

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 28

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a restful and happy break. We have a very short and very busy half term ahead of us. Diary dates up until the end of the summer term are detailed at the end of the newsletter but please keep checking back as new events may be added. Please can I also ask that any changes in email addresses, phone numbers or preferred methods of contact are communicated to the office as soon as possible so we can make sure that we can get information out to you as soon as possible. If you need any help registering on ParentPay, then please ask the ladies at the office. Lots of our information and booking systems are sent this way and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out.

The children have returned to school happy and with lots of energy! They have enjoyed spending more time outside now the weather has warmed up.

Our clubs request goes live next week. As always, we try to ensure all children get at least one of their choices and will offer spare places out on a first come, first served basis. Clubs are popular and fill up quickly. If your child doesn't get a place in their first-choice club, we will put them on the waiting list for next time.

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 98.7% Great!



Clubs

Clubs will commence from Tuesday 5th May and will run through to the end of the year. Class teachers will let your child know which club they have been allocated by Friday 1st May. The clubs booking form will be sent out on Friday 24th April at 3.45pm via Parentmail. There is a list of the clubs running during this term at the end of this newsletter. Please take a look with your child and speak to them about their preferences.

Easter Raffle

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the School Council Easter Raffle before the Easter break. The raffle raised over £450. This money will be used to purchase new musical instruments for every class in school to use. Also, well done to the winners of the name the bunny and chick competitions. Thanks go to our dedicated school councillors who did a wonderful job of organising and running these events.

Calendar Dates

Please check the bottom of this newsletter for dates of events taking place during this term. These events are also listed on the school website.

Mental Health Support

Please look in the mental health section of the school website (bottom of the home page), to access links to parent and child Padlets that contain a wealth of information and support on a range of mental health topics.

Stars of the Term:

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

Nursery: Dottie	5W: Oscar
R1: Maia	5M: Dawood
R2: Raheem	6W: Azka
1W: Nahla	6M: Isla
1M: Teddy	Mrs Cadogan: Eliza
2W: Eileen	Mrs Backhouse: Aadam
2M: Maryam	
3W: Rosie	
3M: Louis	
4W: Ayda	
4M: Zayyan	

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Winners will be chosen again from this week.



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School Council News

Councillors met this week to discuss their upcoming fundraiser for Cancer Research, their online safety campaign and the upcoming network event.

Water Bottles

Please do not send children into school with screw top water bottles as children often accidentally knock these over. The spillages caused can ruin work. Push top bottles that only allow a small of water out are the preferred option. School water bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Year 3/4 Spring Concerts

Thank you to all parents and family members who attended the concerts before the break. It was wonderful for the children to be able to share their super singing, poetry reciting and dancing with so many.



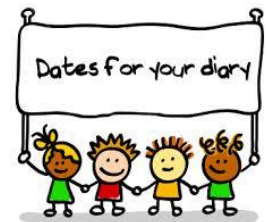
Dojo Winners

Dojo points will start again this week. Points are awarded for good manners, great work, participation in lessons and good effort and focus.

Well done to Knowl Hill who were the winning house team last term. Pupils in this team received an extra break before the holiday.

Dates for the Diary Summer 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.



Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 5/6 Mixed 7 a side rugby tournament
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 5/6 Girls' 7 a side football tournament
Thursday 30 th April	Year 5/6 Boys' 7 a side football tournament
Monday 4 th May	Clubs recommence
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 1 Trip to Smithills Farm
Thursday 7 th May	Year 3/4 6 a side handball tournament
W/C 11 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 11 th May	Year 5/6 handball tournament
Wednesday 13 th May	KS2 Boules Competition
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 19 th May	Neil Griffiths Author Visit
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 3/4 Unihoc Tournament
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 5 Nurse Talk
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5/6 Unihoc Tournament
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes For The Half-Term Break
W/C Monday 1 st June	Year 6 Bikeability For Two Weeks
W/C Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Tables Check Week
Tuesday 2 nd June 5.30pm	New To Reception Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 Trip To The Mosque
Thursday 4 th June	PTA Bags To School
Friday 5 th June	School Council Fundraiser For Cancer Research
W/C 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 5 Geography Fieldwork Trip
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 3/4 Boules Tournament
Thursday 11 th June	Year 5 Boules Tournament
Friday 12 th June	Year 3 Trip To Ribchester
W/C 15 th June	Sports Week
Monday 15 th June 2.30pm	Year 5/6 Parents' Sports Afternoon
Monday 15 th June 5.30pm	New To Nursery Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 16 th June 3.30pm	PTA Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 th June 2.30pm	Year 3/4 Parents' Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18 th June 2.30pm	EYFS Parents' Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18 th June	KS2 Girls' 5 A Side Netball Tournament
Friday 19 th June 2.30pm	Year 1/2 Parents' Sports Afternoon
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Trip To Manchester Museum
W/C 22 nd June	New To Nursery Stay and Play Sessions For Two Weeks
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 Geography Fieldwork
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5/6 Boys' Tennis Tournament

Wednesday 24 th June	Year 5/6 Girls' Tennis Tournament
Wednesday 24 th June	Children's University Graduation - Rochdale Town Hall
Friday 26 th June	Staff INSET Day
Monday 29 th June	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament
Monday 6 th July	Neeli Mosque Assembly & Hajj Workshop
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Boys' Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 7 th July	New To Reception Visits
Thursday 9 th July	School Council Network Event
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Mixed Rounders Tournament
Friday 10 th July	Stuart Willis, St. Paul's Church, Assembly
Friday 10 th July 6.30pm-8.30pm	Year 6 Red Carpet Event
Monday 13 th July 2.45pm	KS2 Childer Assembly
Monday 13 th July	Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 14 th July	End Of Year Reports Out
Tuesday 14 th July	New Reception Visits and Coffee Morning
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Show For Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament
Thursday 16 th July	Year 5/6 Show For Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 th July	KS1 and KS2 Sunshine Assemblies
Monday 20 th July	Star Of The Year Assembly
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21 st July	School Closes For The Summer 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.



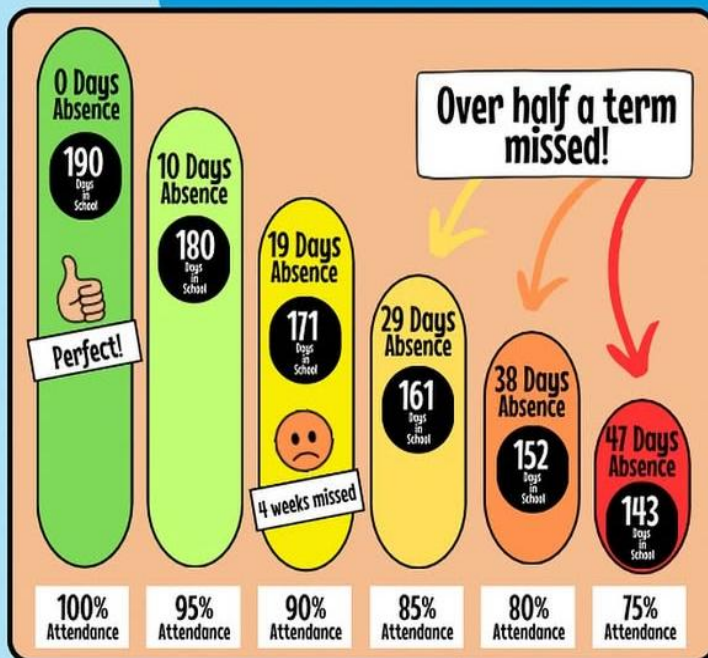
Building Confidence

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.



Whittaker Moss Summer 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 Reception & KS1 Craft Club - Mrs Hemmings
12.30-1.00pm Nursery Multi-Skills Club - Mrs Orley
3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Gardening Club - Mrs Ashton
3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Choir - Miss Buckley
3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Athletics Club - Mrs Buck

Tuesdays

8.00am-8.45am KS2 Netball - Mrs Mellor
12.30pm-1pm KS1 Library Club - Miss Lane
3.30pm-4.30pm Year 2 & KS2 Rugby - Manchester Rugby Club

Wednesdays

8.00-8.45am KS2 Choir - Mrs Murphy
8.00-8.45am Reception & KS1 Messy Play - Mrs Beswick & Miss Eccles
12.30pm-1pm KS1 Creative Writing - Mrs Shoukat
12.30pm-1pm KS1 Art Club - Miss Lilley
12.30pm-1pm Reception & KS1 Mindfulness - Mrs Wilmot
3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Computing Club - Mrs Cadogan
3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Tennis - Mr Greenhalgh

Thursdays

3.30pm-4.30pm Years 1 & 2 Cricket Club - Edstart
3.30pm-4.30pm Years 3 & 4 Cricket Club - Edstart
3.30pm-4.30pm Years 5 & 6 Cricket Club - Edstart

Fridays

8.00am-8.45am KS2 Rounders Club - Miss Collier
3.30pm-4.30pm Reception Multi-Skills Club - Edstart