

Thursday 11th December 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 14



We have had a wonderful week of Christmas performances. It always amazes and impresses me how much confidence the children show and how brave they are to stand up on stage in front of almost 200 people to sing and dance. It has been a real team effort between dedicated staff who have worked wonders in co-ordinating up to 60 children at a time, you as parents helping with lines and songs and amazing costumes and most importantly, the children themselves who have really shown us what they are able to do in such a short amount of time. Thank you for taking time out of your days to come and be such a great audience. There was lots of singing and audience participation which made it all the more special. We achieve great things when we all work together and is something that really warms my heart. Thank you also to our PTA who have provided refreshments for each performance, warming everyone up on some quite chilly and wet mornings!

Next week we have five days packed full of fun. We have our choir singing in the community, Christmas jumper/non-uniform day and Christmas dinner day, pantomimes in class and parties. There may also be a surprise visitor (or two) popping in to visit the children during the week, arriving with his 'special carrot eating transport' courtesy of the PTA which we are very excited about and trying hard to keep as a surprise! Please check the date section below for what is happening on each day.

Just a reminder that our consultation for joining ALTUS closes on Monday 15th December. Thank you to everyone who has responded. We have updated the website with further information in response to questions and queries not already covered in the original paperwork.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.8%

This week's winning class: 3M 97.4%. Great!



PTA News

The PTA will be holding their Christmas Event Day on Thursday 16th December. There will be lots of surprises for the children during the day. If you are able, please send in a £2 donation to help towards the costs of the day.

School Council Christmas Trolley

Back by popular demand, the School Council Christmas Trolley will be wheeled out again for a second 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 15th December: Years 4 and 6

Tuesday 16th December Years 3 and 5

Wednesday 17th December: Years 1 & 2

Thursday 18th December: Nursery & Reception

Friday 19th 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!

KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 12th December at 10 am. KS2 parents and family members are invited to join us and to participate in the carol singing.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Tuesday 16th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper / non-uniform - a small donation for Save the Children is welcomed if you are able to donate.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Oliver 5M: Noah
R1: Grace 6W: Sarah
R2: Eleanor 6M: Zac
1W: Amari Mrs Cadogan: Arya
1M: Heidi
2W: Ella
2M: Hattie
3W: Yousaf
3M: Louis
4W: Scarlett
4M: Anees
5W: Isabella



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: Zaynab, Faris, Ada, Idrees, Leo, Jackson, Uh'yab, Max and Alfie.

Well done to them!



Christmas Party Day

This will take place for all classes on Wednesday 17th December. Children may come to school dressed in party clothes but sensible footwear, please.

Christmas Concerts

Thank you to all parents and family members who have come along to support our children in their performances this week. Photos of the performances can be found on class pages and Tapestry.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met with Mrs Backhouse on Monday to provide feedback from pupils about academisation. Members were thanked for taking the time to gather and collate information from their classmates.

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.

Springhill Hospice Reindeer Dash

Classes have completed their Reindeer Dashes for Springhill Hospice this week. The children looked fabulous in their antlers! Please send in any sponsor money before the end of term if possible. We thank you for your generous support with this charity event. We will let you know the final total raised when all sponsorship money has come in.

Dojo Winners

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

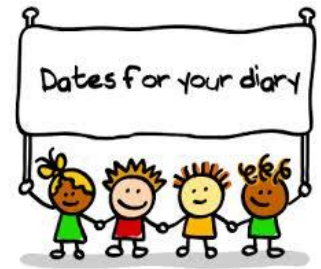
Nursery: Layla

R1: Alayah 5W: Bruce
R2: Ismaeel 5M: Amelia
1W: Eesa 6W: Sami
1M: Isaac 6M: Stanley
2W: Hawwa
2M: Maya
3W: Adeem
3M: Eric
4W: Connie
4M: Saafa



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 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
Tuesday 16 th December	PTA Christmas Surprise 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

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

