



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 6th June 2025

Summer Uniform

From Monday 9th June, children are permitted to wear the Whytrig summer uniform. That means they can wear a plain white or school badged polo shirt instead of their formal shirt/blouse and are no longer required to wear their tie up to the end of term. Children may also choose to wear formal black school shorts instead of their school trousers if they wish. Children **MUST** continue to wear their burgundy school sweatshirt to school (which teachers will allow them to remove in lessons and around school if it is hot) and their regulation school shoes. A number of children have returned to school after the half term break wearing nylon branded trainers which is not permitted; children should wear black plain flat shoes or leather look trainers that can be polished as described in page 24 of the school planner or pages 16 to 18 of the parent information pack which can be found on our website at [Parent Information Pack | Seaton Valley Federation \(svf.org.uk\)](https://www.svf.org.uk). Children who do not comply with our expectations around uniform may not be permitted to change to the summer uniform.

Uniform update - September 2025

We have had some queries from parents in the past week on whether there would be any changes to our school uniform as we move to our new school site in September. We can confirm that there will be no changes to our regulation school uniform for September, which can be purchased from Emblematic on their website at [emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/whms/](https://www.emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/whms/) or from their Longbenton Store. We are however making some changes to our PE kit for the next academic year.

PE Kit - September 2025

From September 2025, our PE kit will change to a maroon and black t-shirt with the school badge on it. This will replace the current white t-shirt. The t-shirt is a modern design and reflects the school colours and the reason for the change is because it will be much more practical in terms of maintaining its clean look and it will also be able to be worn by children representing the school in sports activities outside of school (we will not supply school team kit for matches/sports events to children from September 2025). A maroon and black mid-layer with school badge will replace the current black sweatshirt. Children joining our school in September 2025 in Year 5 (along with any child joining us in any of the other year groups) will be expected to purchase this kit. Children in our current Year 5, 6 and 7 will be able to continue to use their existing PE kit, but **MUST** purchase the new regulation PE kit when they come to replace it (if they outgrow or lose items). Children representing the school for sports teams or events will require the new regulation PE kit.

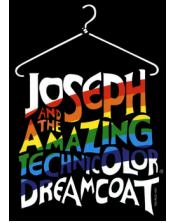


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Theatre Trip - Extra Places

On the afternoon of June 12th, we are taking 60+ children to the Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. We have 3 spare places; if your child would like to accompany us, please contact Reception. The cost of the trip is £65



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 9th June: Year 7 DWP Workshops
- Monday 9th June: KS3 Area Athletics @ Monkton Stadium (all day)
- Monday 9th June: Year 5 Trip to Washington Wetlands
- Tuesday 10th June: 5L Learning Showcase
- Thursday 12th June: Theatre Trip
- Friday 13th June: 5K Learning Showcase
- Monday 16th June: Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 16th June: 6L Learning Showcase
- Tuesday 17th June: 6F Learning Showcase
- Wednesday 18th June: Year 8 DWP Workshops
- Monday 23rd June: 6E Learning Showcase
- Tuesday 24th June: 5C Learning Showcase
- Monday 30th June: Year 6 Residential Trip



Technology collaboration with our school

We believe that collaboration is key to enriching our students' learning experiences, and we need your help! 🙏

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing our computing curriculum, we are seeking to establish contacts within robotics and someone at one of the local universities working within psychology. Your unique insights and connections could make a significant difference in opening doors for our students, enabling them to engage with professionals, partake in workshops, and explore potential career pathways.

If you, or someone you know, has contacts within either of these fields, we would be incredibly grateful if you could reach out to us! Your support could inspire and motivate our future leaders in these fields.

Together, we can create a thriving bridge between education and industry that enriches our students' learning experiences! 🌱

Please reply to the school FAO Mrs Lowden if you can assist, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community!

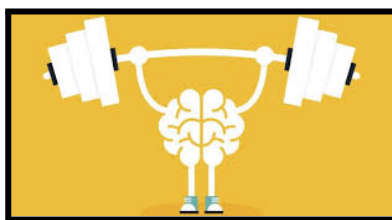


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Mental Health Tip- Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up.



Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Outdoor Pursuits 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



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): 92.65%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.32%	93.97%	93.36%	89.38%

Current best attending class is: 5C



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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.

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!



Lost Property, 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.

After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

Mon- KS2 Dodgeball (starts Mon 12th May)
Tues- Netball- Mrs Harland
Tues- KS3 Girls Couch to 5K Running Club- Mr Robinson
Tues- Y6 Swimming
Wed- KS2 Rounders/Cricket Whamba! samba
Thurs- Girls Football- Mrs Kelly
Thurs- KS3 Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Mr Robinson



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WMS Samba Band

We are always on the lookout for new recruits, especially since we have some live performances coming up in the summer term! Practice is every Wednesday in the school hall until 4:30pm.

A signed note in the diary or a quick email to school is enough to confirm your place!



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 23/05/25:

5C: Averie S; 5K: Flynn W; 5L: Keiron T;
6E: Sienna A; 6F: Safia A; 6L: Ruby M;
7M: Jake C; 7Ro: Archie M; 7Ru: Logan C;
8H: Travis D; 8L: Archie G; 8T: Jessica F;
Head of School SOTW: Isabelle A (6L)

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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