



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 2nd May 2025 - BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to our final term at Elsdon Avenue! It was lovely to see pupils back in school on Monday, refreshed and ready to learn after a very late Easter break. We hope all of our families had a restful break and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. This half term is extremely short, but we have lots of exciting opportunities and events planned in the coming weeks and of course we 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

- Monday 5th May : Bank Holiday. School closed
- Wednesday 7th May - Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- Wednesday 7th May: Year 8 British Airways careers workshops
- W/C Monday 12th May : Year 6 SATs week
- Monday 19th May : 6L Bike Ride
- Tuesday 20th May: 6F Bike Ride
- Wednesday 21st May : Year 6 BAM workshop
- Thursday 22nd May: Year 5 BAM workshop/6E Bike Ride
- Monday 26th May: Half Term Holiday - school closed
- Monday 2nd June: School opens for Summer 2 half term



Year 6 SATurday School

We will be holding a SATurday School for **Year 6 pupils** on Saturday 10th May from 9.00am until 12.00pm. Breakfast will be served from 8.40 - 9.00am, if your child requires it. While we realise that some children have team commitments that they are unable to get out of, we would hope that most pupils will be able to attend. We hope to make it a fun, interactive morning, with lots of activities to ensure brains are kept in tune ahead of the big week. Please complete the online form <https://forms.gle/eNNuPA6oonSQfhRs7> to indicate whether or not your child will be attending, whether they would like a breakfast and if so, if there are any dietary requirements we should know about.



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REMINDER- Spare Uniform

Our Eco Club is collecting spare uniform items for our uniform swap. Please send in any items of clean, unwanted school uniform to school with your child or hand in at reception. Thank you!



Warm Weather - Drinks in school reminder

As the weather is getting warmer, we would like to remind parents that pupils should bring a drink of water to school every day to keep themselves hydrated. The bottles should be clear, with a sports cap.

Pupils can fill their water bottles from our water fountains in school, however we do not have the facility to provide cups, so please ensure your child has a suitable bottle for drinking water throughout the day.

Sports Results/Fixtures/News

A smash and grab performance from Ashington HS saw the U13 boys football lose 3-0 on Thursday. After Whytrig dominated the game and missing several chances, Ashington scored 2 breakaway goals, to record a victory.

Well done to the Y7 and 8 girls who played in two tournaments this week. A fantastic effort from both teams. The Y8 girls were undefeated in Friday's tournament and the Year 7s only lost one of their games. A super effort by all!



The Y8 team on Wednesday



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Whamba!

Whytrig's Samba band is on a recruitment drive!

Why not join us on Wednesdays after school - until 4:30pm - and give it a go! It is great fun and we will be going on the road again this term for some local performances!!

Meanwhile, **Blyth Valley Samba band** - who come in to support and guide us - will be at the **VE Day Festival in Blyth** all day on Saturday. They are offering workshops throughout the event, so go along and find out what to expect!



Mental Health Tip

Eat well!

Eating well isn't just important for our bodies, but it's also important for our minds. Certain mineral deficiencies, such as iron and vitamin B12 deficiencies, can give us a low mood. Try to eat a balanced diet. If you find you're a particularly stressed or anxious person, you should try limiting or cutting out caffeine as this can make you feel jittery and anxious.



<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/creating-a-healthy-diet/a-healthy-balanced-diet/>

Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Kennel Worker**. 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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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 week's whole school attendance (YTD): 92.9%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.7%	94.0%	93.5%	89.9%

Current best attending class is: 5C (97%)

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 2

[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.



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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 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 02/05/25:

5C: Everly R; 5K: Ava J; 5L: Martha R;
6E: Isla C; 6F: Jithesh L; 6L: Layla C;
7M: Morgan W; 7Ro: Alfie D; 7Ru: Aaron F;
8H: Sebastian C; 8L: Amelia P; 8T: Rory F;
Head of School SOTW: Ross S (6E)

Week ending 10/04/25:

5C: Alfie M; 5K: Ava W; 5L: Amelia T;
6E: Lucy M; 6F: Josh R; 6L: Melissa S;
7M: William G; 7Ro: Maverick H; 7Ru: Zoe F;
8H: Kvitka D; 8L: Adam H; 8T: Georgia C;
Head of School SOTW: Layla O (7M)

Library Books

Please can you take a look around your home and see if you have any outstanding library books. We're missing quite a few books from our collection and we want to have a refresh before we move to the new school. Fiction books will often have a Green or Yellow Star on the spine so you can identify them as a school book.

Safety Outside Our School

Double parking puts our children at risk. When double parking occurs around schools, it makes it harder to see children and those who might be on wheels (buggies, cycles, wheelchairs etc).

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner.

Park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone.

Fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it safer for everyone

What you could do instead....

- ✓ Try walking, cycling or scooting – even if its just one day a week, it can make a big difference.
- ✓ If you need to drive your child to school, consider parking away from school and walking the remainder



Walking, cycling or scooting to school contributes to the recommended daily physical exercise for you and your children.

It also helps to **reduce congestion** around school and **improves air quality**, providing benefits for everyone.



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After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

After school clubs will start next week.

Mon- KS2 Dodgeball (starts Mon 12th May)

Tues- Netball- Mrs Harland

Tues- Y6 Swimming

Wed- KS2 Rounders/Cricket

Thurs- Girls Football- Mrs Kelly

Thurs- KS3 Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Mr Robinson

Labelling Uniform and Belongings

All items of clothing, bags and water bottles etc. should have your child's name in them. This helps us return 'lost property' to their rightful owner. By the end of each term, we have a large quantity of items that have lost their owner and are then donated to charity or unfortunately thrown away.

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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