



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 20th June 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Summer Fayre

Tomorrow is our Summer Fayre from 11am - 1pm. We will have an array of stalls and activities for the whole family to enjoy. As usual, there will be the customary Friends of Whinstone hampers and tickets will be on sale at the event. Come along to throw wet sponges at Mr Carlton in the stocks, or to try your luck on the tombola. We are expecting hot weather but as always have a back-up plan if rain does arrive! Please come and join us tomorrow from 11:00am. But note, the entrance to the Summer Fayre will be via the gate from Lowfields Avenue by the pelican crossing.

World Wellbeing Week

Next week is World Wellbeing Week. Mrs Burey and Mrs Gibson work very hard in school to promote wellbeing, alongside our dedicated Mental Health Champions. Throughout the week, the children can attend some wellbeing activities over lunchtimes which will be managed by the Mental Health Champions. A timetable is shared below, so you can see what we have on offer.



Monday 23rd June	Darts
Tuesday 24th June	Yoga on the KS2 field
Wednesday 25th June	Bingo in 4B and 6G's classrooms.
Thursday 26th June	Karaoke on the KS2 playground.
Friday 27th June	Pyjama Day.

Please note that on **Friday 27th June**, there is a **Pyjama day**! If children would like to, they can come to school wearing their pyjamas.

Sunny weather

With the onset of warm and sunny weather, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our procedures regarding sun-protection to ensure that our children can work and play safely.

***Sun-cream** - We recommend that all day sun-screen is applied to your child before school. If your child isn't wearing all day sun-screen you can put sun cream in their school bag, clearly labelled with their name (roll on is preferable and easier for the children to use). Children will be allowed to reapply it themselves before going outside. Children in EYFS will be supervised (and helped if needed) with cream application.

***Sun-hats** - Your child can wear a baseball cap, peaked sun hat, wide brim hat or legionnaire's cap. Please ensure it has their name written somewhere on it.

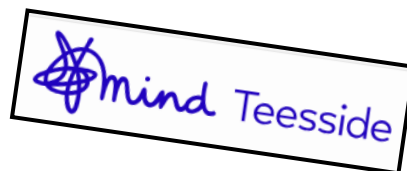
***Drinks** - Drinks are important at all times but are vital in the warm weather. Please send a full, named drinks bottle in for your child every day. They can refill with water from the taps as needed.

Teesside Mind Colour Run

The Mental Health Champions have once again arranged for our school to be taking part in a Colour Run, on **Friday 11th July 2025** during the school day.

This year we will again be supporting our local mental health charity, Teesside Mind, and their fundraising team will be hosting the event at school on our behalf. They will be creating some very colourful, magical memories for your children to celebrate good mental health.

Your child has already been given a paper sponsor form to complete. Once your child has collected some sponsorship, you should return your child's sponsor form and money raised to their class teacher by no later than **Friday 4th July 2025**. But please note, **there must be a minimum total sponsorship of £3.50 for your child to take part in the Colour Run.**



Sports Week

Next week is also our Sports focus week. This is when children will have opportunities in school to try out some different sporting activities. Activities that children may experience are inflatable obstacle course challenges, rock climbing, yoga, dance workshops and wheelchair basketball. Mr Robson has worked hard to put a timetable together so that as many children as possible will try out these events. Watch out on next week's newsletter for some pictures of what has gone on.

Around Whinstone this week.



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



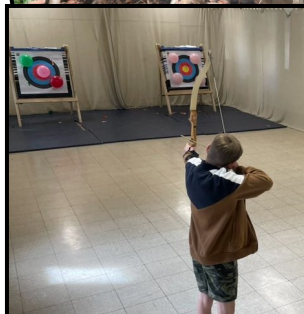
Some of our Y4 boys went to a football competition at Stockton Town FC. They came 4th with 17 points.

Our Y5 Ambassadors gave a presentation to share their experiences of the role and what they have found out about the schools they have visited over the year.



The Year 6 children have had a residential at Carlton Adventure.

They experienced many different activities such as the Three Peaks walk, orienteering, high ropes challenge, rock climbing, canoeing, archery and more!





The Year 1 Spanish Club came to an end for this academic year.



The Y6 children, who were not at Carlton, made some cakes.



Children from across the school got to spend some time with the chicks.



Animal time!



Whinstone Stars



Jay plays for Marton Football Club. He got his medal for his great tackling. Well done, Jay!



Joshua plays for South Park Rangers. He was awarded the Golden Boot for most goals scored over the season. Well done, Joshua.



Whinstone Stars



Emilia plays for TIBS. Her team won the TJFA (Teesside Junior Football Alliance) league with her team.
Well done, Emilia.



Ava went to her theatre group, Razzamataz. She was given a certificate for how amazing she was.
Well done, Ava.



Isla has been learning to ride her bike with instructors. She is now so good, she has been learning to do tricks. Isla was given a medal for how well she can go over a ramp.
Well done, Isla.



Whinstone next week

Summer Fayre

Saturday 21st June 11:00-13:00.

Sport Focus week

Various sports will be happening around school for the children to enjoy.

Wellbeing Week

Various activities will be going on at lunchtimes hosted by the Mental Health Champions.

Wellbeing Week - Pyjama Day

Don't forget you can wear pyjamas to school on Friday if you wish!

Year 6 Forest School

On Monday, our Year 6 will have Forest School.

Year 6 swimming lessons

All week the Y6 children who are not yet able to swim 25m will be going swimming. Don't forget the swimming kit and towel.

Safeguarding and Family Support

SEND Parents and Carers



Introduction to Makaton

Tuesday 24th June
12:30 - 2:00 PM
Stockton Family Hub, Yarm Road TS18 3PJ

Scan to Book



Workshop Overview: Introduction to Makaton, providing foundational understanding of the Makaton Language Programme, which combines symbols, signs, and speech to aid communication for individuals with communication difficulties.

Training Providers: Specialist Teachers from Ash Trees School, Victoria Thomas and Lauren Banks.

What You'll Learn: Basic hand signals, essentials of fingerspelling, and key signs integral to the Makaton system.

Workshop Benefits: Enhanced communication skills, fostering an inclusive environment, and acquiring practical skills for everyday interactions.

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Stockton Family Hub - Introduction to Makaton.

This session starts on Tuesday 24th June at the Stockton Family Hub on Yarm Road.

You will learn basic hand signals, the essentials of finger spelling and key signs.
Booking is via the link below.

[Introduction to Makaton.](#)

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)

94.9%

National average = 94.5%