



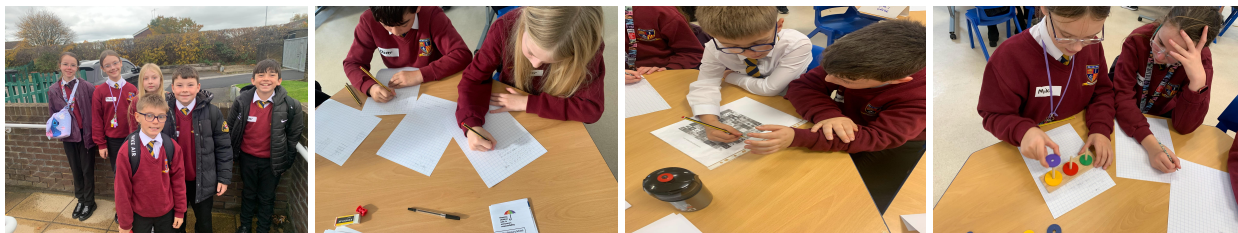
WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 7th November 2025

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing week. As we move into the second half of the term, we look forward to seeing our pupils engage in excellent learning, show great effort, and take part in the many exciting opportunities planned in the lead-up to Christmas.

A.I.M High Maths Day



On Tuesday, 6 children from Y5 and Y6 visited Shanklea Primary School to take part in a maths fun-filled day. A.I.M stands for 'Achieve, Inspire and Master', which they certainly did. They worked with a maths expert to solve unique puzzles and delve deeper into challenges. Huge well done to all that attended.

Odd Socks Day

We're excited to be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday, 10th November**, to mark the beginning of **Anti-Bullying Week**. This fun and meaningful day is all about celebrating what makes us all unique. By wearing our brightest, most mismatched socks, we're showing that our differences make us special – and that kindness and respect help everyone feel included. **We invite everyone to come into school wearing odd socks**, to promote a message of inclusion, kindness, and respect within our school community, and stand united against bullying in all its forms.



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Autumn 2 - Dates for your Diary

- Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day
- Thursday 13th November - Boccia Tournament.
- Thursday 13th November -KS3 Badminton
- Thursday 13th November - Y8 Boys basketball league
- W/C Monday 17th November - Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
- Wednesday 19th November - Year 5 Family Sessions start.
- Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
- Tuesday 16th December - Panto Visit

Purple Mash KS2 Christmas Card Competition

We invite all of our KS2 pupils to take part in Purple Mash's Annual Christmas Card competition.

Pupils are asked to submit their own designs about what this time of year means to them, using the Purple Mash paint tool Paint a Picture.

Who Can Join in the Fun? - Children aged 12 and under are invited to join.

How to Enter - From 9am(GMT) 3rd November 2025 - 5pm(GMT) 21st November 2025, students and staff can submit their designs on the 'Festive Card Competition' Display Boards on Purple Mash. They can work on their masterpieces as much as they like before hitting submit, so there's no rush to finish until it's just right!

Design Tips - With 17 styles to choose from in Paint a Picture, students can let their frosty creativity flow. From snowflakes to reindeer, all we ask is that it's their own original art!

What's Up for Grabs? -Three winners (one from each age group) will receive 50 printed copies of their card, a £20 Amazon voucher, and a 2Simple goody bag. Their designs will even become a Purple Mash e-card!

For more information please visit:

<https://www.2simple.com/au/blog/festive-card-competition-2025-au/> and remember to upload your entries via the 'festive card competition' link on Purple Mash. Good luck!!

Fixtures & Results

Our Y7 Boys got their season underway eventually, when they visited Gosforth JHA in the U12 County Cup. We took an early lead with a poacher's finish from Ollie Erskine. Goalkeeper Forbes kept the score down and was unlucky to concede 2 goals after making a great save initially. Our boys played some really nice football on a tough surface, but conceded 2 late goals when chasing the game. Final score 4-1.

MOM- Baker Esplin- great defensive contributions and never stopped running.



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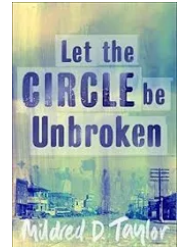
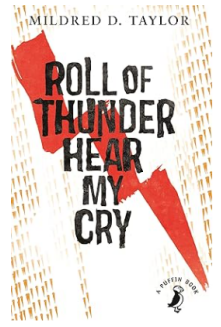


Book of the Week

Every week, we will be highlighting one of our fantastic new Reading Challenge books. This week's book is **'Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry'** by Mildred D Taylor from our Year 8 challenge.

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry, is a powerful story set in 1930s Mississippi during the Great Depression. It follows nine-year-old Cassie Logan and her African American family as they struggle against racism and injustice while trying to keep their land and dignity. Through Cassie's eyes, we see the harsh realities of prejudice and the strength of family, friendship, and courage in the face of unfairness. The novel highlights the importance of standing up for what's right, even when it's difficult.

If you liked 'Roll of Thunder' try some other stories by Mildred D Taylor such as **Let the Circle be Unbroken** or **The Road to Memphis** :available to order from the school library.



Job of the Week



This week's Job of the Week is **Events 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

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 7/11/25

5C: Georgia L ; 5K:Nova M ; 5L: Evie F ;
6E: Reuben H ; 6F: Ava W ; 6S: Leland F ;
7H: Melissa S ; 7L: Peyton D ; 7W: Isabella A ;
8K: Bobbie F ; 8Ro: Maverick H ; 8Ru: Cole W ;
Head of School SOTW: Ava O (7W)



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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 student 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>

Extra Curricular Clubs in this Half-Term

Mon - Y6 Dodgeball Club (Mr Robinson):

<https://forms.gle/yTbbkDjkLECqC1h2A>

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

<https://forms.gle/GocrSTHaau5fxkww8>

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

<https://forms.gle/QnuzPNNURiSU4aNu9>

Alternate Tuesdays - Y8 Coding Club - Mrs Sykes:

<https://forms.gle/xSvDnGRosKe9ziSUA>

Thurs- Boys' Football- Mr Robinson. Girls' Football (Mrs Kelly) - please bring correct boots for 4G and trainers in case it rains. Shin-pads are also needed:

<https://forms.gle/89kGSTqCE8Kg6Rxr8>

Fri- KS3 Basketball club (Mr Robinson)-Starting 7th November:

<https://forms.gle/vuzifyEHWNzFctEBA>

Please see the school website for the latest club information at:

<https://www.svf.org.uk/whytrig-middle-school/extra-curricular>



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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 student 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 (YTD): 93.9%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
97.1%	92.9%	94.2%	91.7%

Current best attending class is: 5C (97.5%)

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.

Lockers

Replacement keys are now £4, if your child loses their key they must pay £4 for a replacement.

Year 6 - locker key rental is £5, payable via MCAS.



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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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