

Thursday 4th June 2026

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 33

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. A belated Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrated Eid ul-Adha over the holidays.

We have just over 7 weeks to go until the summer holidays and a lot planned in, so it is going to be busy! Please keep an eye on our dates section for the most up to date information.

Miss Buckley got married over the holiday and returns to us as Mrs Oldfield. It was a lovely day with superb weather, and the happy couple have all our best wishes for a happy future ahead.

Our Year 4 pupils are busy this week completing their final practice before completing the Year 4 times table check. All those hours on Times Tables Rock stars really do pay off and it is never too early (or late!) to start. Instant recall of times table facts makes a huge difference to how children can achieve in maths, so it is always worth the time and commitment.

This week we are looking forward to meeting the parents of children who will be joining us in September in Reception. It is the exciting start of what I am sure will be a positive and exciting journey through their primary years with us.

Our Year 5 children will be visiting Neeli Mosque this week. Soban and Burhaan regularly come into school to complete assemblies and workshops with our children and it is a great opportunity for our children to visit the Mosque in person.

For those families who currently use our Dragons Den provision, please keep an eye out for the updated paperwork which will be sent home with your child. This will need to be fully completed and all balances cleared before we can allocate places for the next academic year.

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: 6W 97.9% Amazing!



Break The Rules Day

The School Council Break The Rules Day for Cancer Research, the council's chosen national charity for this year, will take place this Friday, 5th June. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for details of the rules that can be broken. Please send donations in with your child on the day.



Four Books Challenge

The closing date for the read four books challenge is Friday 19th June. Sheets with verdicts written on that were given out in the autumn term must be handed in to your child's class teacher by this date. Winners will be announced shortly after this date and will receive a prize. Thank you to everyone who has read the four books assigned to their year group and has handed in their verdict sheet already.

New Nursery Parents' Meeting

Our meeting for new nursery parents will take place on Monday 15th June 2026 at 5.30pm. This meeting will give parents the opportunity to meet the EYFS team and see the inside and outside classroom areas.

Times Table Check

Our year four pupils will undertake the national times tables check this week. This involves them answering 25 randomly generated times table questions on a computer. They are allowed six seconds to answer each question. Good luck to all of our pupils.

Stars of the Week:

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award for the week before half-term:

Nursery: Zain	5W: Harry
R1: Zach	5M: Max
R2: Poppy	6W: William
1W: Willow	6M: Adam
1M: Lily	Mrs Cadogan: 4W
2W: Mason	
2M: Oliver	
3W: Remi	
3M: Finley	
4W: Hibah	
4M: Rumaysa	

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates the week before the holiday were: George, Blake, Toby, Oliver, Aayan, Ezaan, Emily, Lucas and Molly.
Well done!



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School Council News

Councillors met this week to look at the instruments they have purchased with the money they have raised for school this year. A photo of council members with the instruments can be found on the school website. Councillors also discussed the upcoming Break The Rules Day for Cancer Research. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Uniform Reminders

Please remember that only plain studs should be worn in ears and that ear-rings must be taken out for P.E. lessons or medical tape placed over them if they can't be taken out. Bobbles and headbands should be plain. Please speak to your class teacher if your child needs to wear dark trainers because they have grown out of their school shoes.



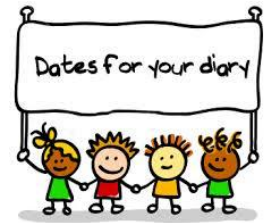
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for the week before half-term. We are really impressed with your efforts.

Nursery: Henry	4M: Phoebe
R1: Faris	5W: Safaa
R2: Ruby	5M: Eva
1W: Olivia	6W: Jordan
1M: Neve	6M: Is'Haq
2W: Lottie	
2M: Yusuf	
3W: Evie	
3M: Sam	
4W: Yusuf	

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.



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
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	Year 4 Trip To Manchester Museum
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



SUMMER FAIR

Tuesday 16th June from 3.30pm

Lots of fun for all the family!

⚽ Penalty shoot out ⚽

🏀 Netball knockout 🏀

🛍 Stalls 🛍

🎲 Games 🎯

★ Plus some special guests... ★





Justin Axon
Training & Consultancy Ltd

Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

'Communication Through Play'

Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'

Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Lifeskills and Independence'

Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'

Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm



Scan QR Code for more & to book!





**FRIDAY 5TH JUNE
BREAK THE RULES DAY
SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENT
HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER
RESEARCH UK**

BRING YOUR TEDDY - 20P

WACKY HAIR- 50P

PAINTED FINGER NAILS- 50P

**NON- UNIFORM, INCLUDING FOOTBALL KITS (NO
FOOTBALL BOOTS)-50P**

FACE PAINT/MAKE-UP- 50P

COME IN YOUR PYJAMAS- 50P



**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS OUR SCHOOL
COUNCIL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THIS
WORTHY CAUSE.**



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**