



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 9th May 2025

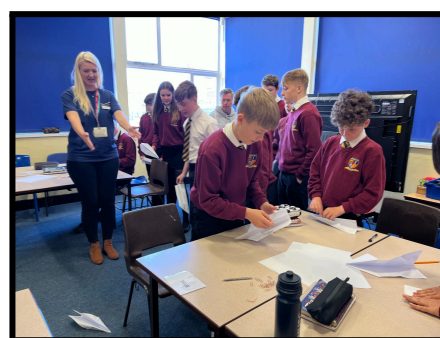
Summer 1 - Dates for your Diary

- 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 at SDH
- Thursday 22nd May: Year 5 BAM workshop at SDH/6E Bike Ride
- Monday 26th May: Half Term Holiday - school closed
- Monday 2nd June: School opens for Summer 2 half term



Year 8 British Airways Careers Workshops

This week we welcomed visitors from British Airways who came in to deliver a careers based workshop with our year 8 pupils. Our pupils used their employability skills of communication, teamwork, initiative and problem solving to complete a stem challenge. They had the opportunity to discover the wide range of careers that are possible within the airline industry whether a career in the airline industry would suit them. They also learned about the different training routes that British Airways offer young people. It was an interesting and inspirational session for our pupils and really got them thinking about their future careers, with excellent engagement from everyone.



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Year 6 SATurday School

For the Year 6 children who are attending SATurday school tomorrow, the gate will be open from 8:20am, with breakfast served from 8:30am (for those having some). We will then have a morning of SAT revision activities and the morning will finish at 12:00pm. The children **do not** have to wear uniform when attending.

Spring Term 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%), and entry into a termly prize draw in each year group. The children who achieved a bronze certificate for 100% attendance in the Spring Term are:

Year 5:

Isabelle D, Penelope B, Everly R, Poppy H, Flynn W, Desmond O, Bobbi B.

Year 6:

Isla C, Emily P, Sebastian T, Elliot C, Freya S, Charlie S-M, Amelia C-D, Darryl E, Layla N-B.

Year 7:

Bobbie F, Baillee K, Archie B-M, Emily C, William G, Charlie S, Harry T, Abigail P, TJ A-C, Liam S, Cole W, Alara Y, Archie B.

Year 8:

Isabelle S-M, Iyla D, Kvitka D, James B, Jack H, Evie N, Thomas G, Harry F, Laila P.

The children who achieved a silver certificate for their second 100% attendance of the year in the Spring Term are:

Year 5:

Adeline D, Lia F, Kayden B, Tristan C, Ethan D, Jacob S, Eve W, Freya D, Zara K, Keiron T, Jayden B

Year 6:

Ava O, Toby H, Reuben C, Alexandria W, Joshua C, Joshua K.

Year 7:

Charlotte W, Annabelle R, Lewis J, William P, Oliver S.

Year 8:

Esme S, Casey A, Ethan B, Adam H, Amy C, Georgia C.

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 and a £10 gift voucher are:

Year 5 - Desmond O

Year 6 - Emily P

Year 7 - Oliver S

Year 8 - Iyla D



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Spring 2nd Half Term Attendance Awards

We have created two new extra opportunities for children to be rewarded for attendance each half term. The first is the 100% Cup where children get a token for every week of full attendance which they enter into the end of half term draw. The second is the Progress in Attendance award, where the two most improved attenders over a half term are rewarded.

The winners of the 100% Cup for the Spring 2nd half term were drawn on Wednesday in assembly and are:

- Charlie S (7M)
- Gary E (8T)

The winners of the Progress in Attendance award for the Spring 1st half term are:

- Bobby M (8T)
- Nolan D (6F)

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!



KS3 Girls Running Club

A new club has started with Mr Robinson and KS3 Girls Running Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30pm.

We will be following the Couch to 5K running plan to try to improve fitness, stamina and resilience. The girls have planned to enter a local ParkRun in July as a culmination of all their efforts.

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!!



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Mental Health Tip

Don't let tests and assessments get you down! This time of the year brings many tests and assessments along with it and it can feel like a lot.

There are things you can do to help you cope.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/five-tips-coping-exam-stress-mental-health-expert>

Most importantly remember this: Test results do not define you! We want you to do well but these are just a snapshot of your academic performance.

They don't determine your future:

Your future is shaped by your choices, actions, and character - not just by your exam results.

Your character matters more:

Resilience, kindness, empathy, and other character traits are essential for a fulfilling life and are not reflected in exam grades.



Good luck - and do your best!

Job of the Week



This week's Job of the Week is **Librarian**. 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):

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.7%	94.0%	93.5%	89.8%



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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.

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 09/05/25:

5C: Alfie M; 5K: Ethan D; 5L: Indie-Rae S;
6E: Ross S; 6F: Tristan D; 6L: Amelia C-D;
7M: Jayden W; 7Ro: Jessica K; 7Ru: Lyra H;
8H: Spencer D; 8L: Chantelle K; 8T: Tyler M;
Head of School SOTW: Harry B (8H)

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 of the way or car share with other families.



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- KS3 Girls Couch to 5K Running Club

Tues- Y6 Swimming

Wed- KS2 Rounders/Cricket

Thurs- Girls Football- Mrs Kelly

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

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.



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WMS Samba Band

We are delighted to inform you, WMS's samba band Whamba is expanding. Whamba would like to welcome year 6 students interested in learning samba drumming to join their band. The band practices every Wednesday evening 3:30pm - 4:30pm. The last practice of this academic year will be on Thursday 9th July.

Please complete the following form if you would like to sign your child up for this:

<https://forms.gle/sEDijb1H8FDpJbGW8>

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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