

# Whitley Lodge First School

## Newsletter 15 - Spring 2025



### Curriculum News

#### Parent Questionnaire Spring 2025

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the questionnaires that were available during the Parent Meetings last week.

We are absolutely thrilled to have received **161** total responses. Here are some of the fabulous quotes from across the age range of children at our school.

*Whitley Lodge is a delightful and caring school.*

*A wonderful nurturing school with excellent staff.*

*My child loves attending this school. There is extra help when needed. I love the fact if I needed to talk to a teacher, they're always present.*

*A truly lovely school.*

*Excellent communication.*

*Lovely friendly school.*

*My child is thriving!*

If you have any queries regarding your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We value your feedback at any time.

#### RobinWood

Year 4 children had such fantastic fun in the glorious Cumbrian sunshine.



They showed amazing courage and impressive teamworking skills during the 3-day residential trip.

We are so proud of everyone!



#### Active Mile event!

**Thursday 10th April 2025**

Once again, we have signed up to this National event focusing on physical fitness. The idea is that children will take 15 minutes or so, on that day, to walk, jog or run a mile. The combined target total from participating North Tyneside schools is to break the 20,000-mile barrier. Children should come to school in PE kits on the day.

#### Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Remember to decorate your eggs for the Easter Egg competition. Entries need to be brought in to school on **Wednesday 9 April**, for judging the following day. There will be a prize per class. Each class will get the opportunity to see all entries when they are displayed in the hall. We can't wait to see your eggcellent eggtries!



#### Announcing the Wonder League Winning Team



With **1393** Wonder Points the **Blue Dolphin Team** are the winners. The final count for this term ended with a total of with **6,768** points awarded across school. There was only 7 Wonder Points between the winning team and the runners up. Well done everyone!

**Blue Dolphin Team** will need to come to school in their PE kit on **Tuesday 8 April** please.

Thanks to our amazing School Council who did a great job of doing the final count after we needed to empty each of the pots in the foyer throughout the term when we couldn't fit any more Wonder Points in!



Whitley Lodge Under Fives playgroup open afternoon on **Thursday 1 May** at 1:30pm-3:00pm for children due to start from September 2025. For more information contact 0191 2972002 or email: whitleylodgeunderfives@hotmail.co.uk

#### Diary Dates 2026

Please see the dates section for holiday dates in 2026. There will be many events to add to this calendar but thought it might be useful to give advance notification of some of the key dates for holidays in 2026.

#### Diary Dates

**2025**

- 7.4.25 Spring Disco (Mon)
- 9.4.25 Easter Egg Competition
- 10.4.25 Active Mile Day**
- 10.4.25 Green Class Assembly 9am (Thurs)
- 14.4.25-25.4.25 Easter Break
- 28.4.25 KS2 Swimming starts**
- 5.5.25 May Bank Holiday
- 9.5.25 Purple Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 26.5.25-30.5.25 May Half Term
- 20.6.24 Training Day
- 27.6.25 Yellow Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 27.6.25 Summer Fair
- 9.7.25 Reception Joint Class Assembly 9am (Wed)
- 17.7.25 Last day of term
- 18.7.25 Training Day

#### New Academic Year

**WLFS**

#### September 2025

- 1.9.25 Training Day
- 2.9.25 Pupils return to school
- 27.10.25-31.10.25 Half term
- 19.12.25 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

#### Diary Dates

**2026**

- 5.1.26 Training Day**
- 16.2.26-20.2.26 Half Term**
- 3.4.26-17.4.26 Easter Break**
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term**
- 17.7.26 Last day of term**
- (1 Training Day tbc)**

The next newsletter is out on Friday 2 May 2025.