

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 24th April 2026

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see pupils back in school on Monday, refreshed and ready to learn after the Easter holiday. We hope all of our families had a restful break and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. We have had a vibrant change in school over the holidays; we have installed beautiful new wall art, which has truly brightened up our plain corridors and gives important messages about British Values, Positive Mindsets and Kindness. The children have been full of praise for the new displays, and it has been wonderful to see them stopping to admire the artwork and take in the valuable messages between lessons.

This half term is quite short, but we have lots of exciting opportunities and events planned in the coming weeks. Of course, we also have the SATs upcoming for our Year 6 children, who have come back and are working extremely hard, which is great to see.



Summer 1 - Dates for your Diary

- Friday 1st May - Year 8 Public Sculpture Trip
- Monday 4th May - School Closed - May Bank Holiday
- W/C Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATs week
- W/C Monday 25th May - School Closed - May Half Term Holiday

Y8 Boys Football

Our Y8 Boys football team played Gosforth Central MS in the NCSFA U13 County Cup semi-final on Tuesday at Jesmond Park Academy. After a thrilling, end-to-end game, our boys unfortunately lost 5-4, after leading 4-3 with 5 minutes left! Goals on the day came from Liam S, Reece Y, and Dan Y (x2). The whole team has played brilliantly this season and improved a lot. This is the first time we have reached the County Cup semi-final since 2008, so the boys can be really proud of their achievements this year.

Job of the Week

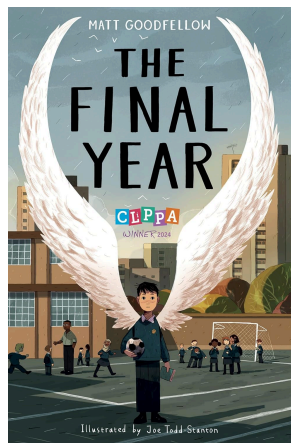


This week's Job of the Week is **Air Cabin Crew**. The video can be found in Google Classroom and also [here](#).

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 of the Week is 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow

The Final Year tells the story of Nate as he navigates the high-stakes world of Year 6, facing the stress of the SATs and the heartbreak of being separated from his best friend. When a sudden family crisis turns his world upside down, he must learn to manage "the beast" of his anger and find his own voice. Written in powerful free verse, this moving story celebrates the impact of a great teacher and the resilience needed to face big life changes.

If you enjoyed 'The Final Year', you might like the sequel 'The First Year' also by Matt Goodfellow- available to borrow from Mrs. Campbell or Mrs Harland.



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Police Cadets (current Year 8)

Become a Volunteer Police Cadet with Northumbria Police!

Applicants must be 13/14yrs old on 1st Sept 2026 (going into year 9 or 10) and live within the Northumbria Police area.

For full details and how to apply, please visit [Police Cadets -Northumbria Police](#)

The closing date for applications is 3rd May 2026.

A PDF copy of the Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme leaflet was also sent out to parents of Year 8 children via MCAS.



Extra Curricular Clubs

Mon- **NEW CLUB KS2 CRICKET-** Mr Robinson + Northumberland CB Coach- **STARTS 27TH APRIL**
<https://forms.gle/8oyC5KuXfZDWQoFvZ>

Mon- KS3 Swimming Club- **THIS IS NOW FULL-** STARTS 20TH APRIL

Mon- Chess Club- Mr Robinson- 12:30- Rm 02

Tues- KS3 Netball- Mrs Harland and Miss Waterfall (Sportshall/yard):
<https://forms.gle/GocrSTHaau5fxkww8>

Alternate Tuesdays - Y8 Coding Club - Mrs Sykes:
<https://forms.gle/xSvDnGRosKe9ziSUA>

Alternate Wednesdays (Week 1) KS2 Netball- Mrs Harland (Sportshall/yard):
<https://forms.gle/OnuzPNNURiSU4aNu9>

KS2 Netball Dates for the Summer Term

Wednesdays - Week 1: 29th April, 13th May, 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July

Thurs- Performance Club - Mrs S Kelly
<https://forms.gle/pkMvz84djzkSHd619>

Thurs- **KS3 Boys Cricket Club-** Mr Robinson- SportsHall- **STARTS 23RD APRIL**

Fri- **KS3 Girls Cricket Club-** Mr Robinson- SportsHall- **STARTS 24TH APRIL**

Safety Reminder - Beaches

As the summer approaches (and hopefully the better weather), some members of our school community will take advantage of living so close to the coast and plan trips to the beach. We are very lucky to live so close to excellent beaches on our doorsteps, and there is nothing better than spending time at the beach with friends. We would ask parents and carers to talk through the many potential dangers around activities on and around the beach and, of course, water safety.

One of the dangers centers around jumping from the sand dunes to the beach. Injuries can arise when children jump from elevated positions in the sand dunes to the beach. The actual height of the sand dunes can be quite deceptive, especially when taking into account the slope of the beach, and children can really hurt themselves if they land awkwardly. Back flipping when jumping can potentially result in serious injury. The message is to have fun, but do so safely!

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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 week's whole school attendance: 91.64%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.43%	92.11%	88.76%	91.73%

The best attending class this week is: 7L (98.0%)

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 £2.60 lunch credit every day and the school receives additional funding which can be used to support learning and progress through the pupil premium grant. 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

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Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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