

Thursday 18th December 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 15



Well done to our very youngest nursery children who performed a lovely concert for parents last Friday. Our older children also attended St Paul's church for our annual carol service. Thank you to all of the parents who attended it - the church was full and it is always lovely to see the school community come together.

Parties, pantomimes and fun have been the order of the day this week. The children have been so happy and it really is lovely to see them all smiling and excited. Thank you for your support with the parties and the generous donations sent in for the children to enjoy. It is much appreciated.

I do want to say a big thank you to Mrs Beswick and our amazing PTA. This time of year is so busy for them and they give generously of their time on a voluntary basis to make sure all of our children enjoy magical moments. Yesterday, Father Christmas and his reindeers came to visit school and all of the children had the opportunity to go and meet them and receive a special gift for their class. The awe and wonder on little faces was really something special to see and something I know they will always remember. This has all been arranged by our PTA with money raised by yourselves. These experiences bring so much to the wider school and we are very grateful.

Finally, thank you for the many lovely emails and conversations had over the past few weeks with both myself and wider staff. Your praise for the staff and the school and the sharing of your children's own experiences of the school have been fabulous to hear and means an awful lot to both the staff and myself. It is a privilege to spend our days working with your amazing children and we are very thankful for the opportunity.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy holiday and looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.6%

This week's winning class: R1 99%. Super!



KS2 Carol Service

Thank you to all family members and friends who joined us for the KS2 Carol Service at St. Paul's Church on Friday. Thank you to Mr Willis for allowing us to hold this event, a firm favourite with staff and pupils, at the church. We have had some lovely feedback about it. Photos of the service can be found in the news and events section of the school website.

PTA Events

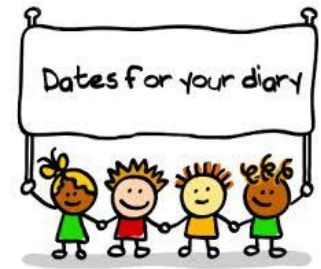
A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events over the past few weeks including Elfridges, Wreath Making and Christmas fun day. Thank you to all members of the PTA who have freely given their time to run these events. Thank you also to Heywood 2020 Rotary for arranging a visit from a very special person!



School closes on Friday 19th December and re-opens on Tuesday 6th January. We wish all our families a very happy and peaceful holiday.

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2026

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 6 th January	School re-opens after the Christmas break
Monday 12 th January	Red Cross First Aid Workshops with Year 6
Tuesday 13 th January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
Tuesday 13 th January 3pm Meanwood School	Year 5/6 Table Tennis Tournament
Monday 19 th January 3pm Meanwood School	Bench ball Competition - KS2 Children
W/C Monday 19 th January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 26 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 6 Talk With Nurse
Thursday 29 th January	Team GB Athlete Visit
Thursday 29 th January 3pm Greenbank School	Year 5 Volleyball Competition
Friday 30 th January	School Council Dress In Pyjamas & Movie Afternoon For A Donation To Manchester Children's Hospital
Wednesday 4 th February	School Council Network Event
Wednesday 4 th February 3pm Greenbank School	Year 6 Volleyball Competition
Friday 6 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
W/C Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	KS2 Girls' Cricket Competition
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 23 rd February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Tuesday 24 th February 3pm Greenbank School	Bowling Event - KS2 Children
Thursday 26 th February	Neeli Mosque Assemblies
Monday 2 nd March 3pm Matthew Moss High School	Year 4 Pickleball Tournament
Wednesday 4 th March	Whittaker Moss Celebrates World Book Day - more details to follow.
Thursday 5 th March	Year 3 Geography Local Walk - Norden & Greenbooth
Thursday 5 th March 3pm Matthew Moss High School	Year 5 Pickleball Tournament
W/C 9 th March	Science Week
Monday 9 th March	Live Animals Science Day - group of KS2 children
Tuesday 10 th March	Neil Griffiths Author Visit Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 11 th March	Healthy Eating Assembly
Wednesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 12 th March	KS2 Mixed Football Competition

Monday 16 th March 3pm St. Mary's School	Year 3/4 Girls' Football Tournament
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 23 rd March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Assemblies
Wednesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 26 th March	Eid Party Day
Thursday 26 th March Highwood Hall 9.15am	Eid Coffee Morning
Thursday 26 th March 3pm St. Mary's School	Year 3 Boys Football Tournament
Friday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Monday 30 th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Tuesday 31 st March 3pm	Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 1 st April	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	School Council Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday 2 nd April	Close for Easter Break