



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 6th June 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

SMART technology

Although we would prefer children to have an analogue or simple digital wrist watch, as a school we acknowledge that times are changing and that some watches now have more technology such as activity trackers. Keeping this in mind, we are aware that children will be more likely to have a watch that has more functionality.

We do not allow watches that can take photos, can record (video or audio) or send/receive messages or calls from the watch itself - this is for safeguarding reasons. However, many Smart watches do not have these functions available to use directly from the watch unless they are connected to a mobile phone, which your child would not have in school anyway. **As long as the watch does not have the capacity to take photos, send messages, make or receive calls or record video or audio without being linked to a mobile phone, then these watches can be worn.**

Unfortunately, please be aware that many Smart watches aimed at children are the type that do allow you to take photographs onto them and decorate the photos with borders and stickers etc. This type cannot be worn in school.

We have very few issues regarding children with watches and hope that this continues. We will review and update you if this changes in any way.

Summer Fayre

This is a reminder that this year's Summer Fayre is on Saturday 21st June from 11am - 1pm. Friends of Whinstone are making up hampers ready for the hamper raffle. Each year group has been allocated a colour so any contributions, in the relevant colour, would be gratefully received.

In addition to the hamper donations, Friends of Whinstone would also like any donations of bottled items for the bottle stall. These can be *anything* that comes in a bottle - from shampoo to vinegar, ketchup to wine there is a lot to choose from.

Nursery	Pink
Reception	Green
Year 1	Red
Year 2	Blue
Year 3	Yellow/orange
Year 4	Brown
Year 5	Purple
Year 6	Black and white

Ingleby Barwick Fun Run

You may have noticed that we have a banner on our perimeter fence advertising the fun run. This fantastic community event takes place in the summer holidays, but places are filling up fast!

Here are the key details for those who would like to take part:

Date: Sunday 17 August 2025, 10:30am start

Route: 5K from All Saints School to The Rings Community Hub

All participants receive a medal, snack, and goody bag on completion.

The event is not-for-profit and generates funds for Yarm District Lions to support community initiatives - runners can also obtain sponsorship for other charitable causes.

Entry Fee: £8 adults, £6 juniors or a family ticket (two adults, two juniors for £24)

Enter Online: bit.ly/inglebyrun25

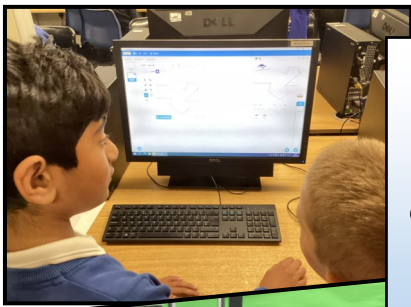
Around Whinstone this week.

Careers Week for Year 6.

What a fantastic week they have had. A HUGE thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who have supported us by coming in. We have had a wealth of different careers introduced including singers, support workers, firefighters and physiotherapists.



Reception have worked hard at their phonics lessons.



Year 3 have been busy coding their own Scratch maze games.

Crafty Explorers have been glass painting.



Year 6 had a Forest School session.



OPAL fun.



We had animal time and our new guinea-pig, Fern, made her debut.



We hosted the Trust Spelling Bee and came 4th.



Whinstone Stars



Isla had an exam and was awarded Grade 3 in Musical Theatre. Well done, Isla.



Ella-Rose and Lexi both attend Budding Artists. Ella-Rose won Students' Artist of the Year and Lexi received the overall Artist of the Year trophy. Well done to them both.



Amelia was in another dance competition. She was selected as a supreme novice finalist. She went on to win and become Supreme Novice Champion. Well done, Amelia.



Whinstone next week

Toy Fair

On Friday there is the Toy Fair. This takes place in school time and Friends of Whinstone are hosting this event to raise money for the children. The prices range from 50p - £4, so send your child with any money if you wish them to purchase a toy or two!

Year 3 visit to Whitby

On Thursday, our Year 3 children will be visiting Whitby. Let's hope for good weather!

Year 6 Forest School

On Monday, Year 6 have the second of their Forest School sessions.

Year 4 swimming lessons

All week our Year 4 children will be having swimming lessons at IB Leisure. Don't forget the swimming kit and towel.

'Joseph' performances

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, the school drama club are putting on their spectacular show of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

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To keep up to date on when you can start to claim the new funded childcare offer visit

www.stockton.gov.uk/freechildcare

or contact the Families Information Service on 01642 527225.

Events at the Family Hubs for June and July.

Stockton Family Hub

Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3PJ

Monday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Childrens Physio Monthly Drop in 23rd June & 21st July.
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Monthly Coffee Morning 17th June & 15th July
	10.00am - 11.30am	Infant Feeding Support Group
	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Family Biscuit Ninjas - term time only
Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	Stay & Play Session - term time only
Thursday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Babbling Babies
Friday	10.15am - 11.45am	Polish Village Stay and Play - suitable for our local Polish families to enjoy

Thornaby Family Hub

5 Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, TS17 9JP

Monday	12.30pm - 2.00pm	Babbling Babies
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Infant Feeding Support Group
	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Childrens Physio Monthly Drop in 9th June & 7th July
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	SEND Craft Session - booking recommended
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Monthly Coffee Morning 17th July
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Red Balloons, Mums Together - Fortnightly starting 3rd June
	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Be Heard age 11-13
	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Be Heard age 14-16, please use the QR code or contact 01642 257020 for more information.
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Knit & Natter
	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Multiples Group
Thursday	11.00am - 12.30pm	Monthly Coffee Morning 19th June
	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Stay & Play Session - term time only
Friday	10.00am - 11.30am	Monthly Messy Play, last Friday of the month - call to book a place



Redhill Family Hub

Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BX

Monday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Red Balloons - Mums Together Fortnightly starting 2nd June
	7.00pm	Andy's Man Club
Tuesday	9.00am - 10.30am	Childrens Physio Monthly Drop in 17th June & 15th July
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Monthly Coffee Afternoon 17th June
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Monthly Messy Play. Last Tues of the month. Call to book a place.
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	SEND Lego Club, booking recommended
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Babbling Babies
	10.00am - 11.30am	Infant Feeding Support Group
Thursday	10.00am - 11.30am	Stay & Play Session - term time only
	11.30am - 12.30pm	Monthly Coffee Morning 17th July

Billingham Family Hub

Ochil Terrace, Billingham, TS23 2QL

Monday	10.00am - 12.00pm	Community Garden
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Stay & Play Session - term time only
	9.30am - 11.00am	Childrens Physio Monthly Drop in - 3rd June & 1st July
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Employment & Training Hub Drop In Fortnightly starting 3rd June
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Monthly Coffee Morning 11th June & 9th July
	10.00am - 11.00am	Monthly Messy Play. First Wednesday of the month. Call to book a place
Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	Red Balloons - Mums Together Fortnightly starting 12th June
	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Family Biscuit Ninjas
Friday	9.30am - 11.00am	Babbling Babies
	10.30am - 12.00pm	Infant Feeding Support Group
Saturday	10.30am - 12.00pm	SEND Saturday Club. Sat 21st June & Sat 19th July

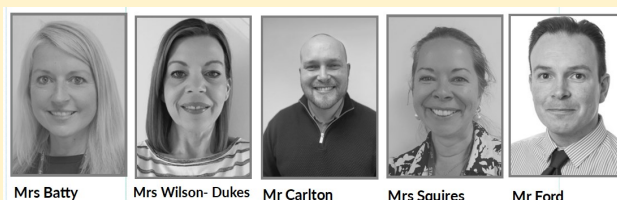
Below are the remaining dates from the annual parent calendar we have shared with you before. These dates are a reminder of key events happening over the next few weeks.

June	
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th	Y4 Multiplication check Phonics Screening check
Wednesday 11 th and Thursday 12 th	School production of 'Joseph' (evening event)
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	Y6 Carlton Residential
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th	Sports week - in school activities across all year groups
Monday 30 th	Y1/2 Sports day (afternoon)
Saturday 21 st	Summer Fayre (11:00-13:00)
July	
Tuesday 1 st	Y5/6 Sports day (afternoon)
Wednesday 2 nd	Pre-School Sports day
Thursday 3 rd	Y3/4 Sports day (afternoon)
Friday 4 th	Reception Sports day (afternoon)
Week commencing 7 th	Reports going out - whole school
Monday 7 th	Back-up afternoon for any 'rained off' sports days.
Tuesday 8 th	Back-up afternoon for any 'rained off' sports days.
Wednesday 9 th	Pre-school graduation (afternoon)
Tuesday 15 th morning	Leavers assembly fair Y6
Friday 18 th	School closes for the summer break

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%