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DATES

May

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

Mon 13th Sports Day at 1.30pm start

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



Staffing Update



Miss Bostock has been successfully running her own cleaning business alongside her role at Whitley Village School. Due to growing demand, she has made the difficult decision to leave and pursue this full-time.

While we do not often experience staff changes at Whitley, please be reassured that Mrs Downey and I are in the process of recruiting a new Class 3 Teaching Assistant.

This has been a carefully considered decision, and Miss Bostock remains deeply committed to the school. She plans to return to visit the children next half term, which we know will mean a great deal. We thank her for 10 years of dedicated service and wish her every success in this new chapter. Her warmth, dedication and strong relationships with pupils and families have made a lasting impact on our community, and she will be greatly missed. Her positive influence and unwavering support have helped shape many happy memories for our children.

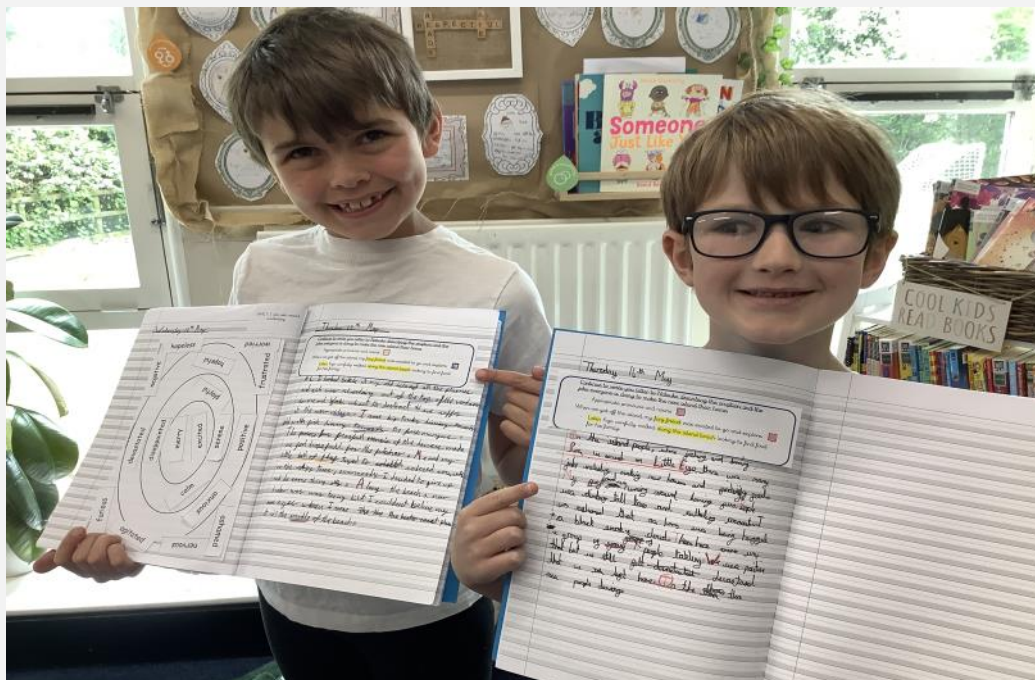
A Proud Moment: Year 6 Celebrate The End Of Their SATs Journey

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and staff for their sterling efforts over the past couple of months. It has been truly heartening to see such high levels of engagement and satisfaction as the children reflected on and celebrated their individual progress. I am especially grateful to Miss Baines and Miss Bostock for preparing the children so thoroughly, ensuring they felt relaxed and confident throughout the entire process. It was a joy to see the children enjoying a range of fun activities today as they marked the end of their SATs in such a positive and well-deserved way.



Enhancing Feedback and Pupil Engagement

The children in Mrs Downey's class have been very busy trialling new approaches to feedback, enabling more immediate, in-the-moment responses. These strategies also encourage the children to engage



more deeply with their learning and take greater responsibility for their progress. During my time observing in the classroom, it was evident that the children understood what was being asked of them and responded positively to the quicker feedback, which helped to acknowledge and reinforce their efforts.

Health & Safety Notice - Play Sand

Some of you maybe aware that back in April the Guardian Newspaper Highlighted an issue with Playsand. We are aware of a national product recall relating to play sand and the potential presence of asbestos. We are taking precautionary measures, including restricting access to sand areas, while following guidance from public health authorities. The safety and well-being of children and staff is our top priority. Current advice indicates that the risk to health is very low.

Updates to Free School Meal Transitional Protection

Free school meals will stay in place for all pupils who qualify under the current rules until the end of the 2025/26 school year. This applies even if your family's situation changes or your child moves to a different school stage.

September 2026

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, all children in families receiving Universal Credit will get free school meals. The current protections will end. Only those who meet the new rules will qualify. The plan is to end transitional protections alongside the change in threshold. Pupils will get free meals if they meet the new eligibility criteria. This is regardless of whether they were previously protected. More details will be shared before September 2026.



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. please contact Teresa on 07738991014 or email fusedglassbyteresa@outlook.com

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Creative Art Inspired by David Hockney

The children in Class 3 enjoyed a fantastic art day inspired by the work of David Hockney. They explored his vibrant style and techniques, producing some wonderfully creative pieces while developing their confidence and artistic skills.

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

28/02/2026	23	Gill Osbourne	£50
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
15/04/2026	25	ROLLOVER	
18/04/2026	48	A+S Carter	£50
22/04/2026	7	Rebecca Groom	£25

SECONDHAND UNIFORM FOR SALE

- Logo sweatshirt £4
- Non logo sweatshirt £2
- Logo polo shirt £2
- Non logo polo shirt £1.50
- Skirt £3
- Trousers £3
- Fleeces £3
- Pinafore dress £4
- Logo PE kit all items £3
- Non logo PE kit all items £1.50
- School book bag £4

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