

Thursday 18th September 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 3



Well done to all of the pupils across school who have put themselves forward for School Council and Eco School reps this week. We have had some wonderful campaigns, very well presented and thought out with a clear focus on school priorities for pupils. It is always a decision I am glad we as staff do not have to make and it is left down to the pupil vote! Voting will take place this Friday and Mrs Cadogan will announce the elected members as soon as possible. We will celebrate every candidate who has taken the time to join the process - we are proud of them all.

Clubs have started this week, and we are really pleased that all children have been able to be allocated a place in one of their chosen options. From time to time, some clubs have additional spaces, and Mr Chapman will advertise these on our Facebook page. The spaces are open on a first come, first served basis. Where children have not received their first-choice club, they will be put onto a priority list for next term. Please also look out for upcoming information from Mr Humphreys in the next few weeks who will be sharing important news about The Children's University.

Our Dragon's den before and after school club is very popular and a great asset for parents. We are now at our capacity for the numbers of children we are able to accommodate in the spaces we have available. For the moment we cannot accept any new applications but can place children on a waiting list. With that in mind, if you currently have a place on our register that you no longer need then please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer the place to someone else.

Lastly, it is that time of year where the weather is changeable and coats and jumpers are regularly being taken on and off. Please can you ensure that all items have your child's name in and that you check from time to time that the jumpers coming home have the correct name in them. Thank you for your help with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 97.5%

Last week's winning class: 5M 100% Amazing!

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 19th September

Children may come dressed in their jeans for a silver donation on Friday 19th September. They may also wear their own top and sensible footwear. The school has supported this worthy charity for many years so please support this fundraising event.



Parking

School has received a number of requests from local residents to remind parents to park considerately on the streets surrounding the school. Please ensure that the way you park allows residents space to get through to their homes. We thank you for your support with this matter.



Clubs

Thank you to everyone who submitted a club application form. Over 300 responses were received, and Mr Chapman has worked hard to allocate everyone a place in one of their preferred clubs. All clubs began this week. Please let the teacher who runs the club know if your child is unable to attend for any reason.

Data Collection

Please let the ladies in the office know if you need to make any changes to your data collection sheet. It is very important that we have up to date telephone numbers to enable us to contact you quickly.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Zaynab	5M: Annabel
R1: Eesa	6W: Jordan
R2: Rory	6M: Zayd
1W: Molly	Mrs Cadogan: Zayd
1M: Isaak	
2W: Idrees	
2M: Erin	
3W: Ava	
3M: Eliza	
4W: Ciara	
4M: Layla	
5W: Duke	



Four Books Challenge

The Four Books Challenge has been launched again this year. Your child will be coming home soon with a sheet to evaluate the four books set for their year group. There are copies of the books in school if your child would like to borrow one. Lots of children participated in the challenge last year and we hope lots will this year.

European Languages Day

This will take place on **Friday 26th September**. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information about this event.

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates before the holiday were: Jude, Nell, Isaak, Iris, Haris, Owen, Annabel, Jack and Roman.

Well done to them!



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School Council / Eco Council

Voting for school and eco councillors will take place this Friday (19th September). A councillor will have the responsibility of taking ideas and suggestions from year one and the foundation stage to ensure that their voice is heard. Children will have had the opportunity to make a speech in class or share a PowerPoint presentation during the week leading up to the voting day. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward for nomination if they are interested in being a school councillor or eco rep.



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: George	
R1: Maia	5W: Lucia
R2: George	5M: Dawood
1W: Deen	6W: Gabriel
1M: Hattie	6M: Riley
2W: Charlie	
2M: Evie	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Liyana	
4W: Ezaan	
4M: Rumaysa	

PTA News

Hello everyone!

Details of our upcoming AGM will be published shortly.

The term of office is coming to an end and there are a number of committee roles that will need to be filled to enable our PTA to continue.

As our PTA is a registered charity, these roles are a statutory requirement and to enable our PTA to continue to run events, we need to elect more committee members.

If you don't feel you can commit to being on the committee, we are also asking for parents to volunteer to help with the organisation of any future events and fundraising activities. Discos for example take a lot of time and preparation so help with shopping, setting up, tickets etc is needed, as well as helping on the evening for the duration.

If you are able to give time to help or have suggestions or ideas, please come along to the meeting.

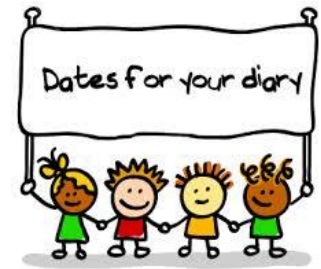
If you are interested in taking on one of the committee roles, please message the PTA Facebook page directly and we can let you know what the roles entail or please speak to a member of the current committee.

Thanks so much and we hope to see you at the meeting.

WMPTA

Dates for the Diary Autumn 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.



Thursday 11 th September 2025	Neeli Mosque Assembly
W/C 15 th September 2025	Before and after school clubs commence
Wednesday 17 th September 2025 5.30pm	EYFS Parents' Reading Meeting
Friday 19 th September 2025	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
Friday 19 th September 2025	School Council and Eco Council Voting Day
Friday 19 th September 2025	Year 6 Poetry Morning - Spotland Library
Friday 26 th September 2025	European Languages Day
Friday 26 th September 2025 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Highwood Hall
Monday 29 th September 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Experience
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Year 6 Poetry Morning - Spotland Library
Friday 3 rd October 2025 (pm)	Year 6 Crucial Crew - Rochdale Football Club
Wednesday 8 th October - Friday 10 th October	Year 6 Mount Cook Residential
Friday 10 th October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 th October 2025	Group of Year 5/6 Children - Writing Day
Friday 17 th October 2025	PTA Halloween Disco
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.30am
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School Re-Opens
Friday 7 th November 2025	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 10 th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

Christmas Activity Dates To Follow



European Day of Languages

On Friday 26th September we will be taking part in the European Day of Languages. Each year group will be focussing on a different country where they will research the language spoken, landmarks, famous/significant/inspirational people, food, music, and flag etc. We will all come together via Zoom at the end of the school day to share our research with each other. The children can come into school/nursery in non-uniform on this day and, if possible, it would be great if they could wear the colours of the country flag they are researching.

Nursery/Reception - France (blue, white, red)

Years 1/2 - Germany (black, red, gold)

Years 3/4 - Spain (red and yellow)

Years 5/6 - Italy (green, white, red)

The official theme this year is 'Languages open hearts and minds' to reflect that language learning involves both the emotions and the brain.

Thank you for your support with this event.

Mrs Orley (MFL Lead).