



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 27th March 2026

Parent Survey - We Value Your Feedback

There is still time for you to share your feedback through our annual Parent Survey, which is live online until the end of term. This is a great opportunity to let us know what is working well and where we can continue to improve.

You can access the survey by clicking the link below or by scanning the QR code on a mobile device to open it directly in your browser.

[WMS Parent Survey 2026](#)



Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the fun last Friday as we celebrated Comic Relief's Red Nose Day! It was great to see our school community getting into the "do something funny for money" spirit. The costumes worn by our students (and staff!) were absolutely brilliant.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a fantastic £238.28. Well done to everyone for making it such a fun day!



Active Travel Ambassador Programme Campaign Junction Event

Our Year 8 Travel Ambassadors did a phenomenal job today in the Council Chambers at County Hall, pitching their active travel project to a panel of local experts. Their mission is to encourage more pupils to cycle, scoot, or walk to school, and they presented their vision alongside several other schools from across the area. The team pitched with incredible confidence and expertise, earning high praise from all four judges for their presentation skills and the thoughtfulness of their proposal. The judges were particularly impressed that the students developed the entire bid independently of adult support.

The hard work paid off in a big way: while the initial goal was a £200 grant, the panel was so impressed they awarded the team £400 to bring their project to life! We are incredibly proud of their leadership and cannot wait to see the positive impact they make on our school community.



Year 6 Family Sessions

Over the last 4 weeks, Miss Chicken has welcomed 10 families into school to take part in a craft activity. A huge success and some amazing crafting talent.



RGS KS2 Girls' Tag Rugby Festival

On Monday night, a group of 15 girls travelled to Blaydon RC to take part in an all girls rugby festival organised by The Royal Grammar School. Some girls had never played rugby before and represented the school amazingly, showing key values (such as teamwork, resilience, and respect). The girls played 4 games and won 2! Well done to Isabelle, who was our player of the tournament and went away with her own rugby ball!



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KS2 Tag Rugby Festival at Ashington RC

On Thursday afternoon, a group of 20 KS2 children visited Ashington Rugby Club for a tag rugby festival. They played lots of games against each other and Bede Academy. They also worked on some key skills! Well done to Flynn and Charlotte who were presented with an award at the end of the tournament for showing excellent sportsmanship values.



KS3 Netball

The Year 8 netballers played three matches yesterday against Newminster, Cramlington and Seaton Sluice and won all three. Well done, everyone!

The Year 7 netballers also played Newminster, Cramlington and Seaton Sluice and won one of their matches. A great result considering that they haven't been playing together for very long. Well done!

KS3 Girls Cricket

Our KS3 Girls cricket team travelled to North Shields on Friday to play in the Northumberland Cricket Board County Final. The girls played fantastically well all day, finishing joint runners-up with Duchess HS (who we have beaten 3 times already in this competition), winning 2 and losing 2 in a very close fought competition. Some really excellent batting, bowling, fielding and teamwork shown all day by the girls. Well done!!



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Year 8 boys Football Cup Semi-Final

This will be played against Gosforth Central MS on Tues 21st April at Jesmond Park Academy, 3:45ko

Spring 2 - Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 31st April - Bike Club bike ride.
- Wednesday 1st April - End of Term (school closes at usual time of 3:30pm).
- Thursday 2nd April - School closed for staff training - Start of Easter Holidays.
- Monday 20th April - School opens first- day of Summer term.

Stars of the Week

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

Week ending 27/03/2026

5C: Ben E; 5K: Lochlann S; 5L: Beau J;
6E: Lacey R; 6F: Abigail T; 6S: William S;
7H: Melissa S; 7L: Finley S; 7W: Evie K;
8K: Charlie S; 8Ro: William B; 8Ru: Bailey L;
Head of School SOTW: Ariana A (7L)

Job of the Week



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

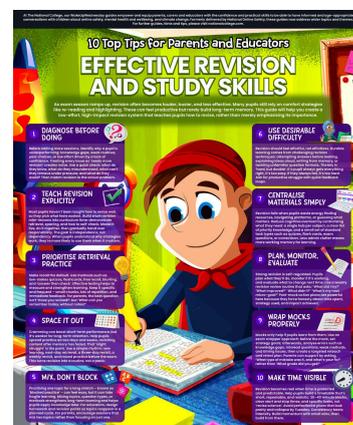
We encourage you to watch the Job of the Week with your children so you can take part in the discussions we are having in school about future education and work.

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

Wake Up Wednesday - Effective Revision and Study Skills

With SATs (and other end of year assessments) only a few weeks away, this weeks #WakeUpWednesday guide details practical, research-backed revision strategies to help pupils move beyond passive habits and build lasting knowledge with confidence.

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



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Book of the Week

This week's Book of the Week is 'Birdie' by JP Rose



Birdie is a historical novel set in 1950s Yorkshire. It follows the story of Birdie Bagshaw, a mixed-race girl who has spent her entire life in a children's home in Leeds before being sent to live with her Great Aunt Mabel in a small mining village in the Yorkshire Dales

If you enjoyed the themes in **Birdie** of historical identity, animal bonds, and resilience in **Birdie** by J.P. Rose, you might like **The Lion Above the Door** by Onjali Q. Raúf or **War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo - Available to borrow from Mrs. Campbell, Mrs Harland or the School Library.



Police Cadets (current Year 8)

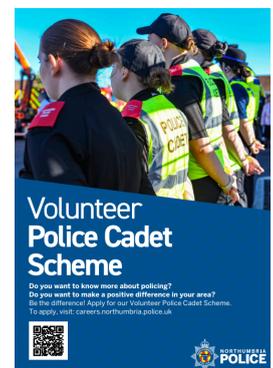
Become a Volunteer Police Cadet with Northumbria Police!

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.



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Extra Curricular Clubs in this Half-Term

Mon- Y5/6 Dodgeball- Mr Robinson + Dodgeball Coach

<https://forms.gle/Gse7Sv3YDymrc9UFA>

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

Mon- KS2 Girls Rugby Club-Coastal Rugby Partnership

<https://forms.gle/aRKNUYJh2dbnF66g7>

Tues- KS3 Netball- Mrs Harland and Miss Waterfall (Sportshall/yard):

<https://forms.gle/GocrSTHaau5fxkvw8>

Tues- KS3 Girls Fitness Club- Mr Robinson- Fitness Suite- starting Tues 3rd March

<https://forms.gle/pb1ehervDmhnvjWN6>

Alternate Tuesdays - Y8 Coding Club - Mrs Sykes:

<https://forms.gle/xSvDnGRosKe9ziSUA>

Alternate Wednesdays (Week 1) KS2 Netball- Mrs Harland (Sportshall/yard):

<https://forms.gle/QnuzPNNURiSU4aNu9>

UPDATED KS2 Netball Dates for the Spring term: 1st April

KS3 Swimming Club will start after Easter. 20 places are available. Pupils have had letters in school and must return them to the office. First come-first served and then a reserve list.

Thurs- Performance Club - Mrs S Kelly

<https://forms.gle/pkMvz84djzkSHd619>

Thurs- Dance Club with Miss Lamb- Dance Studio

<https://forms.gle/XvGiDZPwyTyjWcD76>

Fri- KS3 Badminton Club- Mr Robinson- SportsHall

<https://forms.gle/hBF3w6zdMk6v3meX6>

KS2 Swimming Club - Mr Day- **This club is now full. We have a reserve list if places become available.**

If you are collecting a child after swimming, please wait at the green gate

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.



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This week's whole school attendance: 93%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.8%	92.2%	92.7%	91.8%

The best attending class this week is: 5K (96.7%)

Ben 07810 875431
Chris 07455907445



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U13's rugby recruiting now all skill levels welcome



ROCKCLIFF RFC

LOVAINE AVENUE, WHITLEY BAY NE25 8RW
TRAINING TIMES
WEDNESDAY 6PM TILL 7:30PM
SUNDAY 10:30AM TILL 12PM



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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.

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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