



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2025/2026 - Summer term

Friday 22nd May 2026

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Sun Safety

As the weather gets warmer, we kindly ask for your support in helping us keep all children safe in the sun. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream each day. An all-day or long-lasting sun cream is recommended so it can be applied before school and provide continuous protection throughout the day.

We also ask that every child brings a clearly named sun hat to wear during outdoor activities, as well as a water bottle to stay well hydrated.

We want everyone to be safe, comfortable, and able to enjoy the sunshine!



### Reception and Year 6 class photos

The recent class photographs taken by Tempest are now ready to view and purchase. You can see these online by following the links below:

[Link for Mrs Goldsmith's class](#)

[Link for Miss Hole's Class](#)

[Link for 6A](#)

[Link for 6G](#)

If you would like to take advantage of the free 'deliver to school' option, you will need to place your order within the 14 day period. However, photos can still be purchased after this time but will be home delivered for the cost of £5. The purchasing is done directly with the company via the links only.

### Sports days

Sports days will start the first week back after half-term. For Reception to Year 6, we aim to start at 1:45pm and after the events have finished, you are welcome to take your child home with you. However, if there is a sibling in school, this child will not be able to leave early. Gates will only open approximately 5 minutes before the start time so we can keep the site secure.

If the weather is hot, please ensure your child has sun-cream (an all day version is best) and a sunhat.

Year group	Date	Start time(s)
Pre-school	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11:30 (morning attenders) 2:30 (afternoon attenders)
Reception	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45pm
Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45pm
Year 3 and Year 4	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45pm
Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45pm

### Half-term

School is now closed for a week for the half-term break. Many children started their half term a little early to enable them to get to Wembley to support Middleborough in their playoff match. We were amused with how many children had medical appointments - dentists certainly had a very busy Friday afternoon!

For those who are making the journey to London, let's hope it is the outcome we are hoping for. Enjoy the match and the memories you will create for you and your child.

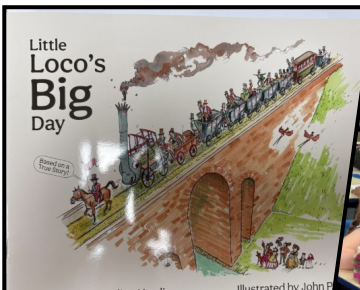


We hope you all have a lovely week and we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1st June.

# Around Whinstone this week.



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



Year 4 had a visit from an author and archaeologist - Caroline Hardie. She shared the book she had written about the first locomotive on the Stockton Darlington Railway, and the children enjoyed taking part in activities.

Some of our children attended a Panathlon Foundation multi-sport event at Durham University.



Year 3 have been making puppets and then animating them in their computing lessons.  
Watch the animations here:  
[Class 3G](#)  
[Class 3W](#)



Some Y5 children went to Yarm School to take part in a Clay Day where they made their own creations based on the Magic Faraway Tree.



Our Reception children have been learning about the emergency services.



Our Year 6 children went on a residential to Carlton.



The Year 6 children back at school, did lots of exciting activities too!



# Whinstone Stars



Sidney completed his Tees Heritage walk for charity. He raised a lot of money and had very tired legs!  
Well done, Sidney.



Arthur was the Player of the Week at his football club. He saved some goals against much older children.  
Well done, Arthur.






Harry was awarded the 'Most Improved Player' trophy at his football club.  
Well done, Harry.

# Would you rather...?



**Oracy - talk matters!**

This week's random question to discuss with your child.

<b>WOULD YOU RATHER</b> WEEK BEGINNING 01/06/26	
BE SUPERMAN ?	BE BATMAN?
	
	

# Whinstone next week

## Pre-school sports day

On Wednesday, Pre-school are having their sports day. Parents have selected a morning or afternoon session and will be taking part with their child!

## Year 4 Microbit session

On Wednesday, Year 4 are working with Mr Les Foggitt from Yarm School on microbits.

## Meeting for our new Reception parents

On Wednesday after school, there is the parent meeting for the new children going to Reception in September.

## Year 1 and Year 2 sports day

On Thursday, Years 1 and 2 have their sports day. This starts at 1:45pm. Gates open approximately 5 minutes before this.

## Year 3 and Year 4 sports day

On Friday, Years 3 and 4 have their sports day. This starts at 1:45pm. Gates open approximately 5 minutes before this.

## Ice-cream Friday

On Friday, Friends of Whinstone will be selling ice-creams at playtime. Cost is £1 per ice-cream.

# Safeguarding and Family Support

## Events this half term at the Stockton Family Hubs

No events on Monday due to it being a Bank Holiday.

### Tuesday

#### Billingham

##### Breakfast Club

9:30am to 11am

#### Best Start Family Hub Redhill

##### Breakfast Club

9:30am to 10:30am

#### Stockton

##### Infant Feeding Support

10am to 11:30am

##### Family Warm Welcome

1pm to 3pm

#### Thornaby

##### Be Heard

11 to 13 years 4pm to 5:30pm

14 to 16 years 5:30pm to 7pm

### Wednesday

#### Best Start Family Hub Redhill

##### Babbling Babies

9:30am to 11am

Baby and parent group, suitable for non-walking babies

#### Thornaby

##### Salvation Project Community Pantry

1:30pm to 2:30pm

##### Salvation Project and Family Hub Bingo

2:30pm to 4:30pm

### Thursday

#### Billingham

##### Red Balloons perinatal peer support group

9:30am to 11:30am

##### Infant Feeding Support

1pm to 2pm

#### Best Start Family Hub Redhill

##### Breakfast Club

9:30am to 10:30am

#### Stockton

##### ECO Shop

10am to 12pm

##### Babbling Babies

1pm to 2:30pm

Baby and parent group, suitable for non-walking babies

#### Thornaby

##### Knit & Natter

9:30am to 11:30am

Everyone welcome

### Friday

#### Billingham

##### Babbling Babies

9:30am to 11am

#### Stockton

##### Polish Village Stay and Play

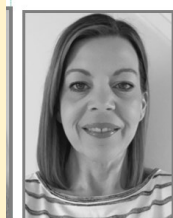
4pm to 5:30pm



## 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 contact school or the Stockton Family Help Point using [this link](#).

During working hours call: 01642 130080 or Email: [familyhelppoint@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:familyhelppoint@stockton.gov.uk)

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

## Attendance

A drop this week, but today was very low with many families heading to Wembley! Hopefully the final outcome of tomorrow's match will counteract the disappointment of this dip in attendance!

Whole school attendance  
(year to date)



**94.9%**

National average = 94.6%



Miss Owens, our PSA, is available to support and help with any issues you have regarding attendance or to support around other concerns you have affecting your family. Contact the school if you would like to speak with her.