

Thursday 27th November 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 12



It has been a real pleasure to show prospective parents around our school this week. We always encourage anyone considering our school to come and visit whilst the pupils are working. They are never less than impressed with the children's behaviour, engagement in their work and how confidently they talk about what makes Whittaker Moss so special. The heart of a school is its pupils and I couldn't wish for our pupils to be any better than they already are! We have staff from another local school visiting later in the week and I know they will be equally as impressed. We have parent craft afternoons coming up and look forward to hosting as many parents as can make it. It promises to be another afternoon of glue, glitter and lots of fun. Please be aware that the carpark will be extremely busy on those days so we would recommend giving yourself a little bit of extra time and parking further away and walking in if you are able to. Please also remember to keep our disabled bays free for those with a blue badge. They are much needed spaces and it makes life considerably more difficult for those that need them when they are blocked or parked in by those who could park elsewhere.

Good luck to those children representing school this week in the Rochdale Schools' Cup competition. Mr Chapman is enthusiastic and ready to go. We will provide full school kit and transport there and back for those in the team. Children should arrive to school and be picked up from school in the usual way.

Lastly, thank you to those who took the time to reply to our parents' questionnaire after parents' evenings last week. The results are now published on the school website.

There is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Please check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for dates and times of events.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 5W 98.3%. Super!

PTA News



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

The PTA have a stock of Nativity costumes if you need one and have not found one yet. Please speak to Mrs Beswick about your requirements.

Back by popular demand, the PTA Elfridges shop will be opening its door next week. Children will be able to purchase pre-wrapped gifts for loved ones priced between £2 and £5. If you would like your child to purchase some gifts, please send money into school in an envelope with their name on. The timetable for classes to visit the shop is detailed below:

Monday: Nursery, Reception and Year One

Tuesday: Years Two and Three

Wednesday: Years Four and Five

Thursday: Year Six

Friday: Last Chance - All Classes

We thank you for your support with this fundraising event.

Parents' Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed our recent parents' survey. The results of this survey are now published on the school website under the Parents tab.

Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs will finish on Friday 28th 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: Max	5M: Zak
R1: Daisy	6W: Roxy
R2: Noah	6M: Jack
1M: Finley	Mrs Cadogan: Grace
1M: Bella	
2W: Rory	
2M: Caleb	
3W: Inam	
3M: Imogen	
4W: Eesa	
4M: Aleena	
5W: Dexter	



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: Freya, Yahya, Biny, Charlie, Ava, Raees, Harry, Khadijah and Poppy.

Well done to them!



Open Mornings 25th and 26th November 2025

Thank you to all parents who attended one of our open mornings this week. We hope you found your visit informative.

Christmas Craft Afternoons

Our Christmas Craft Afternoons will take place the weeks beginning 1st and 8th December. One adult per child is invited to come along and make a craft with their child in their classroom. Please see below for dates and times for different year groups.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met with Mrs Backhouse for a special meeting this week. Members came up with some interesting questions and points for her! The council will meet early next week to finalise the timetable for the Christmas trolley which will take place during the final two weeks of term. Thank you to the school computing club for designing posters for this event, two of which are attached to the end of this newsletter.

Christmas Party Dinner Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 16th 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 return the slip from the letter that was sent out last week by **Monday 1st December**.



Dojo Winners

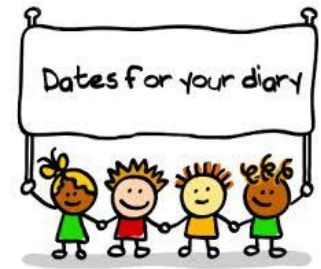
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week.

Nursery: Harri

R1: Blake	5W: Max
R2: Raheem	5M: Emily
1W: Airah	6W: William
1M: Hadi	6M: Zaynab
2W: Idrees	
2M: Izzy	
3W: Sonny	
3M: Sam	
4W: Ruby	
4M: Libby	

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.



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 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 2ND 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*

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS TROLLEY



8th-19th December 2025

Items priced between 50p & £2

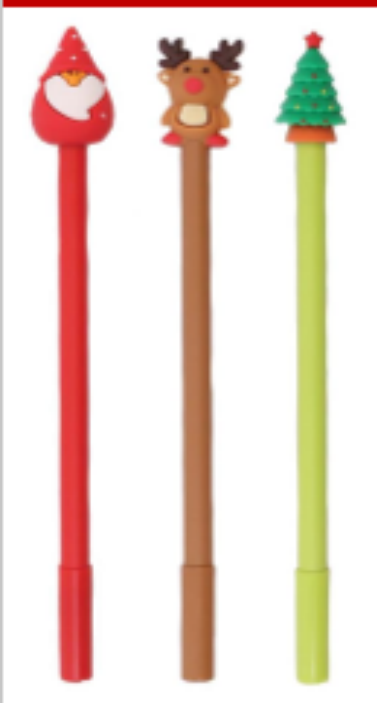
Bring up to £5 to purchase the amazing
Christmas-themed toys!! And stationery!!



This Year's New School Council

CHRISTMAS TROLLEY

8th-19th December



Items priced between 50p and £2. Bring up to £5 to purchase items. There will be various Christmas-themed stationery, toys and fidgets.

By Zayd 6M

