

Thursday 4th December 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 13



Christmas has officially started in school! Our decorations are up and, from this week, we start a number of our festive activities. Thank you to those who have made arrangements to attend our Parent Craft afternoons. They are always good fun, well attended and the feedback from both children and parents is always very positive. Thank you to our PTA who provide the funding for all the additional resources. All money raised through events goes directly back to the children which is a huge help to the finances of the school. From here on in it's going to be a haze of glitter, glue and Mrs Cadogan's Christmas trolley!

Next week we start with our EYFS and KS1 Christmas shows. Tickets will go out by the end of this week so please keep them somewhere safe. Due to fire regulations, we can only issue two tickets per child and have to be very strict about this. Please don't bring additional people or come without a ticket. If you will not be using your tickets then please return them to us so we can redistribute them. We are happy for people to go onto a waiting list with the office in case we have any returned tickets.

This Thursday at 3.30 - 4pm, Richard Ronksley, the CEO of ALTUS, will be in school to chat with any parents who wish to talk to him about our current consultation. To help us organise this, please inform the office in advance if you would like a chat with Richard. Thank you to those who have already responded to our consultation. I will be updating the website with further information as we go through the process.

Finally, thank you so much for your generous continued support of both the school and our nominated charities. Please remember, all donations are voluntary and we only encourage families to give what they are able to contribute.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.1%

This week's winning class: 3M 99.3%. 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA by purchasing gifts from the Elfridges shop this week. A massive thank you also goes to all the wonderful volunteers who wrapped the gifts. The shop couldn't have gone ahead without you.

School Council Christmas Trolley

Back by popular demand, the School Council Christmas Trolley will be wheeled out again next week. Children can purchase Christmas themed toys and stationery items priced between 50p and £2 from it. Please send your child in with up to £5 if you would like them to purchase any items from it. Class days are detailed below:

Monday 8th December: Years 4 and 6

Tuesday 9th December Years 3 and 5

Wednesday 10th December: Years 1 & 2

Thursday 11th December: Nursery & Reception

Friday 12th December: All children who forgot earlier in the week.

All monies raised by this event will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments for the school.

A huge thank you in advance of your support!

Advent Assemblies / Religious Education Lessons.

A big thank you to Mr Willis from St. Paul's for leading our Advent assemblies in school this week. Mr Willis then stayed to help Reception with their Christingle making and to talk to pupils about the meaning of the Christingle. Photographs can be found on Tapestry. Rochdale Chaplain, Rev. Margaret will be delivering lessons on the Christmas story for some year groups in the coming weeks.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Amelia	5M: Dawood
R1: Patsy	6W: Ellie
R2: Lottie	6M: Fearne
1M: Florence	Mrs Cadogan: Sonny
1M: Neve	
2W: Darcy	
2M: Freya	
3W: Matilda	
3M: Hira	
4W: Toby	
4M: Hawa	
5W: Harriet	



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: Henry, Rex, Zahlie, Caleb, Ameliya, Kaylib, Zahra, Zac and Beauden.

Well done to them!



Christmas Craft Afternoons

Thank you to all family members who have joined us so far for an afternoon of Christmas crafts. The rest of the craft afternoons will take place at the end of this week and the start of next week. Please check the calendar below for the dates for different year groups.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met on Monday to decide prices for items on the Christmas trolley and to create a timetable for classes to purchase items.

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 previously by tomorrow (5th December).

KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 13th December at 10 am. KS2 parents and family members are invited to join us and to participate in the carol singing.



Dojo Winners

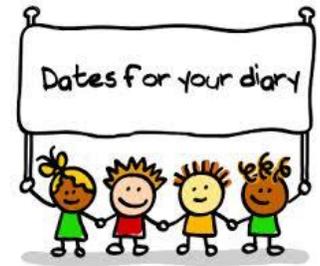
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week.

Nursery: Vincent

R1: Abigail	5W: Jack
R2: Reuben	5M: Ayaan
1W: Yousef	6W: Max
1M: Archie	6M: Riley
2W: Ava	
2M: Maryam	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Eliza	
4W: Joshua	
4M: Nomi	

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 4th 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

Messy Christmas

ALL ARE WELCOME



Looking forward to Christmas

All staff are DBS checked,
First aid and Defib on site



Sunday 7 December 2 – 4 pm

craft



Come to Professor Potty's

Lab

children

please bring an adult with you



Follow us on BC&N URC Messy Church

Website: bcnchurch.org.uk



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

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

