

Thursday 9th October 2025

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 6



It is another very busy week in school.

This week our Year 6 children are off for two nights and three days of adventure at Mount Cook. They will be taking part in lots of activities which will challenge them personally and which will require them to work as teams. They always have a great time and we look forward to seeing all of the Facebook and website updates. We will send text messages to parents to let you know return times on Friday. We expect it to be at the end of the school day but sometimes traffic can delay them a little. Thank you in advance for the staff who have volunteered to give up their time to go with them and make the trip possible.

Friday is World Mental Health Day and we will be holding a coffee morning with our MHST practitioner, Emma. She is an excellent source of information and advice and we are lucky to have her here working with our children and families. Please do call in for a coffee, a biscuit and a quick chat if there is anything you would like to ask.

Well done to our Year 5/6 Basketball players who were the first of many teams we have out representing the school over the year. They looked fabulous in their school kit and represented the school wonderfully. Two teams went out, returning with a bronze medal. Well done! It is Year 2/3/4's turn next week for cross country.

A quick reminder to finish with, we are receiving a lot of emails from other parents and our neighbours about inconsiderate parking around school. Whilst we all understand the difficulties of primary school drop offs and the need for people to come in cars in order to get straight off to work, please don't park over residents drives or block the streets and pavements around school. It is dangerous for our children first and foremost, but it also means our neighbours can't get to/from work or onto their own properties.

Have a lovely weekend

*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 1M 99.3% Fantastic!

## World Mental Health Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to those who attended our coffee morning yesterday to mark World Mental Health Day this week. We hope you found the opportunity to speak to Emma, our Young Person's Mental Health Practitioner, useful. If you require any further information on anything discussed around mental health at the event, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Cadogan or Mrs Beswick.

## 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** for photos with siblings who do not attend the school.

## SEND and SALT Padlet Links

Please visit the parents' section of the school website to find links to useful Padlets created by the LA SEND and Speech and Language teams. Both padlets contain lots of useful information about provision and services in the Rochdale borough.

## Allergies

We politely ask that parents do not put products containing nuts into children's packed lunches as we have an increasing number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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## Christmas Craft Afternoons

After the popularity of the event last year, we are once again inviting parents and carers to come into school to complete a Christmas craft with their child in their classes. The dates for the afternoons are detailed in the dates for the diary section of this newsletter. Due to limited space, we ask that only one parent or familiar adult per child attends the afternoon. Happy crafting!

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Wilfie	5M: Max & Ayaan
R1: Lewis	6W: Eliza
R2: Musa	6M: Musa
1M: Teddy	Mrs Cadogan: Poppy & Zayd
2W: Darcy	
2M: Zander	
3W: Ayva	
3M: Archie	
4W: Faith	
4M: Phoebe	
5W: Finn	



### 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: Esme, Abigail, Molly, Idrees, Arnie, Max, Alisha, Azka and Hayat.

Well done to them!



### School Council / Eco Council

School council members will meet on Monday, due to Mrs Cadogan being away with year 6 on their residential. Council members will vote on which charities to raise money for this 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 Food Bus. Please send donations into school with your child. We thank you for your support with this - all donations are much appreciated.



### Dojo Winners

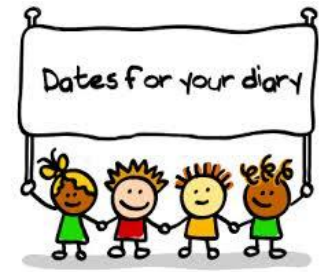
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Dottie

R1: Musa	5W: Isabella
R2: Anya	5M: Buddy
1M: Ammarah	6W: Isabelle
2W: Grace	6M: Eddie
2M: Thomas	
3W: Inam	
3M: Haris	
4W: Rukaiyah	
4M: Knoah	

## 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.



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 and Rochdale Community Food Bus
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 with Rev. Margaret Smith, Rochdale Chaplain
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

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