



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 18th July 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Goodbye!

The end of term has brought some sad and emotional goodbyes to a lot of our Whinstone family. Not only have our Year 6 children left for the next stage of their educational journey, but we have other children who are moving on to new schools and new homes. We wish them all the best. In addition, this week saw us say goodbye to three members of staff. All of these have been at the school for 20 years or more - so will be known by many of you. We said good bye to Mrs Kerr, Mrs Hogg and Mrs Craig. Again, we want to say a huge thank you for all they have done for the school over the years and wish them every success for the future and whatever adventures it may hold.

Safeguarding information for the summer.

The summer holidays are a long time to not have any direct contact with school. We know that sometimes parents can have concerns about issues they have or the welfare of other children. If you are worried about any child, please call the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children's Hub on **01429 284284** or out of office hours call **01642 524552**. This service will record any concerns and deal with them appropriately. However, **if there are immediate risks to a child or young person** and in an emergency, please **contact the Police on 101 or 999**. Safeguarding is everyone's business and we all have a collective responsibility to look out for the children and young people in our community.

Breakfast Club

In September, we are extending the opening of our Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club runs every morning and will now start at 7:45 each day. We understand the importance of affordable wraparound care and remain committed to providing a welcoming, supportive start to the school day. The cost of this, which includes breakfast, is £5.

We ask that Breakfast Club is booked in advance to ensure we have the correct number of staff. Breakfast Club is available to book now via the Arbor app.

Summer is here!

So, it is now time to round up and finish off. Thank you to all of you for the support you have shown to your children, the school and the staff over this last year. We do appreciate all you have done. Enjoy your summer holidays - we are handing over the children for six weeks and no doubt, some of you may even be counting down the days until they are back in school! But seriously, make the most of the time you have - they grow up so fast, cherish these moments.

Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September.

Around Whinstone this week.

Goodbye, Year 6!

This week has been a series of events for our Year 6 leavers. From an assembly to a Whitby trip, a disco to a grand exit in a limo...

Whinstone Primary wishes each and every one of you a lovely summer and all the best for your future.

Keep shining - you are all stars in our eyes.



Goodbye to the Leavers of 2025.

You are ready Year 6.

It is time.

Time for one last wear of this uniform.

Time for one last journey to school.

Time for one last registration.

Time for one last assembly.

Time for one last sit on the benches.

Time for one last wander in the corridors.

Time for one last day, everyone together.

Time for one last goodbye to your teacher.

Time to move on.

Time for the next step.

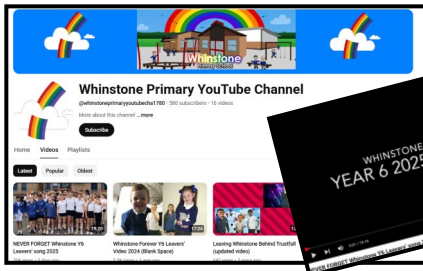
Time for new adventures.

Time to look forward and not back.

It is time.

You are ready.

It is time.



See the Year 6 leavers' video for 2025. This is an annual tradition was put together by our very talented Mrs Woodley, who works tirelessly to create this memory for the children to look back on. It is definitively worth a watch and can be found on our YouTube channel.

Whinstone Stars



Owen has been continuing his trampolining successes! Last weekend he was in Birmingham at the Utilita Arena where he was competing in the British Regional Trampoline Championships, representing the North of England.

He finished 6th in the age 9-10 Level 3 category (the highest difficulty he is eligible to compete in.) Owen finished 6th in this national competition - what an amazing achievement.

Well done, Owen.



Safeguarding and Family Support



family action

SIRF CARNIVAL WORKSHOP
Billingham Biscuit Ninjas

Join us and international artist Jo Feijó for two creative workshops designing our props for Carnival!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th July 3pm – 5pm
Billingham Family Hub

Tuesday 29th July 3pm – 5pm
Billingham Family Hub

Sunday 3rd August 12.15–3pm
Carnival – Stockton High Street



Family Hub and SIRF combined event

Join the Family Action team and international artist Jo Feijó for an exciting, hands-on workshop where you'll help design vibrant props for this year's SIRF Carnival!

Location: Billingham Family Hub

Dates & Times:

Tuesday 29th July at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Then join them at the Carnival Parade!

Sunday 3rd August from 12:15 PM to 3:00 PM

Stockton High Street

All ages welcome – bring your creativity and community spirit!

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



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

Attendance

Whole school attendance
(year to date)

94.8%

National average = 94.5%

SCHOOL IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

We will be open again on
Tuesday 2nd September.
Have a fantastic summer.