying their Bikeability training this term. Bikeability is a national programme that teaches children how to ride their bikes safely and confidently on the road. During the sessions, pupils learn essential skills such as balancing, signalling, understanding road signs and making safe choices when cycling near traffic.



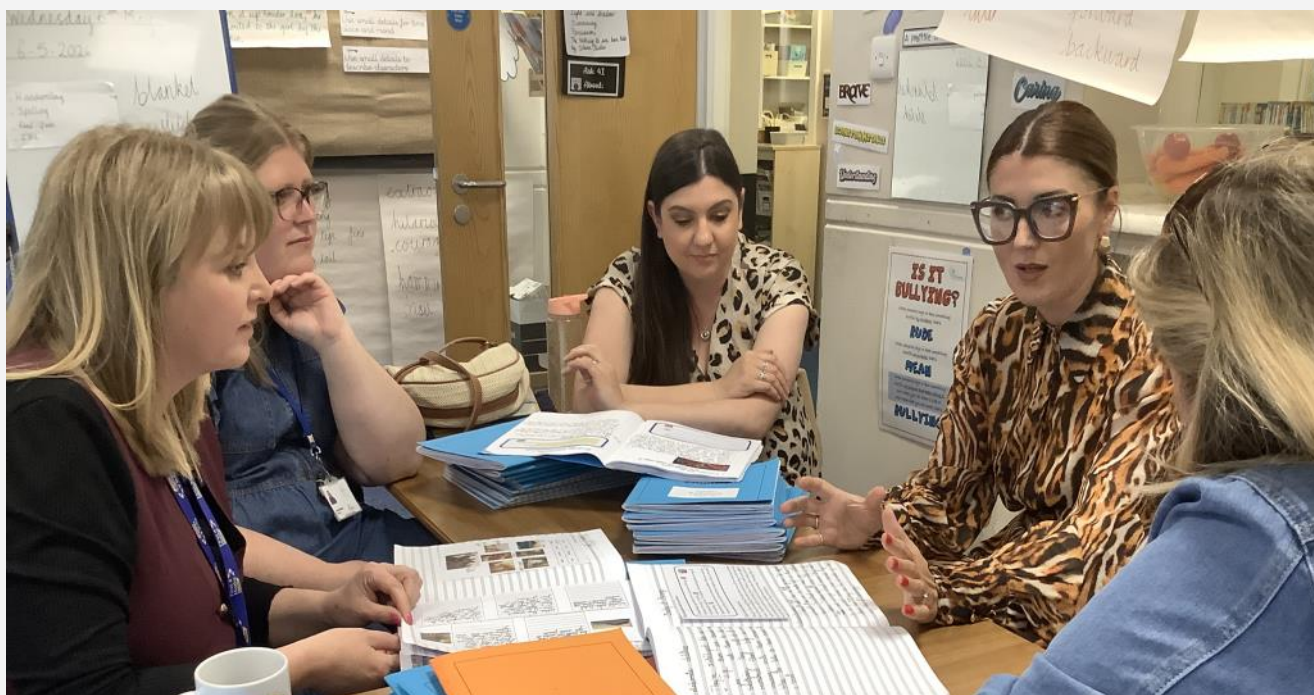
New Appointment: Miss Bellion Joins Our Team

As outlined in my recent letter to parents, we are delighted to welcome Miss Bellion, who will be joining Whitley Village School in September as our new Class 2 teacher, replacing Mrs Downey.

Miss Bellion has spent the past year working in one of our Trust schools and comes highly recommended by her Headteacher. Prior to joining the Rowan Learning Trust, she gained two years' experience across a range of roles, including in a school of a similar size to Whitley. She has also worked in a special school, where she developed a strong understanding of inclusive practice and supporting pupils with SEND.

Although she will be greatly missed by her current school, we are very pleased to welcome her to Whitley and look forward to the positive contribution she will make to our school community.

Review of Feedback Practices at Whitley



Traditionally, Whitley has placed a strong emphasis on “deep marking” as a central component of our feedback procedures. While this approach has appeared impactful, research suggests that it does not yield the level of pupil progress that justifies the considerable time and effort invested by staff.

In response to this, we are beginning to shift towards a more balanced and effective approach to feedback. The Department for Education (DfE) advocates moving away from workload-intensive marking practices, highlighting that feedback should be meaningful, manageable, and motivating. Their recommendations include:

Using whole-class feedback in place of extensive written comments

Reducing the frequency of detailed marking

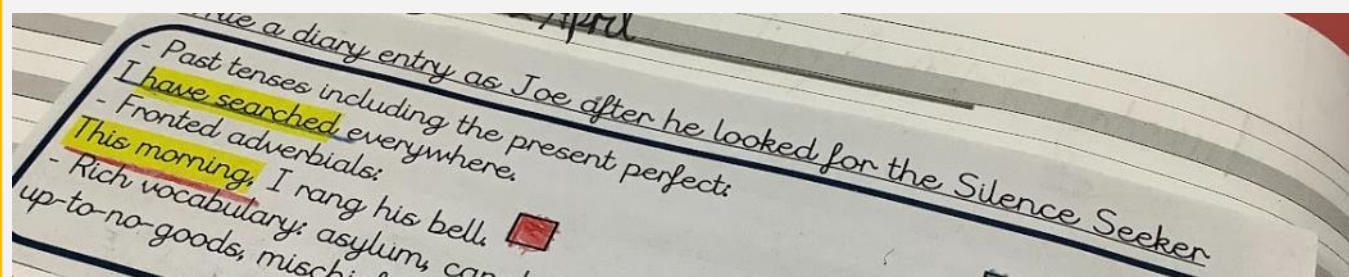
Prioritising high-quality verbal feedback

This shift also considers the pupil experience. Extensive written annotations can sometimes leave children feeling overwhelmed or discouraged, as though they have not met expectations. Instead, our revised approach will focus on targeted feedback, enabling pupils to respond promptly, make improvements in the moment, and feel a sense of achievement in meeting lesson objectives.

To support this development, we have visited another school within our Trust to observe this approach in practice and evaluate its impact. While all work will continue to be read carefully by teachers, there will be a stronger focus on delivering feedback during lessons, as well as at key points where pupils need to address identified priority areas in their learning.

We will monitor the impact of this approach closely, working alongside external partners such as The Literacy Company, as well as through regular Trust visits. Once we are confident in the effectiveness of our revised feedback procedures, we will begin to embed these practices fully, ensuring that pupils develop the editing and improvement skills necessary to support their learning.

This approach will ensure that Whitley remains aligned with the practice of other high-performing schools that have successfully adopted similar methods.



WANTED!

Crafters needed for a local artisan market in aid of Friends of Whitley School. The event is on Saturday 4th July.

Tables cost £20 + a small donation from any profits you make.

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Polite Reminder

I would like to remind our school community that the land in question belongs to our immediate neighbour. Out of respect, we kindly ask that families do not allow their children to play in this area, as it is private property.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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

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04/03/2026	45	Rollover	
07/03/2026	19	Rollover	
11/03/2026	14	Rollover	
14/03/2026	59	Mike Ruane	£50
18/03/2026	54	Emma Dillon	£25
21/03/2026	46	ROLLOVER	
25/03/2026	43	Sally Janes	£50
28/03/2026	18	Nicole Greenall	£25
01/04/2026	48	A carter	£25
04/04/2026	52	ROLLOVER	
08/04/2026	37	ROLLOVER	
11/04/2026	31	Elizabeth Janes	£50
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18/04/2026	48	A+S Carter	£50
22/04/2026	7	Rebecca Groom	£25



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