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This term we welcome Mrs Shoukat to the Whittaker Moss team. She joins us as a Year 2 teacher, taking over class 2W with Mrs Wilmot from the end of January. Mrs Shoukat is a very experienced and accomplished teacher who already knows us well. We are very fortunate to have her join us as a permanent member of the team.

This week our Year 6 children have completed a First Aid workshop with the Red Cross. They impressed the facilitators with their understanding of the importance of being First Aid aware and also how they could help others and make a further positive contribution to their communities by becoming more skilled. Well done Year 6!

Parking

There have been several incidents at the end of last term and the start of this one of people inappropriately using our disabled bays for parking when they are not entitled to do so. Whilst I understand that there aren't always free parking bays to use further up the carpark, it is **never** an option for those without a badge to take up disabled bays. It is inconsiderate at best and dangerous at worst. The children who need those spaces are at serious risk if parents have to park further away from school. Please keep our children safe by parking appropriately.

We have received a new date from the Local Authority for the staff training which had to be cancelled in the autumn term. This will only affect those children who attend our after-school Dragons Den provision on a Tuesday evening. A text has been sent out and reminder signs put up to inform that there will be no Dragons Den after school on Tuesday 31 March 2026. We asked for as much notice as possible so parents can make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your understanding.

This year Ramadan is due to begin on Tuesday 17th February (during half term). As always, we support our Year 5 and 6 pupils in fasting, should they wish, with the permission of their family. We will send information and permission slips out in the next couple of weeks. Please help us to organise provision by returning them to school in good time prior to the half term break. Many Thanks. Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.4%

This week's winning class: 2M 100% Amazing!



Clubs

Before and after school clubs will recommence from next week, the week beginning Monday 19th January 2026. A booking form was sent out via e-mail last week. Pupils will be informed of their club allocation by Friday 16th January. We have tried hard to accommodate first or second preferences but some clubs have proved very popular so your child may be on a waiting list for a club. Please inform the teacher running the club or the school office if your child is unable to attend a club for any reason. If your child is attending a sports club, they will need to bring sports kit to change in to. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the allocation of club places as we have had over 250 applications to sort through.



PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 26th January until Friday 6th February 2026. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any copper coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

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Stars of the Week

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

Nursery: Hashim	5W: Isabella
R1: Evie	5M: Amelia
R2: Reuben	6W: Lucas
1W: Toby	6M: Faizaan
1M: Hagan	Mrs Cadogan: Bella
2W: Adam	
2M: Yusuf	
3W: Henry	
3M: Jessica	
4W: Liza	
4M: Alyssa	

School Council News

Councillors met this week to discuss the upcoming Pyjamas and Movie Afternoon for Manchester Children's Hospital on Friday 30th January. Council members also discussed their ongoing Online Safety Campaign. They will shortly be sending out an information leaflet.

Calendar Dates

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

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: Elizabeth, Roman, Ammarah, Yusuf, Gilya, Kaylib, Noah, Arya and Willow.

Well done to them!



Learning

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

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, please see class teachers for the handouts that were distributed at the meeting.



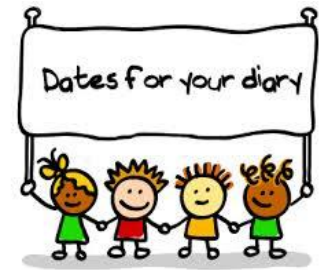
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Aizah	5W: Harry
R1: Hunter	5M: Buddy
R2: Rex	6W: Ayaan
1W: Nahla	6M: Adam
1M: Alfie	
2W: Freddie	
2M: Rumaysa	
3W: Marwah	
3M: Archie	
4W: Maya	
4M: Adam	

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.



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	Year 3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop
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	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 1st 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 2nd 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