



Newsletter

Issue No 4

'Pupils behave well in lessons and around school. For example, they enter assembly quietly following well-established routines. There are warm, respectful relationships between staff and pupils, and teachers gently remind pupils of expectations, when needed. Leaders have worked hard to improve attendance. They know that there is still some work to do so that parents understand the importance of pupils regularly attending.'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, we have all been enjoying the sunshine this week. I spoke to the children this morning about the need to *persevere* especially when things get hard because this term the children will be tested. We talked about Derek Redmond, who was an Olympic runner who sustained an injury during the 400m semi-final in 1992. We also talked about the TV presenter David Attenborough who will be 99 years old on 8th May.

Last term we said goodbye to Mrs Adshead in Year 2A and Mrs Haymes who has been at the school for 12 years as a Family Support Worker and more recently a Learning Support Assistant. We would like to wish them both all the best in their new roles. They will be missed by many of us. I spoke to the children about this being a new chapter in a good book and something to look forward to and be excited about.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents Evenings last term. It was great to show off the children's artwork completed during Creative Arts Week. We hope you all found the experience useful. We are always looking for ways to engage positively with parents. Those of you who were not able to attend the parents' evenings please feel free to contact the school and we will arrange a different time for you to meet the class teacher. Please see below the percentages of parents attending on the evening. We are also aware that some of you met with teachers at a different time.

Whitley Abbey Primary School
Parents Evening Attendance
Spring 2025

Class	Number of children in class	Number who attended on the night	Percentage of class who attended
RB	29	18	62%
RH	26	22	85%
1H	28	19	68%
2A	30	23	77%
2D	30	26	87%
3B	30	25	83%
3W	28	21	75%
4S	28	19	68%
4D	29	23	79%
5E	29	22	76%
5H	28	27	96%
6D	30	25	83%
6O	30	23	83%
Average		22.5	78.6%



At the last parents evening in the Autumn Term 2024, we asked you about your experiences in school and we have compiled a summary of these for you with a response from the school.

You Said	We Did
Parents prefer communication via email, text and the school app	We will continue to prioritise channelling information particularly through the use of our school app. All new parents are shown how to add the app to their phones and we're proud that the majority of our parents are now using it to keep well-informed.
You would like more regular updates on curriculum content.	Teachers to share knowledge organisers in English, Maths, Science, History/Geography at the start of each term, enabling parents to begin discussions at home and reinforce learning. This approach aligns perfectly with our Reading and Vocabulary Driver – key vocabulary will be included, giving children an opportunity to explore and deepen understanding of new terms in context.
Feedback can be inconsistent – sometimes overwhelming, sometimes lacking.	On Facebook and the school app, we always prioritise urgent messages to ensure parents are kept up to date with important information. For updates related to the curriculum, upcoming events, or other non-urgent information, we are making a conscious effort to spread these out more thoughtfully. Our aim is to avoid overwhelming families while still sharing valuable content. Additionally, Year 6 parents expressed particular appreciation for the daily photos shared during the Dol-y-Moch trip, which helped reassure them and kept them connected to their children's experiences. This was a new initiative based on parent voice, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
Suggestions for additional family events	We have several events already planned to engage families and are working on expanding these further. For the Spring term, we organised separate discos for KS1 and KS2 pupils, providing an enjoyable social event for children. Additionally, we host our Books for Breakfast event on World Book Day every year, where families are invited into school to celebrate books, which has been a huge success. Another popular event is our International Day, where families bring and share food from their culture in a food-tasting celebration. We are also running workshops for parents to support with learning at home, such as Year 1 Phonics, Year 4 Multiplication Test and Year 6 SATs preparation. We are working to spread these events more evenly throughout the school year.



What types of school events or activities do you enjoy taking part in? Tick all that apply.

Parents' Evening	52
School Performances (plays, concerts)	50
Parental workshops or educational sessions	20
Volunteering in classrooms and at events	17
Fundraising Events	16
Other (please specify)	Sports Days 1

Do you feel that the school provides adequate support for your involvement in your child's education? Please also offer more information if you have suggestions for improvement.

Yes	50
No	1
Suggestions	Regular updates about what is being taught

We conducted a Lockdown practice before the Easter break on Thursday 3rd April. This was carried out in a calm and controlled manner and all the children did as they were asked and sat silently in their classrooms. Teachers and parents prepared the children carefully, so a big thank you from me as we work to ensure everyone is kept safe at Whitley Abbey Primary School.

Please be reminded Monday is a Bank holiday and so children are expected back in school on Tuesday 6th May.

Kind Regards,

Mr Robbie Walker

Headteacher

Whitley Abbey Primary School

House Point Champions

Congratulations to all the children in Malala the yellow house!

Malala 468

Attenborough 383

Mandella 375

Austen 363



Please note only children in Y1-6 are in houses.



Happy Birthday to the following children



Forename	Year	Forename	Year	Forename	Year
Zamar	Nursery2	Noah	Year 01	Leveah	Year 03
Izhaan	Nursery2	Manha	Year 01	Ivan	Year 03
Cezar	Nursery2	DJ	Year 01	Idera	Year 03
Josaiah	Nursery2	Anesia	Year 01	Devanshi	Year 03
Muhammad	Nursery2	Aniyah	Year 02	Vrishika	Year 03
Vian	Nursery2	Lucas	Year 02	Kiyansh	Year 03
Jack	Nursery2	Ethan	Year 02	Teeda-Marie	Year 04
Finley	Year R	Pearl	Year 02	Shratkarsh	Year 04
Vedhik	Year R	Arshika	Year 02	Mihnea	Year 04
Rhythm	Year R	Kavish	Year 02	Sharvil	Year 04
Aaminah	Year R	Mary	Year 02	Harshil	Year 04
Veer	Year R	Rebecca	Year 02	Larisa	Year 04
Haran	Year R	Elena	Year 02	Thanushree	Year 04
Tremaine	Year R	Nicoleta	Year 02	Brody	Year 04
Hanith	Year R	Leo	Year 02	Jolene	Year 04
Adam James	Year R	Minugu	Year 02	Charlie	Year 04
Iyla-Leirae	Year R	Thea	Year 02	Danya	Year 05
Franciszek	Year R	Prayer	Year 02	Tanvi	Year 05
Thomas	Year R	Taeon	Year 02	Joshua	Year 05
Laksha	Year R	Olanna	Year 02	Gabriel	Year 05
Heera	Year R	Kruthvik	Year 03	Henry	Year 05
Nedas	Year 01	Namish	Year 03	Abbas	Year 05
Abdulrahman	Year 01	Inaya	Year 03	Jace	Year 05
Jayden	Year 01	Malik	Year 03	Bethany	Year 06
Fola	Year 01	Casey	Year 03	Demario	Year 06
Dhanvith Reddy	Year 01	Anvikaa	Year 03	Aiden	Year 06
Daiwik	Year 01	Luna	Year 03	Talha	Year 06
Sayed	Year 01	Baraa	Year 03	Feranmi	Year 06
Oliver	Year 01	Jahmai	Year 03	Annabelle	Year 06
Suhirtha	Year 01	Ivor	Year 03	Marley	Year 06
Sahar	Year 01	Ava-Joyce	Year 03	Andrew	Year 06
Marcie	Year 01	Sienna-Rose	Year 03	Rebeka	Year 06
Mansora	Year 01	Kobi	Year 03	Briseis	Year 06
Esmerelda	Year 01			Adhrith	Year 06



Dates for your diary

<u>Date 2024</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 5 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day Lunch
Tuesday 13 th May	Y4 Coventry Cathedral Trip
Monday 12 th May	YR Vision Screening
W/C Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 14 th May	YR Paradise Educational Farm Park Trip
Monday 19 th May	YR Vision Screening
Tuesday 20 th May	Y5 Space Centre Trip
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day of School – Break Up for Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 10 th June	Y2 Weston-Super-Mare Trip
Monday 16 th June	Pools for Schools – Swimming Pool Arriving until Friday 4 th July
W/C Monday 30 th June	Careers Week
Wednesday 2 nd July	Transition Day
W/C Monday 7 th July	Sports Week (children to wear PE kit every day this week)
Monday 7 th July	Nursery & YR Sports Afternoon 2:00 – 3:20 – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 8 th July	Y1 & Y2 Sports Afternoon 2:00 – 3:20 – Parents Welcome
Wednesday 9 th July	Y3 & Y4 Sports Afternoon 2:00 – 3:20 – Parents Welcome
Thursday 10 th July	Y5 & Y6 Sports Afternoon 2:00 – 3:20 – Parents Welcome
Friday 11 th July	School Reports go out to Parents
Monday 14 th July	Y1 Coombe Abbey Trip
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Party
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 18 th July	Family Picnic on School Field
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of School – Break Up for Summer Holiday. Non Uniform Day

