

Thursday 2nd October 2025

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 5



This week we have had the opportunity to visit all classrooms to observe learning. As part of this, we have also been speaking to children about their learning, what they enjoy, what they are proud of and how much they remember from previous learning. Children were actively engaged in practical learning and discussions and were able to speak in great detail about the work they are proud of and why and how previous learning is helping them. Behaviour across school is also good. Visitors to the school this week have made several comments about the calm learning atmosphere, the happy relationships across all members of the school community and how positively children talk about school life.

This week, Poppy and Zayd, two of our school Wellbeing Ambassadors, took part in a live Radio Broadcast with Rochdale Crescent Radio. The pupils spoke about what their role entails and why learning supports wellbeing. Both children were absolute superstars as they answered all questions presented to them clearly and articulately. This is no easy feat on a live broadcast. We have two potential radio presenters of the future! Well done Poppy and Zayd - we are immensely proud of both of you!

Also this week, our year three pupils enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age workshop to enhance their history learning. They learned lots about what life was like in prehistoric times through fun and engaging activities.

Lastly, next week is world mental health day and we are holding a coffee morning in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please do join us if you are able to and find out more about what we can offer in school and the outside agencies we work with.

Have a lovely weekend  
*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.68%

This week's winning class: 6W 99.6% Amazing!

## World Mental Health Day Coffee Morning - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Please join us at 9.00am for a coffee morning on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate World Mental Health Day. This will take place in Highwood Hall. There will be the opportunity to speak to Emma, the school young person's mental health practitioner, about the range of mental health and wellbeing support available at Whittaker Moss. We hope to see you there!

## Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. All children should come to school in uniform. If your child has P.E. on this day, they may come to school in their trainers. The school will be open from 8.00am (Please note earlier time) for photos with siblings who do not attend the school.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We will let you know the total raised by the event, shortly.

## European Languages Day

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in their country's colours to celebrate this day with us. Pupils had a brilliant day researching, dancing, cooking and creating pieces of art. Photos of the day can be found on the school website. Thank you to Mrs Orley for organising the day.



## Mental Health & Wellbeing Update

If you have any concerns around your child's emotional wellbeing, there is a range of support that the school can offer to parents. For a wealth of resources, please visit the mental health and wellbeing section on the school website, within the parents' tab. If you would like to speak to someone, please contact Mrs Cadogan, the senior school mental health lead, on the school telephone number or by e-mailing [scadogan@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:scadogan@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk).

Whittaker Moss, along with over 30 other schools in the authority, is part of the Mental Health Support Teams Project. MHSTs are intended to provide early intervention on some mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, such as mild to moderate anxiety, as well as helping staff within a school or college setting to provide a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing. As part of the project, the school has access to an onsite NHS mental health practitioner, one day a week. Referrals to Emma, our practitioner, are through Mrs Cadogan.

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Arhaam	5M: Rayyan
R1: Heidi	6W: Max
R2: Insiyah	6M: Muhammad
1W: Toby	
1M: Hagan	Mrs Cadogan: Ayda
2W: Eva	
2M: Ani	
3W: Hollie	
3M: Ibrahim	
4W: Jorge	
4M: Zahra	
5W: Eesa	



### Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Albie, Reuben, Ammarah, Izzy, Rosie, Zayn, Rayyan, Bella and Hawwa.

Well done to them!



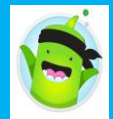
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### School Council / Eco Council

School council and Eco council members received their badges last week. The school council met on Friday to decide roles and responsibilities for the year. They also discussed what fundraising they wanted to do this academic year. The eco council will be meeting shortly to decide on their priorities for the year.

### Harvest Assemblies 2025

Our Harvest assemblies will be led by Stuart Willis (ALM) on **Wednesday 22nd October**. We will be collecting Harvest donations on this day which will go to Rochdale Food Bank and the Rochdale Community Bus. Please send donations into school with your child. We thank you for your support with this - all donations are much appreciated.



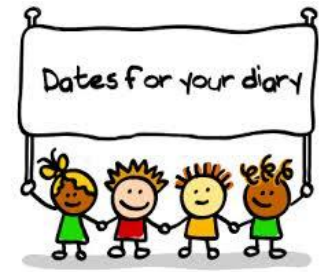
### Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Ivy	
R1: Seb	5W: Idrees
R2: Hayaa-Nur	5M: Ollie
1W: Olivia	6W: Alizah
1M: Arthur	6M: Amelia
2W: Eva	
2M: Zander	
3W: Anabelle	
3M: Haris	
4W: Fran	
4M: Owen	

## 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.



Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Year 6 Poetry Morning - Spotland Library
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 (pm)	Year 6 Crucial Crew - Rochdale Football Club
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Mount Cook Residential
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 9am	World Mental Health Day Coffee Morning
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Group of Year 5/6 Children - Writing Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Years 2,3 & 4 Cross Country Competition
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	PTA Halloween Disco
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Council Network Event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Years 5 & 6 Cross Country Competition
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.00am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<b>No Dragon's Den After School</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Wellbeing Ambassadors Training Event
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Height and Weight
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 5 Dodgeball Competition
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	KS1 Visit to Cenotaph for Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 2 Opera Session In Class
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 4 Dodgeball Competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 3 Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Advent Assemblies
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am -10.30am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mixed Age Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Star of the Term Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Break