



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 11th July 2025

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Teesside Mind Colour Run

Today we held our Colour Run which was arranged by the Mental Health Champions to raise money for Teesside Mind. I am very pleased to say that we raised an amazing £3845 in total for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you for all of the support you have given and I hope the children return to their original colour soon! Please see the photos on our FaceBook group (link [here](#)) and also within this newsletter.



### New classes

Today, your child will have found out about their new teacher for September. You will have received an email regarding this too. The new classes for next year are as follows:

Current Class	New class	New teacher
RH	Y1B	Miss Barron
RWD	Y1L	Mrs Lofts
1B	Y2F	Mr Ford
1L	2T	Miss Towler
Y2CM	Y3G	Mr Good
Y2F	Y3W	Mrs Woodley
Y3G	Y4BC	Mrs Burey and Mr Carlton
Y3W	Y4Y	Miss Young
Y4Y	Y5S	Mrs Squires
Y4BC	Y5R	Mr Robson
Y5G	Y6G	Mrs Gibson
Y5R	Y6A	Miss Ambrosini

### Miss Owens—PSA (Parent Support Advisor)

This week we have welcomed Mrs Owens to Whinstone. Miss Owens is our new PSA who will be in our school for two and a half days each week. Miss Owens will mainly be working with children and families regarding attendance and punctuality, but she is also able to help with signposting to support and making links with other agencies; we are really excited about how this new role develops. Miss Owens will be outside on the mornings on the days she is with us so please do make her feel welcome and say hello.



### Punctuality

Can I please remind you that **school starts at 8:45**. There are an increasing number of children arriving or entering their classrooms after this time. Please ensure that your child is at their classroom door and ready to enter when it opens.



# Around Whinstone this week.







Our Reception classes went on a trip to Hardwick Park.



Year 5 and Year 6 held the school finals for their speech. The winner was selected and will represent the school next week at the grand final of *Sparks Speaks* held at Conyers.

The speeches ranged from being kind, adoption, alien life and reading—quite a variety of topics.



Pre-school had their graduation day.

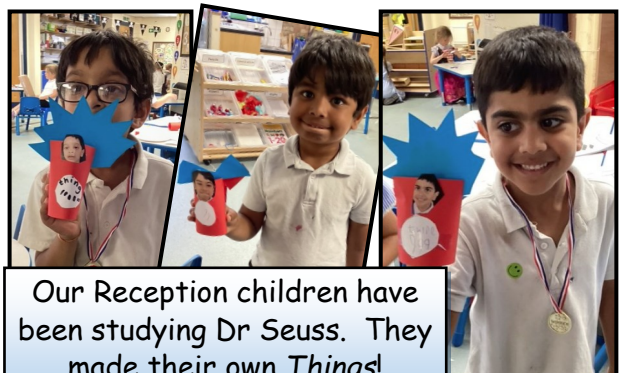
Our Reading Ambassadors went on a trip to the library.



Year 3 with their messy, but fun, art!



The Drama Club had pizza and chips whilst watching a video of their Joseph performance. You can watch it too by using [this link](#).



Our Reception children have been studying Dr Seuss. They made their own *Things*!



# Whinstone Stars



Skyla went to a dance competition at St Patricks School. She came first in four different classes: Modern dance, National Dance (Skyla did a Portuguese dance for this), Classical Troop and Cabaret Troop.

What an achievement - well done, Skyla.

## Out and About



Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday 19th July on Stockton High Street

This free 'Here to Help' event includes free crafts and face painting activities. Local organisations will also be on hand to offer family support and advice.

## Whinstone next week

### Year 6 events:

Monday - Leavers' Disco.

Tuesday at 9:15 - Assembly

Wednesday— Trip to Whitby

Friday - Last day at Whinstone!

### Spark Speaks Grand Final

Our finalist and runner up will be attending Conyers on Tuesday afternoon. Fingers crossed we do well with our entry from Eva McGough!

### Ice-cream Thursday.

Please note the different day - it is **Thursday** not Friday!

Cost of an ice-cream is £1 as usual.



### FRIDAY = END OF SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER.

We finish school for the summer on Friday afternoon and return on Tuesday 2nd September.

# Safeguarding and Family Support

## HOLIDAYS ARE FUN

Free, fun activities  
for eligible school  
age children  
from Reception  
to Year 11.

Scan the QR  
code to check  
eligibility and  
book online.



www.stockton.gov.uk/haf  
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### HAF (Holidays are Fun) Scheme

The HAF scheme operates to help families with eligible school age children who live in Stockton-on-Tees to enjoy some free activities during the holidays.

On Tuesday 15th July at the Thornaby Family Hub, there is coffee morning with a member of the HAF team going along to help any families wishing to book onto HAF activities for the summer holidays.

There is also some information on the Stockton-on-Tees website which you can read by following [this link](#).

## 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%