



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2025/2026 - Autumn term

Friday 7th November 2025

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Drop-in open evenings

Next week, there will be an opportunity to come into school as we are holding two drop-in open evenings on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This will give you an opportunity to look at your child's work and speak with their teacher. Alternatively, if you feel you need to speak with your child's teacher before then, please contact school and a suitable time can be arranged.

Unfortunately, Mr Ford's class have a slight change to their evenings. Mr Ford is unavailable on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, so he will have his open evenings on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Please enter your child's classroom through their external door** (where children enters in the morning and leaves at the end of the day) **NOT through the front entrance**. The gates will all remain open until the sessions have finished.

Please see the table below that clearly shows the dates and timings of these drop-in sessions.

	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 6:00pm	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Reception		✓	✓
Year 1		✓	✓
Class 2T (Miss Towler)		✓	✓
Class 2F (Mr Ford)	✓	✓	
Year 3		✓	✓
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Year 5		✓	✓
Year 6		✓	✓

### Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 6 hoodies are now available to order from Motif8. Orders should be placed directly with the supplier, not through the school. If you choose the 'School Delivery' option at checkout, your hoody will be delivered to the school and should arrive before Christmas. However, the deadline for ordering to meet this delivery is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Please use this [link](#) to place your order.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Power for Good."

To kick things off, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate individuality and mark the start of the week. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will also be leading assemblies for both KS1 and KS2 to share important messages about kindness and respect.

Throughout the week, there will be a range of exciting activities — including a scavenger hunt, the creation of our own school song, and, on Thursday, a special "Play Your Cards Right" event in Class 4BC at lunchtime. The winner will go head-to-head with the teachers in Friday's assembly.

Who will come out on top?  
Let's find out together as we use our Power for Good!



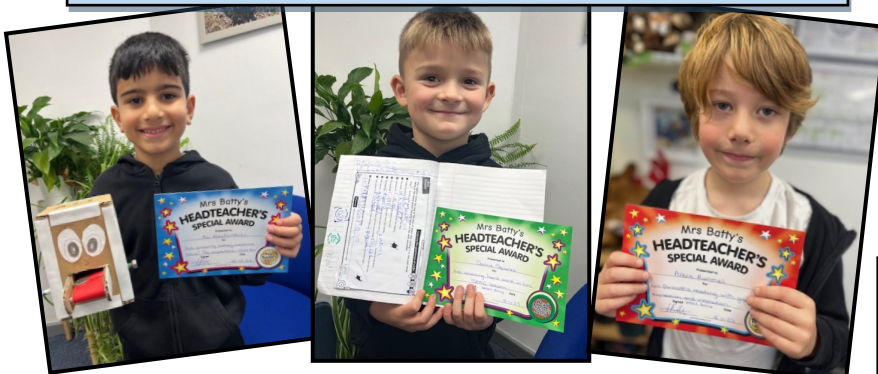
## Remembrance Day and our Poppy Appeal

As we approach Remembrance Day, we still have a few Poppy Appeal items available for those who would like to contribute. These include snap bands and poppy reflectors (suggested donation £1), as well as the traditional paper poppies. Every donation helps support this important cause and those who have served.

On Wednesday, Mr. Good has arranged a very special Remembrance Day assembly, where we will be joined by veterans and serving soldiers. It promises to be a thoughtful and memorable occasion for our school community as we come together to remember and reflect.

# Around Whinstone this week.

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



Two children went with Mr Good and Ms Batty to deliver the produce collected from our Harvest Festival to Thornaby Food Bank..





Children from across the school got to have a session learning how to Flamenco dance!



Our School Council met to discuss issues around school and decide what they would like to do moving forward. They are working hard on creating an action plan.

Reception children have been using their skills and knowledge to make bridges.



Year 1 have been looking at toys from the past. They have fun exploring the mini museum they have created.



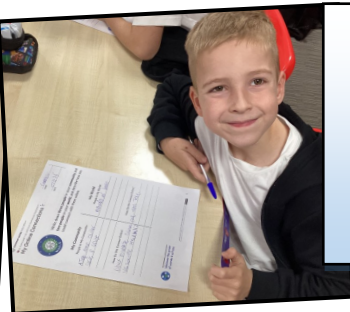
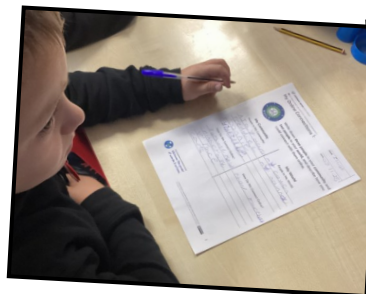
Firefighters from Thornaby Fire station visited our school to give assemblies around fire safety, especially at this time of the year.



Our top Dojo winners from last half term had their reward - non-uniform and hot chocolate at breaktime.

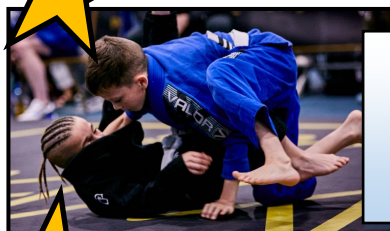






The first lesson of computing each half term is online safety.  
Year 3 discussed what to consider when playing online games and about who they connect with.

# Whinstone Stars

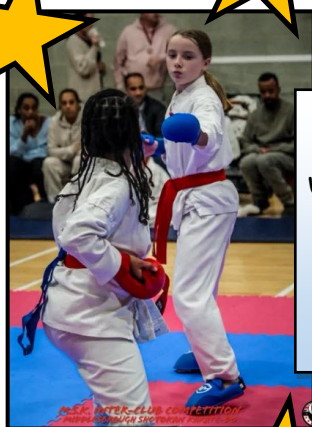
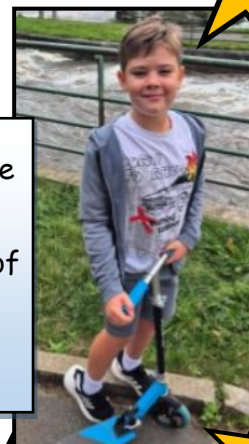


Lucas took part in the North Kids Open Jiu-jitsu Grappling Tournament in Leeds.  
He brought home a silver medal.  
What an achievement - well done, Lucas.



Parker was awarded the Man of the Match for playing for his TIBs Yellow team against Billingham. Parker helped the team get an impressive win with a 6-1 result.  
Well done, Parker.

Seb took on a walking challenge where he had to walk a mile a day to raise money for Cancer Research UK.  
Seb completed the challenge, walking and scooting a total of 41 miles. He raised an amazing £575 for the charity.  
What a superstar you are, Seb!



Alexis attended an Inter-club Karate competition. It was her first time doing kumite (combat) and she fought well. Alexis made it to the semi-finals where she finished third earning herself a bronze medal.  
Wow - well done, Alexis.



Owen attended an Inter-club Karate competition. He competed well, winning his kumite (combat) section.!

A super achievement, Owen—well done!



Leo was given Man of the Match for his outstanding effort at the weekend.  
His TIBs team played Hartlepool and won 4-1.  
Well done, Leo.



Skyla attended a competition over the half-term break. She is continuing to grow her collection of medals and trophies.  
Skyla was placed in tap, song and dance and acro.  
Fantastic, Skyla.



Freya attended a dance competition in Newcastle. She was placed 3rd in Lyrical Dance.  
Well done, Freya.

William was awarded the Player of the Match for his hard work and effort.  
Fantastic, William - what a superstar you are!



# Whinstone next week

## Anti-Bullying week and 'Odd Socks' day

Next week is Anti-Bullying week with various activities taking place. Don't forget Monday is Odd Socks day.

## Drop-in Open Evenings

Our school is holding Drop-In Open Evenings, and the dates and times are listed in this newsletter. Please note that Mr. Ford's class has a slightly different schedule, so be sure to check the details carefully. We look forward to welcoming you and giving you a chance to see the great learning happening in our classrooms!

## Remembrance Day assembly

On Tuesday, we will be holding our Remembrance day assembly with visitors from the forces attending.

## Year 6 trips to Heugh Battery

Both Year 6 classes are going on a visit to Heugh Battery. Mrs Gibson's class are going on Tuesday and Miss Ambrosini's class are going on Wednesday..

## Year 4 Power Station trip

One of our Year 4 classes, class 4Y, has their trip to Hartlepool Power Station on Thursday.

## Children in Need

Friday is a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Please bring a donation to support this worthy cause.



# Safeguarding and Family Support

Do you know someone  
who is **FINDING IT HARD** to  
**KEEP WARM** at home?

Our **Stay Safe and Warm**  
service can help — it is  
completely **FREE** for people  
living in **Cleveland**.\*

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[www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/ssaw](http://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/ssaw)

\*Following a free home assessment, you must live in Cleveland.



Middlesbrough  
Council



Stockton-on-Tees  
Borough Council

## Stay Safe and Warm Campaign

Cleveland Fire Brigade are running a Stay Safe and Warm Campaign, a completely free programme for anybody that is living in Cleveland - that may be struggling to stay warm at home.

After a free home visit, they may be able to provide portable heaters or other essential equipment to help people stay safe and warm.

Please contact them if you or someone you know needs help.

**01429 874063**

## 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



Miss Owens, our PSA, is available to support and help you with any concerns or issues you may have regarding attendance. She can also offer advice on other services available to parents. Contact the school if you would like to speak with her.

Whole school  
attendance (year to date)

**95.8%**

National average = 95.2%