



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Spring term

Friday 11th April 2025

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Friends of Whinstone 'Easter Eggstravaganza' creations.

We have seen some absolutely amazing entries for the annual egg decorating competition. So many fantastic designs and ideas - as usual we were astounded by the creativity of the children. A few of our pupil leaders and staff were tasked with selecting the winners. The winners were:



Pre-school	Max and Amelia
Reception	Finley and Max
Year 1	Ava and Vinnie
Year 2	Layla and Ben
Year 3	Willow and Jake
Year 4	Harry and Ellie
Year 5	Amelia and Alexis
Year 6	Talah, Millie and Louis



Click [here](#) to see a video of the eggcellent entries.



### End of Spring Term

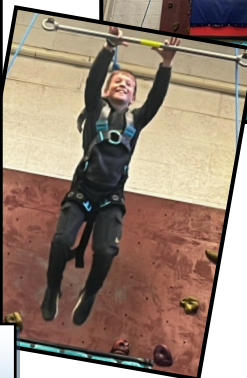
Today marks the end of the spring term and start of the two week Easter holidays.

Thank you for all the support you have given us over the last term.

Have a fantastic break , I know the staff all will, and we will see the children again on Monday 28th April.

# Our Y4 Robinwood Residential Barhaugh Hall

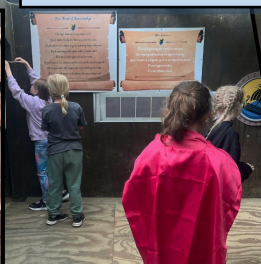
Some of our Year 4 children went on a residential to Robinwood.



Trapeze.



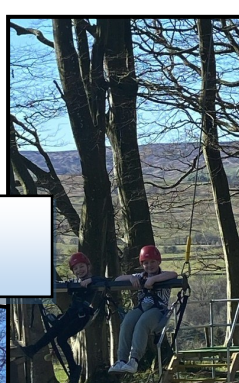
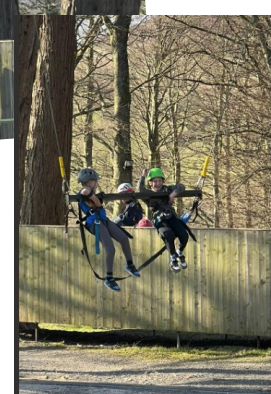
Quest.



Climbing.



Giant swing



Night Line





Canoeing.



Piranha pool



Archery



Zip wire

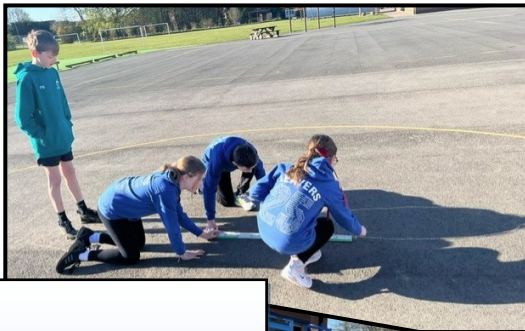
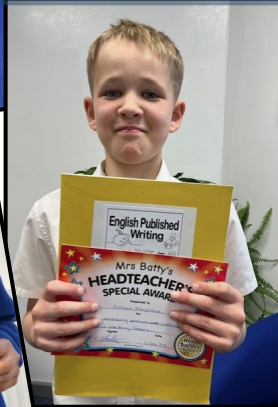
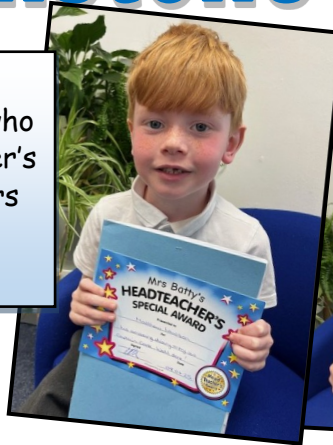
Crate challenge



# Around Whinstone this week.



Well done to those who earned a Headteacher's certificate from Mrs Batty this week.



Year 6 carried out a shadow investigation.



Year 5 took to the roads to do their Bikeability.



Pre-school made chocolate Easter nests and did an egg number hunt.



Year 4 did some tile painting.

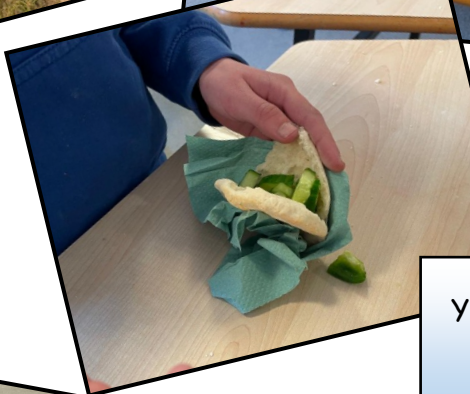




Year 5 made bracelets using a braiding board and wool during their forest school session.



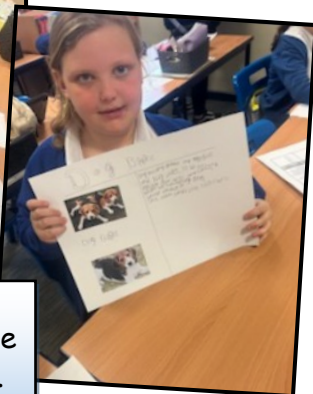
Year 6 made their own pitta bread and Greek salad.



Year 4 and Year 1 spent an afternoon together doing reading and other activities.



Year 4 children wrote their own fact files.



Year 1 loved making their Easter cards.



Animal time.



# Whinstone next week

## Dogs Trust workshops

We have workshops from Dogs Trust around keeping safe around dogs.

## Tennis coach in school

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be having a session with a tennis coach.

## Easter Liturgy

Key Stage 2 are going to the church on Friday for an Easter Liturgy.

## Whinstone Farm Shop

On Thursday, we see the return of the Whinstone 'pop-up' shop. If you are able to donate any items such as tins and cans, toiletries, packets of rice/pasta and other dried items, long life products, cleaning products etc, please send them in to school for Mr Carlton.

A colorful poster for the Whinstone Farm Shop. The title 'WHINSTONE FARM SHOP' is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, 'Pop up on the KS2 playground' is in pink, and 'Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May' is in black. The time '3:10pm-3:45pm' is listed. A list of donation items includes '£1 FOR 5 ITEMS', '£2 FOR 10 ITEMS', and '£1 FOR 3 TOILETRY PRODUCTS'. The text 'Come and help us save food from landfill and work towards a sustainable future.' is centered. The bottom features illustrations of baskets of tomatoes, peppers, and leafy greens, with a broccoli and a carrot on the sides.

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**Pop up on the KS2 playground**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

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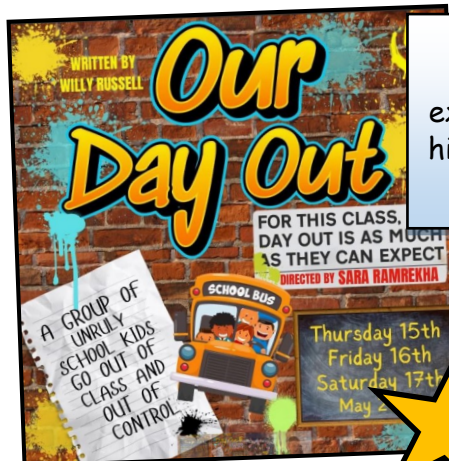
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## School opens to children on Monday 28th April

Have a great break and we will see the children back in school on **Monday 28th April.**

# Whinstone Stars



Frankie has been cast as Jimmy in a production of 'Our Day Out'. He is very excited about the role and is busy learning his lines. Well done, Frankie, we are proud of you!



# Safeguarding and Family Support

## Safeguarding :

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school is **Mrs Hardy**.



Our other safeguarding leads in school are:



Mrs Batty



Mrs Wilson- Dukes



Mr Carlton



Mrs Squires



Mr Ford

If you are worried about a child, please call the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children's Hub on **01429 284284 / 01642 130080** or out of office hours call **01642 524552**

In an emergency, please contact the Police on **101** or **999**.

# Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

**95.0%**

National average = 94.5%



**ENJOY EASTER AND KEEP  
YOUR DENTIST HAPPY!**

## **5 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR TEETH HEALTHY THIS EASTER**

1. Ensure sweet treats are kept to meal times as much as possible.
2. Ensure you stop eating easter eggs and chocolate at least one hour before bed time.
3. Monitor childrens' chocolate intake; give them small pieces that won't stay in their mouth too long.
4. A glass of water is the best drink to have after eating chocolate.
5. If children would still like more chocolate, try something sugar free as an alternative.

