



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

**Week Ending 18th July 2025
Summer Holidays**

End of Academic Year

Today marks not only the end of this academic year, but also our final day at Elsdon Avenue - a building that has been our home for the past 11 years. While we are sad to say goodbye, we are also incredibly excited about the new chapter ahead at our wonderful new site on Prospect Avenue, with its excellent facilities and fresh opportunities. We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year, and for the kind messages, cards and gifts - they mean so much to us and we really appreciate it. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back at Prospect Avenue, refreshed and safe in September.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 1st September - Teacher Training Day.
- Tuesday 2nd September - School closed to pupils. Work will be set online from the school website.
- Wednesday 3rd September - Year 5 pupils start at 08:50am.
Year 6 pupils start at 11:20am.
- Thursday 4th September - Year 7 pupils start at 08:50am.
Year 8 pupils start at 11:20am.
- Friday 5th September - All pupils start at 08:50am.



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Start of Autumn Term 2025

We look forward to seeing all of our pupils when they return to Whytrig in September. We would like to remind parents again that there are two days at the start of the Autumn Term when the children will not be in the new school on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September. Work will be set on our school website for pupils on Tuesday 2nd September. Communications will be sent out about the start of term including the travel plan for pupils in the next week.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome the following staff to our team for September. Miss Waterfall, who attended school in transition week, will be based in Year 7. Many of our children already know Miss Waterfall, who has taught Geography in Key Stage 3 now for some years from her base at Astley High School. Mrs Kelly, who has taught Music this year will also take on a Year 8 form class. Miss McLeod, Miss Moore, Miss Thompson and Miss White will also join our Prospect Avenue team, who will be teaching English, Maths and French across both Whytrig and Seaton Valley High from September. We look forward to working with them all in the new academic year.

As is often the case at this time of year, we also will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs McClellan today. Mrs Mac joined us when we first moved to the Elsdon Avenue site, leading Year 5 and ensuring our children had a great start when they joined Whytrig, before moving into Key Stage 3 more recently. We would like to thank Mrs Mac for all of her hard work and dedication supporting our children in her time here and wish her well for the future.

2025-26 Teaching and Support Staff

Form Classes

5C: Mrs Chadwick (Y5 Lead); 5K: Mrs Kelly (Disadvantaged Lead); 5L: Mrs Lowden
6E: Mr Edwards (Y6 Lead)/Mrs Kerridge (KS2 Maths Lead); 6F: Miss Foster; 6S: Ms Shell (KS2 English Lead)
7H: Mrs Harland; 7L: Mrs Lawton; 7W: Miss Waterfall
8K: Mrs Kelly; 8Ro: Mr Robinson (School Games Co); 8Ru: Miss Rutter (KS3 Lead)

Other Teaching Staff

Mr Souter (Head of School)
Mrs Campbell (Assistant Headteacher)
Mrs Lennon (Assistant Headteacher)
Miss Thompson (SEND Co)

English: Miss O'Donnell and Miss McLeod; French: Mrs Kelly, Ms Lacey and Miss White; ICT: Mrs Sykes;
Maths: Miss Burns, Miss Ferguson, Ms Moore, Miss Phillipson and Ms Thompson; PE: Mr Simpson;
Technology: Mrs Gibson and Mrs Gorvett.

Pastoral Staff: Mrs Telfer, Learning Support: Ms Morris, Miss Ballantine, Miss Blacklock, Miss Chicken, Mr Cobb, Miss Davis, Miss Eckert, Mrs Fraser, Miss Frazer, Ms Gales, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Knibbs, Mrs Robson and Miss Snowden.



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Star of the Year Awards

Every year a pupil is nominated from each year group to receive the Star of The Year Award. These awards were presented to the school when our former Headteacher, Mrs Watts, retired some years ago when we were still at Western Avenue! Pupils get to take the glass trophy home for the year, in recognition of their overall contribution over this academic year.

Year 5 Star of The Year	Zara K
Year 6 Star of The Year	Robbie T
Year 7 Star of The Year	Logan C
Year 8 Star of The Year	Charlie D

Year 8 Awards

At the end of every year, a Year 8 pupil is nominated to receive one of several subject awards, which have been presented to the school by many staff over many years. Pupils get to take the award home for the year, in recognition of their overall contribution over the academic year in that subject. Two pupils, a boy and a girl, are chosen to receive the prestigious Pupil Of The Year Award; these awards are held in high esteem by the school and staff and we know award winners will recognise the honour that the awards represent.

Pupil Of The Year	Len P
Pupils Of The Year	Isabelle S-M
Art	Katelyn B
Community Spirit	Maggie R
The 'All-Rounder'	Amy C
Positive Role Model	Joseph H
DT	Aubree-Eve S
English	Rowan M
French	Joy E
ICT	Georgia G
Mathematics	Georgia C
Music	Carter B
Science	Kvitka D
Sports Boy	Kish D
Sports Girl	Esme S
Sportsmanship	Len P
The Sunflower	Nicole H

A Pupil of the Year

Well done to Harry B, Darcey B, Carter B, Kvitka D, Kalisi K, Rowan M, Josh N, Oliver T, Luke W, Katelyn B, Amy C, Georgia C, Amelia D, Georgia G, Nicole H, Emily H, Abbie L, Maggie R, Cody S, Aubree'Eve S, Charlie D, Joy E, Joseph H, Libby L, Shaun M, Evie N, Pally S, Lily S and Georgia W who were all our runner up Pupils of the Year.



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Subject Certificates

In assembly this week we presented certificates to the following pupils who have demonstrated sustained achievement over the academic year. As always it is a really difficult task for our staff to choose just one person from each teaching group, with so many deserving children.

The Year 5 Subject Certificate winners are:

Art	Robyn S	Abigail T	Lola T
DT	Everly R	Smith D-C	Bobbi B
English	Isla O	Ethan D	Amelia T
French	Isla F	Poppy H	Jayden B
Humanities	Penelope B	Henry B	Willow H
ICT	Robyn S	Ethan D	Lewis H
Mathematics	William S	Ava W	Lola T
Music	Gracie B	Emily M	Harry S
PE	Mason B	Connor S	Amelia T
PSHE	Lia F	Cleo S	Amelia M
RE	Adeline D	Tristan C	Indie'Rae S
Science	Isla F	Desmond O	Zara K

The Year 6 Subject Certificate winners are:

Art	Ava O	Ella H	Ruby M
DT	Sonny T	Sienna D	Melissa S
English	Daniel F	Sofie F	Leon D
French	Isabelle A	Tristan D	Darryl E
Humanities	Tilly Mae F	Sienna D	Jake E
ICT	Joshua F	Alexandria W	Olivia D-J
Mathematics	Robbie T	Leila B	Rory W
Music	Aaron S	Jude J	Kaitlin H
PE	Lucy M	Michael R	Joshua K
PSHE	Emilia F	Jithesh L	Thomas P
RE	Ross S	Reuben C	Thomas D
Science	Ross S	Elliot C	Alex F

The Year 7 Subject Certificate winners are:

Art	Emily C	Annabelle R	Mason O	
Design	Declan D-K	Jessica K	Joel G	
English	TJ A-C	Logan C	Bobby O'B	Layla O
Food	Bobbie F	Henry S	Alara Y	
French	Mollie M	Maverick H	William P	
Geography	Jake C	Omar A	Lewis J	
History	Jake C	Liam S	Logan C	
ICT	Jake C	TJ A-C	William P	
Mathematics	Jake C	Harry S	Bobbie F	William B
Music	Leah H/Millie A	James E	Evan B	
PE	Charlotte W	Daniel Y	Reece Y	
Science	Jake C	James E	Lewis J	
SMSC	Charlie S	Jacob F	Lewis J	



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The Year 8 Subject Certificate winners are:

Art	Darcey B	Len P	Alfie M	
Design	Rowan M	James B	Tyler M	
English	Charlie D	Jay M	Iyla D	Isabelle S-M
Food	Casey A	Alexis H	Tylan R	
French	Kvitka D	Joy E	Georgia C	
Geography	Josh N	Ethan B	Aubree'Eve S	
History	Oliver T	Shaun M	Aubree'Eve S	
ICT	Oliver T	Charlie D	Georgia G	
Mathematics	Amy C	Stephanie V	Daniel H	Chloe H
Music	Lucy W	Georgia W	Sasha F	
PE	Carter B	Evie N	Maggie R	
Science	Rowan M	Charlie D	Aubree'Eve S	
SMSC	Darcey B	Jay M	Aubree'Eve S	

We would once again like to congratulate each and every certificate winner in each year group and to all of our pupils across the school for making the competition so great. Each year it is a very difficult decision for staff to have to pick just one child!

Sports Results

On Monday 7th July we held our Day of Sport, in which children competed in team games for their houses. The format was slightly different this year as a result of the move of schools, put also to encourage greater participation in sport across all year groups. The house winners of each competition were:

Cricket - Hastings; Football - Seaton; Rounders - Delaval; Netball - Blake; Basketball - Seaton.

The overall House winners were:

- 1st - Seaton (267 points)
- 2nd - Blake (207 points)
- 3rd - Delaval (173 points)
- 4th - Hastings (163 points)

Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Veterinary Surgeon**. 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



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School Merit System

The school merit system is designed to recognise and reward success in school. At the end of each academic year, children who have gained two gold medal badges in at least two separate terms are invited to our Gold Pupil trip to the beach; unfortunately this year the weather on Monday meant we could not leave school, despite trying to find a gap in the rain, even at the nearby park. We can hope for better next year! Every term the merits each child earns are counted and contribute towards their House totals. This year we have handed out over 56707 merits! The results of this year's merit competition are as follows:

Merit Competition - Summer Term

1 st place	Delaval (2962 merits)
2 nd place	Seaton (2876 merits)
3 rd place	Hastings (2822 merits)
4 th place	Blake (2711 merits)

Merit Competition - School Year

1 st place	Delaval (14717 merits)
2 nd place	Seaton (14466 merits)
3 rd place	Hastings (13776 merits)
4 th place	Blake (13748 merits)

In total, we have awarded the following over the course of the year:

856 Gold pupils (25 merits)
517 Excellent pupils (50 merits)
244 Superstar pupils (75 merits)
116 Owl awards (100 merits)
50 CXXV awards (125 merits)
14 'Wilkie' awards (150 merits)

Attendance

Please remember to call in 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.

Please also 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.

This end of year whole school attendance figures: 92.2%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
93.7%	93.8%	93.0%	88.6%

The best attending class this year was: 5C (96%)



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100% Attendance

Each term we recognise and reward children who have 100% attendance over the course of a term. The system allows children to receive a tiered set of certificates (a bronze for their 1st 100%, a silver for their 2nd 100% and a gold for their 3rd 100%), a termly prize and entry into a termly prize draw in each year group.

The children who achieved a **gold certificate** for 100% attendance over the course of the whole year, which is a truly fantastic achievement, are:

Year 5: Jayden B, Kayden B, Tristan C, Ethan D, Lia F, Zara K and Jacob S.

Year 6: Reuben C, Toby H, Joshua K, Ava O and Alexandria W.

Year 7: Annabelle R, Oliver S and Charlotte W.

Year 8: Casey A, Amy C and Georgia C.

The children who achieved their second 100% attendance of the year and their **silver certificate** in the Summer Term were:

Year 5: Vinnie B, Bobbi B, Harrison C, Desmond O, Eva O'M, Thomas R and Ava W.

Year 6: Owen B, Isla C, Sienna D, Emily H, Emily P, Oliver P, Freya S and Sebastian T.

Year 7: Archie B-M, Bobbie F, Baillee K, Abigail P and Harry T.

Year 8: Sebastian C, Jack H, Joshua H, Abbie L, Tyler M, Josh N and Aubree'Eve S.

The children who achieved their first 100% attendance of the year and their **bronze certificate** in the Summer Term were:

Year 5: Willow A, Emily G, Harry S, Robyn S, Indie'Rae S and Monica W.

Year 6: James B, Peyton D, Kaitlin H, Jude J, Lucy M, Ruby M, Thomas P, Mia P, Robyn R, Jasmina S and Emily T.

Year 7: Millie A, Evan B, Austin C, Declan D-K, James E, Maverick H, Mason H, Mollie M, Fatima M, Bobby O'B, Henry S and Layton S.

Year 8: Joy E, Austin G, Chantelle K, Kailisi K, Rowan M, Jay M, Shane P, Tylan R and Pally S.

The prize winners from each year group prize draw and who each get a non-uniform pass to use at a time of their choice next year and a £10 gift voucher are:

Year 5 - Bobbi B

Year 6 - Robyn R

Year 7 - Oliver S

Year 8 - Casey A



Well done to everyone. We will start the whole process again in September!

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 chocolate bar.

Week ending 11/07/25:

5C: ; 5K: Connor S; 5L: ;

6E: Joshua F; 6F: Leila B; 6L: Emily B;

7M: Jake C; 7Ro: Macie W; 7Ru: Cole W;

8H: Danny W; 8L: Kvitka D; 8T: Laila P;

Head of School SOTW: Rory W (6F)

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3

[School Meals Menu](#)

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 £2.40. 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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Mental Health Tip

A great mental health tip for the holidays is to prioritize self-care and set boundaries. This includes making time for activities that help you relax and recharge, like exercise, hobbies, or spending time in nature. It also means being mindful of your energy levels and saying "no" to commitments that will overextend you.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/5-tips-maintaining-good-mental-health-during-summer>

Social Media Channels

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X - @WhytrigMS

Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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