

Thursday 8th January 2026

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 16

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful and peaceful break and welcome you all back to a new term. Once again, the children have returned to school happily and have settled back into work and routines with no issues at all. They are all excited about their new units of work over the Spring term. Please do have a look at the class pages on our website if you have time, where you will find the full overview for the term.

As you will be aware, we have had some 'interesting' weather this first week back. We endeavour to keep the school open whenever we possibly can. On the very rare and few occasions we have had to close, it is because there has not been any viable alternative. If you do not hear from us via text, email or website/Facebook announcement then we are open! It does mean that some mornings might flow a little differently or take a little longer whilst we get all children and staff into the building, but this is far preferable to being closed and is only for a little while at the start/end of the day. Now is probably a good time to also put out a polite request to make sure all hats, wellies, gloves and scarves etc have your child's name in them! Can I also ask that if your child suffers from asthma, please will you check medications are up to date and send an inhaler into school if required? Asthma can flare very quickly in cold, dry air and we would want to ensure that all children have what they need when they need it.

Request forms for extra-curricular clubs will be going out shortly. Please respond promptly and put more than one choice on the form if your child would like to participate. Please also check that the club you are requesting is for the age range of your child. All KS2 children participating in clubs will earn credits with the Children's University (more information to follow later this half term).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend  
Mrs Backhouse

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:  
95.4%

This week's winning class: 4W 98.7% Super!



## Clubs

Before and after school clubs will recommence from the week beginning Monday 19th January 2026. A booking form will be sent out via e-mail on Friday 9th January at 3.45pm. Completed forms must be submitted by Monday 12th January at 12 p.m. to allow time to create lists and registers. Pupils will be informed of their club allocation by Friday 16th January. Clubs being delivered this term are listed at the end of the newsletter.

## PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events in the autumn term. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school. A big thank you also to our dedicated PTA members who work so tirelessly to organise all these wonderful events. Watch out for upcoming spring term events.

## Learning

Please look on your child's class page on the school website to find information about what they will be learning this term.

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### Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all our children who were awarded Star of the Term for the Autumn Term. We are really proud of you all:

Nursery: Elizabeth	5W: Daniel
R1: Yahya	5M: Annabelle
R2: Nell	6W: William
1W: Harper	6M: Amelia
1M: Lily	Mrs Cadogan: Zakariyya
2W: Hawwa	Mrs Backhouse: Bruce
2M: Emily	
3W: Hollie	
3M: Imogen	
4W: Cecilia	
4M: Rumaysa	

### School Council News

Thank you to everyone who supported the council's Christmas trolley. Every penny raised will be spent on new musical instruments for the school. The school council will meet next week to discuss their upcoming Pyjamas and Movie Day for Manchester Children's Hospital later this term.

### Calendar Dates

Please see below for important dates for the Spring term. These may be added to as the term progresses.

### Springhill Hospice Reindeer Dash

Please can any outstanding sponsor money be sent into school by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. Thank you.

### Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates for the week before the holiday were: Amaal, Zach, Florence, Charlie, Rosie, Toby, Aria, Lucas and Arthur.

Well done to them!



Well done to all children in **Greenbooth** which was our winning house last term. Children from this team received an extra break this week.

### Year 6 SATs Meeting

There will be a SATS meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm in the main school hall. Useful information will be shared at this meeting so please attend if you are able.



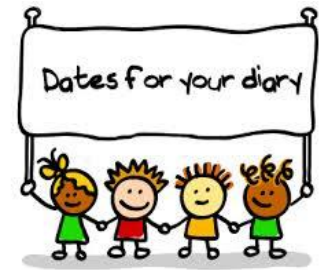
### Dojo Winners

Well done to our overall class dojo winners for the autumn term. You have been amazing!

Nursery: Oliver	5W: Emily
R1: Penelope	5M: Annabel
R2: Roman	6W: Jordan
1W: Nahla	6M: Zayd
1M: Muaad	
2W: Grace	
2M: Evie	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Archie	
4W: Jack	
4M: Nomi	

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

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

## Whittaker Moss Spring Term 2026 Extra-Curricular Clubs

### Mondays

- 8.00-8.45am KS2 Mindfulness Club - Mrs Boughton
- 8.00-8.45am KS1 & KS2 Running Club - Miss Harrison
- 8.00-8.45am KS1 Craft Club - Mrs Hemmings
- 12.30-1.00pm Reception Multi-Skills Club - Mrs Orley
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Gardening Club - Mrs Ashton
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Craft Club - Miss Buckley
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Athletics Club - Mrs Buck

### Tuesdays

- 8.00am-8.45am KS2 Chess Club - Mrs Mellor
- 12.30pm-1pm KS1 Library Club - Miss Lane
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Rugby - Manchester Rugby Club

### Wednesdays

- 8.00-8.45am KS1 Music Club - Mrs Murphy
- 8.00-8.45am KS2 Messy Play - Mrs Beswick
- 12.30pm-1pm KS1 Art Club - Miss Lilley
- 3.30pm-4.30pm Years 4/5/6 Cricket Club - Mr Humphreys
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Computing Club - Mrs Cadogan

### Thursdays

- 8.00am-8.45am KS2 Dodgeball Club - Mr Greenhalgh
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS1 Football Club - Edstart
- 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Football Club - Edstart

### Fridays

- 8.00am-8.45am KS2 Rounders Club - Miss Collier