

Thursday 26th February 2026

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Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families observing Ramadan this month. We currently have almost 50 of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils fasting and have also welcomed our friends from Neeli Mosque to share with us why Ramadan is so important to Muslims and for children to have the opportunity to ask questions. Once again, we thank both Sobhan and Burhaan for taking time to come and hold another interesting and interactive assembly in school which all children benefitted from.

This week we have been dropping into classes to observe learning with a focus on oracy and vocabulary during lessons. We have seen some fabulous Science work in Years 2 and 4, History and Geography in Years 4, 5 and 6 and Maths and Literacy in our other year groups. The level of technical vocabulary and the accuracy with which is used by children during lessons is exceptional. They are able to articulate what they know to a very high level and then are able to apply this to new learning. Well done everyone!

Please keep an eye out for Parents' Evening information being sent out via letter. Appointments must be booked online using your child's school Google account. As usual, we are offering both face-to-face and virtual appointments and you will need to confirm which one you want when you are booking your appointment.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse

Reminder: There will be no after school Dragons Den session on 31 March 2026. This is so staff can complete statutory training

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.6%

This week's winning classes: R1 & 6W 99.3% Amazing!

Last school week the total days of lost learning due to children being absent from school was 86 days.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Wonderful Words!' Children are invited to come to school dressed in an outfit that represents their word. If they come as 'sporty' they could wear the kit they wear for the local sports team they play for or they could choose a colour as their word and wear clothes in that colour. We just request that children wear sensible footwear. There will be an individual prize of a book of choice for the most inventive interpretation in each year group.



Marie Curie Daffodils

Throughout the month of March, the school council will be selling Marie Curie daffodils. If you would like your child to purchase one in aid of this worthwhile charity, please send a £1 donation in to school with them. At Whittaker Moss, we are proud to support many different charities, and we thank parents for their continued generosity.

Medicines

Whilst we are happy to administer Calpol to children if they become ill during the school day, please remember to send your child in with medicine if you know they are going to require it. Medicine will need to be left at the school office with a completed medicine form. Thank you.



Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day.

Children completed activities in school around the theme of exploring the safe and responsible use of A.I.

Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Vincent	5W: Bruce
R1: Faris	5M: Freddie
R2: Raife	6W: Daniyal
1W: Harper	6M: Stanley
1M: Thomas	Mrs Cadogan: Max
2W: Grace	
2M: Harry	
3W: Fara	
3M: Max	
4W: Rukaiyah	
4M: Lucy	

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 break were: Ivy, Hunter, Airah, Rory, Sonny, Sara, Theo, Roxy and Ella.

Well done to them!



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School Council News

Councillors met just before half-term to discuss ideas for their ongoing Online Safety Campaign. Some councillors will take part in a network event with other schools in March. They will present their online safety leaflet. Councillors will be selling daffodils for Marie Curie during March for a suggested donation of £1.

Parents' Evenings

This term's Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March between 4pm and 7pm. A letter will be sent out tomorrow, explaining how to book an appointment through your child's school Google account. Please indicate in the confirmation box if you would like a virtual or face-to-face appointment when booking.



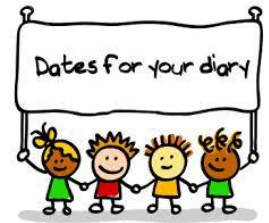
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for the week before the half-term break.

Nursery: Zaynab	5W: Alisha
R1: Billie	5M: Haris
R2: Zakariya	6W: Thomas
1W: Molly	6M: Chase
1M: Teddy	
2W: Anaya	
2M: Nelly	
3W: Aayan	
3M: Haris	
4W: Sara	
4M: Owen	

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.



Thursday 26 th February	Neeli Mosque Assemblies
Monday 2 nd March 3pm Matthew Moss High School	Year 4 Pickleball Tournament
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Please Note Change of Date) - Dress as a word for our 'Wonderful Words' theme.
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	Year 3 Greenbooth Walk (Please Note Change of Date).
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

School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...



Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.



Social Skills

Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.



Routine & Responsibility

Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.



Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



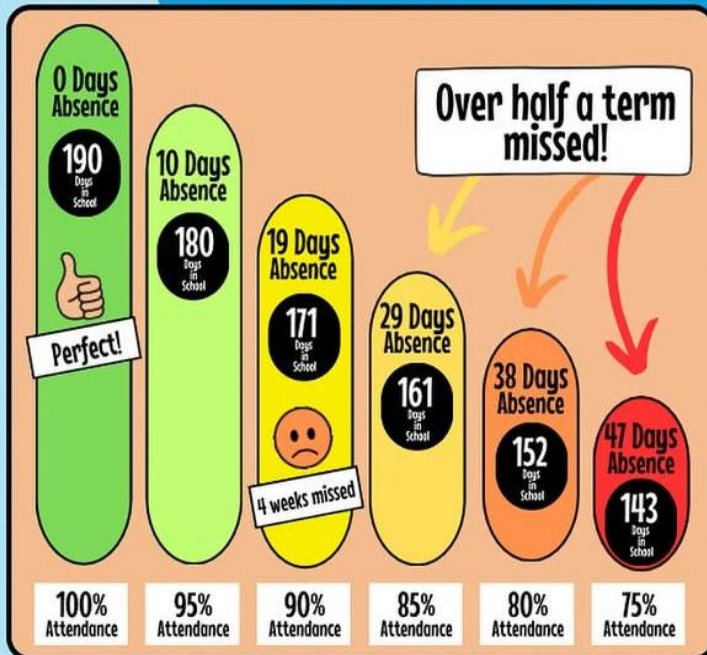
Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.



Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine

A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.

Aim for every day

Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.

Plan appointments carefully

Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.

Talk positively about school

Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.

Stay in touch

When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.

Prepare the night before

Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.

