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DATES

January

Mon 27th—Sports Event for Y5 & Y6 at Weaverham High School

Thurs 30th—3:20pm, Year 4 London Parent meeting

February

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th - Mental Health Week

Fri 14th—Break up for half term

Mon 24th—INSET Day, School close to pupils

Tue 25th—All pupils return for Spring Term 2
Choir to Young Voices in Manchester

March

Wed 12th—Parents Evening Reception and Y6 & Book Look for ALL

Thu 13th—Parents Evening Reception and Y6 & Book Look for ALL

Thur 20th—Fri 21st—Year 4 to London

April

Tues 1st—Reports for Y1—Y5 sent out

Fri 4th—last day of the Spring Term

Wed 23rd—All back for summer term 1

Residentials

Year 6 to Min-y-Don Monday 7th—Friday 11th July 2025



Protecting Young Minds: The Dangers of Children Watching Horrific News Stories

In today's digital age, children are exposed to news more than ever before. While staying informed is important, encountering graphic or horrific news stories can leave young viewers feeling anxious and fearful about their own safety. Stories of violence, disasters, or tragedy can overwhelm children, who often lack the emotional maturity to process such complex information.

Most of us can remember watching the news with our parents. There has always been some very awful news stories, and you might well have seen some as a child. I do, however, believe that we have to be mindful about the content children are exposed to due to their maturity levels. We want them to feel safe and enjoy a life as far as possible free from worry about some of the very negative events in our country and the world.

It's vital to ensure the news children consume is age-appropriate. Platforms like **Newsround Online** or **First News** offer child-friendly summaries of world events, delivering essential information without the graphic details that could cause unnecessary worry. Parents and educators play an important role in guiding children toward appropriate content and discussing current events in a calm, supportive way. Encouraging open dialogue helps children develop a balanced perspective, staying informed and confident without fear overshadowing them.

Yoga Fun

We were delighted to recently host a series of Yoga sessions for the children, delivered by a professional Yoga teacher. These sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore relaxation techniques, improve their flexibility, and develop mindfulness skills. The activities were tailored to their age group, combining fun and movement to promote both physical and mental well-being. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience



Friends of Whitley School (FoWS)

Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Athletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before you win. If you would like a number and to help support school,

Please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or

littlhayjay@gmail.com

Lottery Winners

21/12/2024	8	Leanne Edwards Hodgson	£50
25/12/2024	31	Elizabeth Janes	£25
28/12/2024	55	Rollover	
01/12/2025	41	ROLLOVER	
04/12/2025	28	Leanne Wilson	£50
08/12/2025	21	Suzanne Martin	£25



The children have begun researching the history of Whitley Village School in preparation for our 150th Anniversary open afternoon. Mrs Downey's class is using primary sources, supplemented by support materials, to scaffold their historical inquiry. This approach has allowed the children to effectively extract information from the source material. It was a pleasure to observe the children so engaged in their history lesson, discussing the primary sources with the enthusiasm of young historians. On **Thursday 6th June (2pm - 6pm)** we will open the school for an open afternoon so that present and former members of the school can come and visit this wonderful place of learning and celebrate with us.

Staff News

We have some exciting changes to our site management team coming up!

After a dedicated ten years of service to Whitley, our esteemed Site Manager, Mr Atkins, has decided to embark on a phased retirement.

Mr Atkins has been an invaluable asset to our school, ensuring the safety and compliance of our site and visiting in person each Wednesday. We are grateful for his hard work and dedication, and we wish him all the best as he enjoys a well-deserved semi-retirement, continuing to work four days a week at Acorns while enjoying more long weekends with his family.

To ensure the continued smooth running and safety of our school premises, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Simon Johnson, a local resident, as our new Premises Officer. Mr Johnson will be responsible for all aspects of site management and will be present on site for a portion of each school day.

We are confident that Mr Johnson will bring a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to this role and are excited to welcome him to the Whitley team and look forward to you meeting him soon.





Valentines



KITCHEN



FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 3.15 - 4.15



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