

Thursday 26th March 2026

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 26

It has been lovely to hear about all the Eid celebrations that took place last weekend. We are really looking forward to our own Eid coffee morning and party day on Thursday this week and celebrating together as a whole school. Everyone is welcome to wear party clothes and contributions of food for the parties are much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended our parents Art Skills afternoons this week, there are lots of photos on our Facebook page from across each year group. The activities were linked to our art curriculum and reflected what the children have been learning in their weekly lessons. We have seen collage, clay, still life drawing and watercolours to name just a small selection of the art seen this week. Our summer term afternoons are sport and PE focused and involve children and parents completing sports activities together. So now is the time to get training!

All of the parents who attended the Year 1 phonics meeting on Tuesday after school will have been given a copy of the PowerPoint information shared at the meeting. If you weren't able to make it, your child will bring a copy home in their book bag. Class teachers are happy to answer any questions.

Three quick reminders for next week: There will be no Dragon's Den on Tuesday evening due to whole staff training, Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to come into school to watch their Easter performance on Monday and Tuesday and we break up for Easter on Thursday 3rd April.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Backhouse

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.6%

This week's winning class: 3W 100% Amazing!

Last school week the total days of lost learning due to children being absent from school was **330 days**.



## Easter Events

Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are invited to enter our decorate an Easter bonnet competition and pupils in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 are invited to enter our decorate an egg competition. Please ensure entries have names and classes on them. Entries are to be brought into school on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. We look forward to seeing them all!



## Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day last Friday. We have raised over £140 for Comic Relief thanks to your donations.

## Eid Party Day

Our Eid party day will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come in non-uniform on this day. Please ensure that sensible shoes are worn. Any food donations will be gratefully received. There will also be an Eid Coffee Morning for parents in Highwood Hall from 9.00am on this day.

## TikTok Information Leaflet

Please read the information leaflet about TikTok at the end of this newsletter. This leaflet was created by Whittaker Moss School Council members as part of their online safety campaign. Councillors chose this platform due to its popularity across school, particularly with our older children.

## Stars of the Week

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

Nursery: Emilia	5W: Aaryan
R1: Blake	5M: Grace
R2: Anya	6W: Alizah
1W: Ada	6M: Fearne
1M: Mia	Mrs Cadogan: Lucia
2W: Isma'il	
2M: Oliver	
3W: Leo	
3M: Rory	
4W: Ciara	
4M: Noah	

## Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates for last week were: Cihan, Lewis, Willow, Jonah, Inam, Jessica, Olive, Alizah and Maia.

Well done to them!



## Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all our year one parents who attended our phonics meeting, earlier in the week. We hope you found the meeting informative. If you were unable to attend, please speak to class teachers for copies of information shared at the event.

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## School Council News

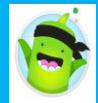
The school council will be running an Easter raffle over the last two weeks of term (50p for two tickets or £1 per strip of tickets). Please send money into school with your child if you would like them to participate in this event. They will also be running a name the bunny or chick competition which is 50p per entry. School council members have voted that the money raised will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments for school.

## Easter Break

School will close for the Easter break on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We wish all our families a lovely holiday.

## Spring Art Afternoons

Thank you to everyone who has joined us this week for our Spring Art afternoons. Photos have been uploaded to the school Facebook page.



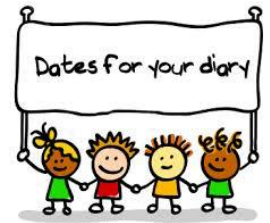
## Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Wilfie	5W: Oscar
R1: Elliot	5M: Annabel
R2: Lottie	6W: Evie
1W: Nahla	6M: Chase
1M: Lily	
2W: Rory	
2M: Zander	
3W: Farah	
3M: Sumayyah	
4W: Maiya	
4M: Anees	

## 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 <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 1st 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 2nd 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.



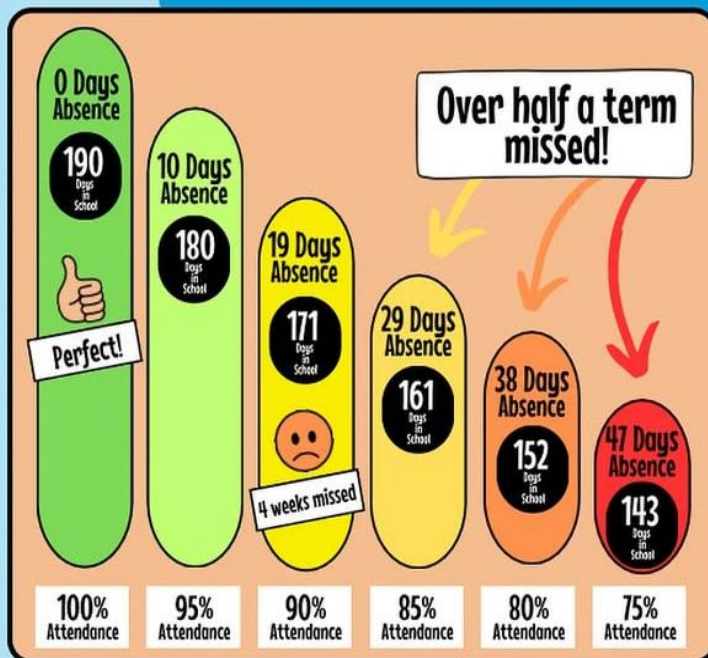
### Building Confidence

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.





# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TIKTOK (13+ FOR AN ACCOUNT)



## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If a child engages with unsuitable content, more videos like it will follow. The sharing of inappropriate content is prohibited but the volume of content means that some unsuitable material slips through the net.



## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With over one billion users of the app, the potential for contact from strangers is high. Content is set to public by default. Remember to change privacy settings.



## DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Some videos encourage children to participate in dangerous stunts and challenges. Unfortunately, some children have died as a result of these.



## BE RESPONSIBLE

Enable family pairing so that restricted mode can be turned on.

Block in-app spending.

Discuss the potential dangers of the app.

