

Thursday 19th December 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 15



Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.47%

This week's winning classes: 97.5% 1M and 5W Great!

Well done to our very youngest nursery children who performed a lovely concert for parents last week. Our older children also attended St Paul's church for our annual carol service. Thank you to all of the parents who attended it - the church was full, and it is always lovely to see the school community come together.

Parties, pantomimes and fun have been the order of the day this week. The children have been so happy, and it really is lovely to see them all smiling and excited. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our recent craft afternoons and the feedback from parents has been really positive. We have planned in a Spring art afternoon for next term so please do check the calendar dates for that and we are hoping to do something a little more 'energetic' for the summer term which will align with our sports and fitness week!

Finally, thank you for the many lovely emails and conversations had this week with both myself and wider staff. Your praise for the staff and the school and the sharing of your children's own experiences of the school have been fabulous to hear and means an awful lot to both the staff and myself. It is a privilege to spend our days working with your amazing children and we are very thankful for the opportunity.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy holiday and looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Best Wishes

Mrs Backhouse



KS2 Carol Service

Thank you to all family members and friends who joined us for the KS2 Carol Service at St. Paul's Church on Friday. Thank you to Rev. Jason and Mr Willis for allowing us to hold this event, a firm favourite with staff and pupils, at the church. We have had some lovely feedback about it. Photos of the service can be found in the news and events section of the school website.



PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events over the past few weeks including Elfridges, Raffle, Wreath Making and Anti-Raffle. The winner of the giant elf was Dylan James. Well done to him!



School closes on Thursday 19th December and re-opens on Monday 6th January. We wish all our families a very happy and peaceful holiday.

Before and After School Clubs

We will send out a new club booking form early in the new year for the Spring term clubs. If your child is on a waiting list, they will automatically receive a place in the club of their choice.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Anya	5M: Ayaan
R1: Aiyla	6W: James
R2: Frankie	6M: Rehan
1W: Arabella	Mrs Cadogan: Laitham
1M: Zander	
2W: Inam	
2M: Eliza	
3W: Scarlett	
3M: Lucy	
4W: Oscar	
4M: Duke	
5W: Jordan	



Parent & Child Craft Afternoons

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas craft afternoons. We have had a lot of lovely feedback about them. Please see below for the dates of our Spring Term parent and child art afternoons.

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Congratulations to our winners this week: Patsy, Charlie, Ismail, Hira, Norah, Aisha, Jack, Oliver and Alfie.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.



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School Council News

The school council treasurers have been busy counting the money raised by the Christmas trolley. The final total raised was an amazing £485! All money raised will be used to purchase new class Lego sets. Thank you to everyone who supported the trolley.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas jumper day on Monday. The total raised by the day is to follow.

Dojo Winners

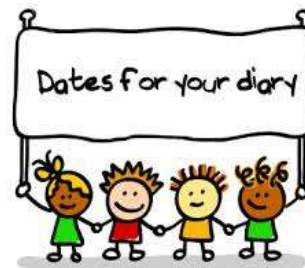
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Eesa	
R1: Harper	5W: Hattie
R2: Jessica	5M: Chase
1W: Anaya	6W: Freya
1M: Ani	6W: Yousaf
2W: Fara	
2M: Louis	
3W: Raees	
3M: Zayyan & Rumaysa	
4W: Freddie	
4M: Harriet	



Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



W/C Monday 20 th January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 27 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 8 th January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd January	Healthy Eating Assembly with School Nursing Team
Friday 31 st January	School Council Break The Rules Day for Springhill Hospice
W/C Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Thursday 13 th February	Year 3 Local Walk - Norden and Greenbooth
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 7 th March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 th March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Monday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 1 st April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Close for Easter Break