



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2025/2026 - Autumn term

Friday 12th September 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Flu Vaccinations



This week, you will have received a letter from the Immunisation Service which contained the information about how to sign up your child for their flu vaccination. The vaccination takes place in school on Monday 13th October. The deadline for giving consent is Monday 6th October - if you do not complete an authorisation form your child will not be able to have the vaccination. Please note that the school is not responsible for organising the vaccinations, it is done through the NHS Immunisation Service, so you will need to fill in the consent form either using the link [here](#) or the one sent to you earlier in the week. If you miss the deadline, school cannot do anything about this.

Online Safety

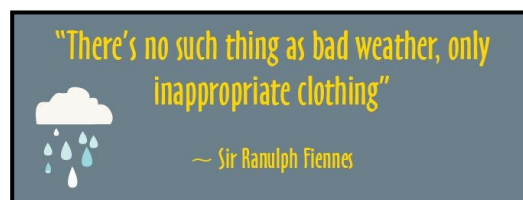


As technology is constantly changing, children are being exposed to more and more online. Most people immediately focus on the negatives of children and online technology, but it also has many benefits. However, the more time children spend online, the more likely they are to face potential risks of online harm. We are providing you with a booklet from Internetmatters.org which can give you some advice and guidance around supporting your child to safely navigate the online world. The booklet will be sent out with this newsletter.

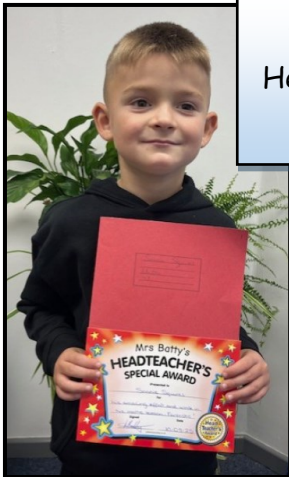
We are also in the process of arranging a parents' meeting with an online safety expert - providing you with an opportunity to speak to someone very knowledgeable and ask any questions you may have. We hope to get this sorted for some time in October, so please look out for this in future correspondence.

Clothing

At Whinstone, we actively encourage children to be outside as much as possible and they are thoroughly enjoying the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) activities that are available at lunchtimes. For children to be able to comfortably enjoy being outside, they need to have suitable clothing. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them each day because, unless it is torrential rain, we are not going to let some 'British drizzle' stop play. As we have seen today, the weather can change a lot over the course of the day - it may be sunny when they come to school, but by lunchtime the weather can be drastically different. A coat in their bag will mean your child is prepared for all weather eventualities. But remember, please name coats - they are easily mislaid and we want them to get back to you if they are found.



Around Whinstone this week.

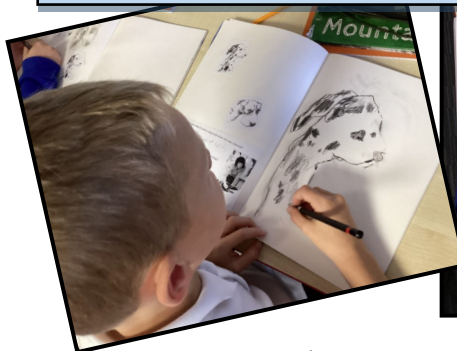


Well done to those who earned a Headteacher's certificate from Mrs Batty this week.

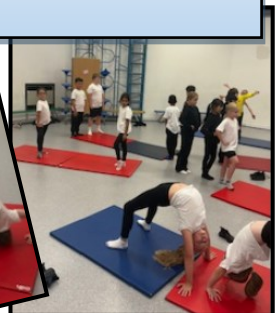
Our new reception children went out on the main playgrounds this week. This provided an opportunity for some great sibling interactions!



Class 3W studied some dog drawings by the artist Laura McKendry. They then had fun replicating her work using charcoal marks and smudges.



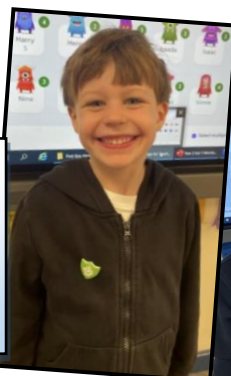
Class 4BC enjoyed a PE session doing gymnastics.



Year 4 started their Forest School sessions this week. They were building habitats.



Children in Year 2 were sharing their experiences and achievements with each other to practise their oracy skills.





Our Reception children are settling in well and enjoying learning through play.

Whinstone Stars



Ralph ran The Great North Run for the second time.
What an achievement - well done, Ralph.



Isla ran the Great North Run and raised over £600
for her chosen charity.
Brilliant work - well done, Isla.



Isaac attends kickboxing sessions. He has passed his grading to earn his white belt.

A fantastic achievement - well done, Isaac.

Whinstone next week

Live it and Get Active Sports Clubs continue

There are still some places available, so book a place on your Arbor App under the section 'Clubs'.

Golf Sessions

On Thursday and Friday we have a golf coach in school who will be delivering golf taster sessions to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Out and About

PJ PARTY!!! for **YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER**

SAT 20TH SEP 6PM-7.30PM

The Rings Community Hub

**SUGGESTED
DONATION
PER FAMILY
£3-£5**

Tombola!

Raffle!

Tuckshop!



One of our pupils, Addie, has been working hard over the summer to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and, with the support of the local town council, Addie has organised a Community Charity Fundraiser event taking in an effort to raise even more for this good cause.

You can look forward to a tombola supplied by One Stop and raffle prizes that include a Wizarding Afternoon Tea in York, a gift voucher for the Myton Pub, sweet bouquets, toiletries, and much more! Every penny raised will support this worthy cause.

**YOUNG LIVES
vs CANCER**

Safeguarding and Family Support

What's on at Stockton-on-Tees Family Hubs

Monday

Billingham
Community Garden
10am-12pm
Adults only

Redhill
*Stay and Play
10-11:30am
Perinatal Walk and Talk
1-3pm (fortnightly)
Andy's Man Club
7pm

Thornaby
Babbling Babies
12:30-2pm
Infant Feeding Support
1:30-2:30pm
SEND Club
(starting 15th Sept)
4-5pm

Tuesday

Billingham
*Stay and Play
9:30-11am
Harbour Drop-In
10am-12pm
Employment Hub Drop-In.
1-3pm (fortnightly)

Redhill
SEND Lego Club
4-5pm

Stockton
Infant Feeding Support
10-11:30am
Warm Welcome
1-3pm
After School Family Fun
3:30-5pm

Thornaby
Perinatal Walk and Talk
1-3pm (fortnightly)
MIND Be Heard
11-13 years 4-5:30pm
14-16 years 5:30-7pm

Scan to
book for
Be Heard



Wednesday

Billingham
**Messy Play 1st Week
**Soft Play 3rd Week
Monthly 10-11am
Coffee Morning 2nd Week
SEND Coffee Morning 4th Week
Monthly 9:30 - 11am

Redhill
Babbling Babies
9:30-11am
Infant Feeding Support
10-11:30am

Stockton
*Stay and Play
10-11:30am

Thornaby
Multiples Stay & Play
1-3pm

Thursday

Billingham
Perinatal Walk and Talk
9:30am-11:30am
(fortnightly)
After School Family Fun
3:30-5pm

Redhill
**Soft Play 1st Week
Rhyme Time 2nd Week
**Messy Play 3rd Week
Craft & Coffee 4th Week
Monthly 9.30-10.30am
The Bread & Butter Thing
1pm - 1.30pm

Stockton
Babbling Babies
1-2:30pm

Thornaby
Knit & Natter
9.30 - 11.30am
*Stay and Play
1-2:30pm

Friday

Billingham
Babbling Babies
9:30-11am
Infant Feeding Support
10:30am-12pm

Stockton
Polish Village Stay and Play
10:15-11:45am

Thornaby
**Monthly Messy Play
10-11:30am

Saturday

Billingham
SEND Club
3rd Saturday of the month
10:30am-12pm

*Scan to book
for **Stay & Play**
Starting w/c 15th
September



**Call 01642 528525 to book



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- Your child or young person with additional needs
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Family Hubs

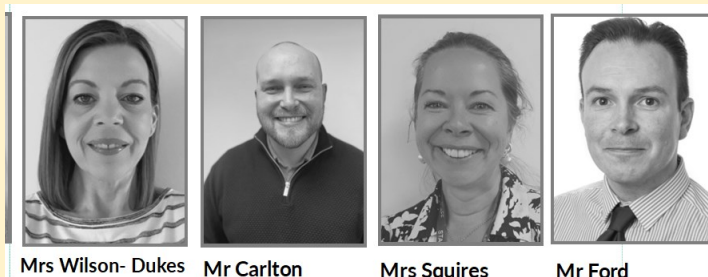
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Safeguarding :

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

Our other safeguarding leads in school are:



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**

Attendance



Our attendance is looking great at the moment. Thank you for your support in this - let's keep it up.

Whole school attendance (year to date)

96.6%

National average = 95.4%