

Thursday 6th November 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 9



Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful half term holiday. We now embark on what is always the busiest and most fun half term of the school year with a lot to look forward to!

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM this week. The committee are now in place for the upcoming year. They have lots of fun ideas for fundraising and also for adding those extra special touches for the children over the school year. As always, they welcome new members or any offers of help at events.

The diary is full for this half term; please continue to check the dates section for important information about Parents' Evenings, Christmas craft afternoons and shows etc. Parents' Evenings are next week, most parents have already booked in but a small reminder for those who haven't already, appointments can only be booked using your child's school Gmail account details. These are stuck in your child's reading records. The office does not have access to this information and cannot book appointments.

We welcome Mrs Akbar and Mrs Sultan-Higham to the Whittaker Moss team this week. They will be working with children in KS2 and are a very welcome addition to our team. I am sure you will join us in giving them the warmest of welcomes.

Lastly, please can we ask that families remain up to date with payments to the school (particularly Dragon's Den fees). Dragon's Den is operated by the school at minimum cost which just covers the cost of staffing and resources. Some families have built up significant arrears which are now impacting our service delivery. Where there are arrears on accounts, in line with our Finance Policy, we will be requesting the setting up of a repayment plan. If this is not adhered to, this will affect your child's place at Dragon's Den.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 3W 99.7% Fantastic!

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered - there were some amazing creations! Well done to our winners who were awarded their prizes before half-term: Sienna, Daisy, Matthew, Olivia, Teddy, Mason, Oliver, Ralph, Rosie, Jessica, Anees, Lucia, Freddie, Jordan, Amelia and Sarah (Parent Winner).

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.

Harvest 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in donations for Harvest in the last week before the break. Donations were taken to Rochdale Football Club Community Bus and they were gratefully received. School has a food box at the front of the main office where food donations can be placed throughout the year. These are regularly taken to the Rochdale Football Club Community Bus. We thank you for your continued generous support.

Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion during this week. 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.

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: Sienna	5M: Zahra
R1: Cerys	6W: Ayaan
R2: Liyana	6M: Chase
1M: Jamal	Mrs Cadogan: Aria
1M: Albie	
2W: Aariz	
2M: Aiva	
3W: Sonny	
3M: Teddy	
4W: Ava	
4M: Ayat	
5W: Emily	



Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates before half-term were: Zayd, Noah, Lily, Evie, Jess, Alyssa, Adam, Eddie and Nell.

Well done to them!



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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met this week to discuss fundraising events for the year. Members voted to have a dress in pyjamas and movie afternoon in the Spring Term for Manchester Children's Hospital and a Break the Rules Day for Cancer Research, in the Summer Term.

Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book a virtual or face-to-face appointment for our Autumn Parents' Evenings, which are on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November, using our online booking system.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that only plain, small studs should be worn in ears for school. Ear-rings must be taken out for P.E. lessons or medical tape worn if ears are recently pierced. Watches that have cameras are not allowed in school for safeguarding reasons.

Dojo Winners

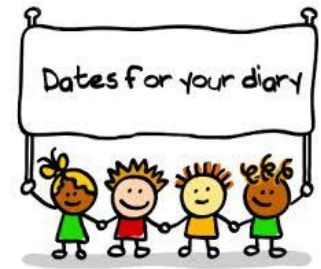
Well done to all our dojo points winners for the week before the holiday:

Nursery: Jude	
R1: Zach	5W: Aria
R2: Roman	5M: Buddy & Annabel
1W: Hira	6W: Daniyal
1M: Frankie	6M: Isla
2W: Eileen	
2M: Amber	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Iqra & Haris	
4W: Toby	
4M: Alyssa	



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 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
Monday 10 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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Children In Need Friday 14th November 2025

Children may come in non-uniform (spots if they wish!) on Friday 14th November 2025 for a small donation for Children in Need. As this is a large national charity event, you are able to make a donation through your ParentPay account.