



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 18th September 2026

End of the Week

It has been another fantastic week at Whytrig, filled with positive learning across the school. It is wonderful to see our pupils so focused, engaged, and genuinely enjoying their time in the classroom.

We've sent several messages home recently, so please find below a few reminders of this week's updates!



MCAS- Keeping Your Contact Details Up to Date

A quick reminder to all parents and carers to please check that all of your contact details are up to date on MCAS (MyChildAtSchool).

For some of our pupils, we currently have very limited contact information on file. It is vital that we have accurate, up-to-date phone numbers, emergency contacts, and email addresses so that we can reach you quickly when needed. Please take a moment to log into your MCAS account and ensure your details are fully updated. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our pupils safe and connected!



Compass + Careers Education Tracking

Please remember to complete the Google Form regarding our careers education tracking system, which was sent via MCAS earlier this week. You can also find the form linked directly on the link below.

[Compass+ Careers Education Tracking Parents Form](#)

COMPASS
CAREERS BENCHMARK TOOL

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Next Friday, we are holding a coffee afternoon to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. If you would like to attend, please read and complete the Google form, sent separately today or click the link below.

[Macmillan Coffee Afternoon](#)



We would also welcome donations of shop-bought packaged cakes (no nuts), to be brought in next Thursday and Friday. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you.



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Autumn 1 - Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 24th September - School Photographs
- Thursday 24th September - Year 7 Nissan Visit
- Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Please complete the Google Form to attend
- Monday 28th September - Year 4 Open Evening
- Tuesday 6th October - Year 8 Akzo Nobel Visit
- W/C Monday 12th October - Author Week (details to follow)
- Monday 12th October - Whole School Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 21st October - Friday 23rd October - Year 5 Residential Trip to Ford Castle
- W/C Monday 26th October - HALF TERM holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 2nd November - Start of Autumn 2 half term

Job of the Week

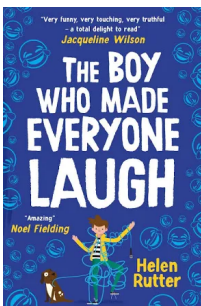


This week's Job of the Week is **Quarry Manager**. The video can be found in Google Classroom and also [here](#).

We encourage you to watch the Job of the Week with your children so you can take part in the discussions we are having in school about future education and work.

If any parents or carers would like to get involved in our Careers provision at Whytrig please contact Mrs Campbell at wms@svf.org.uk

Book of the Week



This week's book is **"The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh"** by Helen Rutter, from our Year 6 challenge.

"The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh" follows Billy Plimpton, an 11-year-old with a severe stammer who dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian. To navigate his new secondary school, he decides to stay completely silent to hide his speech impediment. His plans go awry when he is forced to participate in a "show-and-tell" and his stammer is discovered by his peers, including the school bully.



If you liked **"The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh"**, try **"The Boy with the Big Decisions"**, available to borrow from Mrs Harland, Mrs Campbell, and the school library!



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SEATON VALLEY FEDERATION OPEN EVENINGS 2026



SEATON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
24TH SEPTEMBER 5PM-7PM

Welcome Presentations: 5pm & 6pm
Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval, NE25 0FW
T: 0191 237 1505
E: svhs@svf.org.uk



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL
28TH SEPTEMBER 5:30PM-7PM

Welcome Presentation: 5:30pm
Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval, NE25 0FW
T: 0191 237 1402
E: wms@svf.org.uk



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL
1ST OCTOBER 6PM-7:30PM

Welcome Presentation: 6pm
Alston Grove, Seaton Sluice NE26 4JS
T: 0191 237 0629
E: ssms@svf.org.uk

Please come along to look around our schools and meet our staff and students.

No appointments needed - we look forward to welcoming you.

For more information visit: www.svf.org.uk

Please note that dates are provisional and may be subject to change.

Netball Club

We will be running a netball club on Friday afternoons starting on Friday 25th September 2026. This will be open to girls in years 6,7 and 8. As normal, the club will run straight after school and finish at 4:30pm.

If your child wishes to attend, please complete the form below. Places are limited to 25 students.

[Netball Form](#)

Extra Curricular Clubs

- KS3 Darts- Friday lunchtime- 12:45-1:05 (Darts arena)
- Netball - Fridays [Link to Netball Club Form](#)
- KS2 After School Dodgeball Club starts Monday 21st September - Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/SKyHFFCFxrR2pfNT9>



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Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the Week are nominated each week by staff for a variety of reasons, which might be contributions to the school community, school work, or something outstanding. Each week, their success is shared in school in the Star of the Week video or in assembly, and they receive a certificate and a chocolate bar.

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5C: AJ P; 5K: Nathan W; 5L: Makayla-Leigh D;

6E: Abdullah A; 6F: Evie F; 6S: Noah M;

7H: Isla F; 7L: Rachel P; 7W: Ava L;

8K: Melissa S; 8Ro: Keevah S; 8Ru: Emily P;

Head of School SOTW: Safia A (8Ru)

Safeguarding Update - Toxic Gaming



Online multiplayer games can be brilliant places for children to play, socialise and share interests, but some gaming communities can become hostile or harmful. This [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide explores toxic gaming behaviours including bullying, deliberate sabotage, discriminatory abuse, threats and doxing, as well as the ways these experiences can affect a young person's wellbeing both online and offline.

A PDF copy of the [#WakeUpWednesday](#) leaflet was also sent out this week via MCAS.

**Family Hubs**



OWN YOUR FUTURE

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE.... 11 - 19 YEARS (25 SEND)

We are here to help you with what you've said is important to you. We'd love to see you at all the workshops, but you're welcome to attend any of your choosing

Your Health  Understanding what it means to have a healthy lifestyle	Emotional wellbeing  Understanding emotions and coping strategies that can help with your wellbeing	Being safe  Safety Tips Staying safe and making positive choices	Healthy Relationships  What is a boundary and how to set them	Substances and vaping  Advice and guidance around drugs, alcohol and other substances, smoking and vaping	Preparing for Adulthood  An understanding on becoming an adult and what that means
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Receive a certificate of attendance!





Check out our padlet and what's on!

To book on to sessions, you can self-refer or ask your parents or other adults who support you. To refer, please scan the QR code

Available at your Local Family Hub



Snacks and drinks will be provided at each session!



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Attendance

Please remember to call in to the Middle School attendance line or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

To report an absence via telephone call please dial 0191 2371402, select 5 for Whytrig Middle School then select 8 to report a pupil absence.

Please send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to wms@svf.org.uk so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system. If you are submitting a Leave of Absence request please ensure any documentation supporting the exceptional circumstances is handed in at the same time as the Leave of Absence form.



This year's whole school attendance: 95%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
98.5%	92.9%	93.2%	95.4%

The best attending class this year is: 5C (99.1%)

Free School Meals

It is always worth double checking if your child is eligible for free school meals. If your circumstances have recently changed or whether you've never checked before, the process is very straight forward: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/schools/school-meals>

For every pupil who is eligible they receive a lunch credit every day. You can read more about the school's strategy here: <https://svf.org.uk/our-federation/pupil-premium>

Lunch Account Balance

Please check your child's lunch account balance, and top up as necessary. We will never allow your child to go hungry, and should they not have enough money on their account then we will ensure they are able to buy a Main Meal Deal by granting them a temporary overdraft for that day of £2.60. You will then receive a message via MCAS advising you that you need to top up their account. This temporary overdraft facility will not be extended for additional days and should your child not have enough funds in their account the following day they will only be provided with a basic sandwich and drink. Our expectation is that you will top their account up immediately so they have a positive balance again.

MCAS Contact Details

Please remember to double check that your details are correct on MCAS. When you make a change in My Child At School, it updates the systems that we use to contact home. This also means that we don't make a mistake in the spelling of an email address or taking down a number incorrectly.



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Social Media Channels

Don't forget to keep up to date with everything else on our social media channels

X - @WhytrigMS

Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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