

Thursday 20th November 2025

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 11



We had good fun last Friday for Children in Need Day. Thank you for all of the donations which go to a very good cause and for taking part in our non-uniform day.

Following the rather windy and wet weather last week, it seems we might now be visited by snow. Either way it is due to get extremely cold indeed. Please make sure your children have suitable clothing to keep them warm outside and also that everything has their name in it so we can make sure the right gloves etc go home with the right person.

Our Year 5 pupils will be visiting Jodrell Bank this week. They will be exploring the history of astronomy and radio telescope technology, seeing the iconic Lovell Telescope and learning about its very important role in research across a number of years and also will have the opportunity to explore science exhibitions in the Space Pavilion and the Planet Pavilion's Clockwork Orrery (a working model of the solar system). We are sure they will have an amazing time learning lots of facts and information which will compliment their topic work back at school.

There is a lot to get through in the weeks on the run up to the Christmas holiday. Please keep checking the list of dates at the end of the newsletter to make sure you don't miss anything important. Clubs finish next week (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November) so we are able to get the stage up in the hall and prepare for Christmas. We have dates for Parents' Christmas Craft afternoons which were very popular last year and also dates for performances etc to add to your diary. Whilst there is no restriction on numbers for the KS2 Carol service at church, we do have restrictions for school. Health & Safety regulations about the numbers of people we can have in the hall are very strict. To exceed them would be against the law. This means we can only issue two tickets per child for the performances and you will need to have them with you when you attend. There is always an opportunity to take pictures etc to share with wider family members.

*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 1W 99.3%. Super!

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We took over £2300 in sales which means that the school will receive over £1300 in new books.



## Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for Children In Need last week. We raised over £320 for this worthy cause. Fantastic!

## PTA News

The PTA have lots of exciting Christmas events and surprises coming up. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

Back by popular demand, the PTA Elfridges shop will be opening its door shortly. More details to follow next week.



## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' evenings last week. Please remember to complete the parent survey by scanning the QR code on your child's target sheet.

### Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs will finish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November until after the Christmas break due to the stage going up for Christmas productions. We will send out a new club booking form early in the new year for the Spring term clubs. If your child is on a waiting list, they will automatically receive a place in the club of their choice.

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Zayd	5M: Zainab
R1: Wilfred	6W: Jess
R2: Poppy	6M: Dylan-James
1M: Ava	Mrs Cadogan: Salah
1M: Max	
2W: Charlie & Aariz	
2M: Izzy	
3W: Rosie	
3M: Rosie	
4W: Ruby	
4M: Esme	
5W: Oscar	



### 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: Dottie, Zakariya, Hagan, Zander, Teddy, Lucy, Aisha, Zayd and Ruby.

Well done to them!



### Open Mornings 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

We will be showing prospective new parents around school between 9.30am and 10.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please book a day with the ladies in the school office if you would like to attend.

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### School Council / Eco Council

School council members met this week to discuss plans and a timetable for the Christmas Trolley Fundraiser and ideas for an online safety campaign. The Christmas Trolley Fundraiser will take place during the last two weeks of term. More details to follow next week.

### Christmas Party Dinner Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. This year, pupils have voted for a buffet style lunch rather than a traditional Christmas lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school lunch on that day, please look out for a letter that will be sent home shortly.



### Dojo Winners

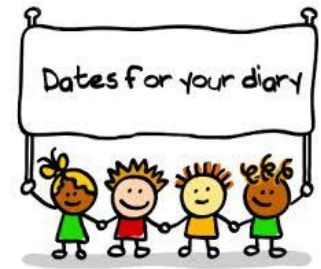
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week.

Nursery: Reyah

R1: Liyana	5W: Kiswa
R2: George	5M: Dawood
1W: Florence	6W: Thomas
1M: Thomas	6M: Arya
2W: Oliver	
2M: Evie	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Mirha	
4W: Cecilia	
4M: Hawa	

## 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 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 the Christmas Break



WMPTA  
*Christmas  
event*  
16th December

WE ARE ASKING FOR A £2 DONATION FOR EACH CHILD TO SUPPORT SOME SURPRISES WE HAVE IN STORE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. WE ARE THEN INVITING PARENTS & GUARDIANS TO JOIN US FROM 3:30PM FOR CHRISTMASSY TREATS AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES



## BAGS 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

We are collecting preloved clothing, paired shoes, bedding and much more to weigh in and raise money for the PTA



- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, cases and duvet covers)



We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*