

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 8



We enter the half term break with the same momentum we have had all term. Our School Council hosted yet another packed network meeting on Monday. They have become so popular that Rochdale Local Authority are having to find a bigger venue to hold the spring Term event! Staff and children from over 8 Rochdale schools attended on Monday and our School Council will be assisting and assessing them to meet the next level on their journey.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Harvest Festival on Wednesday. The items will be going to help Rochdale family's in need and I know they will be gratefully received.

Miss Harrison's running club continues to go from strength to strength. This week it was the turn of our Year 5 and 6 runners to represent the school at an event hosted by Meanwood school. Once again, they were amazing, not only for their running skills but also in their conduct and behaviour. Year 5 won first place with second place going to Year 6. An amazing result, well done everyone!

Over the half term holiday, we will be having further building upgrades carried out to the lighting and ceilings across Nursery, Reception and Year 1 areas. There is a possibility that the electrical work might affect our servers and therefore our capacity to pick up emails and phone calls. It did happen over the summer holidays and although we are hopeful it won't happen again, we apologise in advance if there are any issues and ask for your patience if we are unable to pick up communications or return contacts.

Please remember there is no after school Dragons Den on Tuesday 4th November (first week back). We are completing statutory whole school training during that time. Dragoon's Den will return to normal hours the following day.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone when we re-open on Monday 3rd November. *Mrs Backhouse.*

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning classes: R1 99.3%, 3W 99.3% & 6M 99.3% Fantastic!

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

The PTA annual pumpkin carving competition will take place on Friday 24th October. Please leave pumpkins on the school field before school for judging. Please see the flyer below for further information.

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.



Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion during this week and the first week back after half-term. Please send your child with a donation into school if you would like them to support this worthy cause. There is a minimum donation of £1 for wrist bands and £1.50 for slap bands.

Half-Term Break

School closes for the half-term break, this Friday (23rd October). School re-opens on Monday 3rd November. We wish our families a lovely week.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will take place between the 7th and 13th of November. We are asking that money to purchase a book is sent in an envelope with your child's name on. Please indicate if you do **not** wish your child to purchase stationery items. Each class will be assigned a day to bring their money in. The average price of a book is £7. Class days are as follows:

Friday 7th November: R1, R2, Nursery
Monday 10th November: 6W, 6M, 5W, 5M
Tuesday 11th November: 2W, 2M, 3W, 3M
Wednesday 12th November: 1W, 1M, 4W, 4M
Thursday 13th November: Last chance for all pupils

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Esme 5M: Ethan
R1: Ibrahim 6W: Azeem
R2: Zakariya 6M: Rumaisa
1M: Arthur Mrs Cadogan: Hassan
1M: Frankie
2W: Grayson & Lottie
2M: Nelly
3W: Jax
3M: Liyana
4W: Francesca
4M: Zayyan
5W: Salah



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: Harri, Eesa, Harper, Ismail, Ayva, Josh, Amaya, Khadijah and Noah.

Well done to them!



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School Council / Eco Council

School council members hosted a network event this week which was attended by school councils from eight other local schools. It was great to share ideas and do some action planning together. Photos of the event can be found on the school website in the latest news and events section.

Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book a virtual or face-to-face appointment for our Autumn Parents' Evenings using our online booking system. Information will go out this Friday about how to book an appointment. Please contact Mrs Cadogan at school if you have any difficulties booking.

Dojo Winners

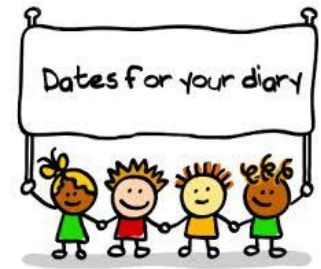
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Albie
R1: Faris 5W: Daniel
R2: Raheem 5M: Olive
1W: Eesa 6W: Aska
1M: Alfie 6M: Eiliyah
2W: Ava
2M: Maya
3W: Sonny
3M: Louis & Eliza
4W: Hibah
4M: Pearl



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 23 rd October 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.00am
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 4th November 2025	No Dragon's Den After School
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Wellbeing Ambassadors Training Event
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Year 6 Height and Weight
Friday 7 th November 2025	Remembrance Assemblies with Rev. Margaret Smith, Rochdale Chaplain
Friday 7 th November 2025 - Thursday 13 th November 2025	Scholastic Book Fair
W/C 10 th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 th November 2025	Year 5 Dodgeball Competition
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	KS1 Visit to Cenotaph for Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Year 2 Opera Session In Class
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Year 4 Dodgeball Competition
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament
Friday 21 st November 2025	Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Year 3 Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Advent Assemblies
Wednesday 3 rd December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 4 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 4 th December	Year 4 Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Friday 5 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon
Monday 8 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Monday 8 th December	Year 5 Ten Pin Bowling Competition

Tuesday 9 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10 th December	Mixed Age Ten Pin Bowling Competition
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 th December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 12 th December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 18 th December	Star of the Term Assembly
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Break

Ladybird Leaders Desperately Needed

St Paul's Church, Norden is looking for two new leaders to run the weekly meetings as the current leader is stepping down at the end of December this year after 17 years! Ladybirds is a group for girls aged 5 - 7 who meet at 6.15pm for an hour on Wednesdays during term-time in St Paul's church hall.

This group will cease to exist if no one steps forward so please consider helping this lovely group of girls learn new skills, play games, create fabulous arts and crafts, go on adventures and have lots of fun.

If you're interested, please contact Jason Powell:

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PTA News

Hello everyone!

We'll be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the Norden Old Library.

This is an important meeting for our PTA, where we'll review the past year, share plans for the year ahead, and elect our committee for the next term.

Our current committee members are happy to stand again, but as all roles are open for election each year, any parent or carer is welcome to put themselves forward. If you're interested in joining the committee or would like to know more about what's involved, please get in touch or come along to the meeting.

Even if joining the committee isn't for you, there are plenty of other ways to get involved — from helping at events to supporting planning and preparation (think discos, shopping, tickets, and set-up). Every bit of help really does make a difference.

We'd love to see as many parents as possible at the meeting — it's a great chance to hear what we've achieved together and what's coming up next.

Thank you for your continued support,
WMPTA



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3rd November
7pm start
Norden Old Library,
Edenfield Road



PUMPKIN CARVING Competition

Friday 24th October 2025

Get ready to show off your pumpkin carving skills! There will be a prize for the winner in each year group, plus a special Parent's Category – so grown-ups, get carving too!

Make sure to pop the creator's name and class on your pumpkin.

Drop off will be in the morning on the field, by the small playground next to the car park. Don't forget to collect your pumpkin at pickup!

£1 per entry

