



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2025/2026 - Summer term

Friday 12th June 2026

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Whinstone success - the Computing Quality Mark

We are delighted to share yet another success with you - we have been awarded the national Computing Quality Mark.

The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) and recognises excellence in computing education as part of a school's curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework (CQF).

To achieve this award, Whinstone successfully met all seven aspects of the CQF, demonstrating excellence in: *\*Leadership and vision, \*Curriculum, \*Teaching, learning and assessment, \*Workforce development, \*Addressing the needs of every pupil, \*Enrichment, destinations and careers and \*Impact and outcomes.*

Claire Garside, Senior Lead Facilitator at the NCCE, commented that we are "...among the schools leading the way in delivering high standards in computing education. The Computing Quality Mark recognises the quality of their provision, ensuring all pupils develop the computing skills and knowledge so valuable for today and their future careers."

A big thank you goes to our computing lead, Mrs Woodley, and her Digital Leaders who have played a vital and integral role in us achieving this recognition.

With three prestigious awards in just six months, Whinstone continues to go from strength to strength!



### Summer Fayre

Just a reminder that our Summer Fayre is after school on **Friday 3rd July**.

As always, we will be creating our much-loved themed hampers. Each year group has been assigned a different colour, and we have had a wide variety of colour themed items brought in so far. However, we still need more! The hampers are always a huge success, so please feel free to be as imaginative as you like when choosing items. We kindly ask that no fresh items are included due to use-by dates.

Nursery	Pink	Year 3	Yellow/orange
Reception	Green	Year 4	Brown
Year 1	Red	Year 5	Purple
Year 2	Blue	Year 6	Black & white

We are also collecting donations for our popular bottle stall and tombola. For the bottle stall, we are asking for any unopened bottles - these can be drinks, toiletries or anything that comes in a bottle.

All donations can be sent into school via the main office or handed to staff at the classroom door.

## Have Your Say: The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is inviting children across the country to take part in an important new survey called *The Big Future*.

For the first time, hundreds of thousands of young people will be eligible to vote in a general election at age 16 – the biggest change in voting rights in over 50 years. However, currently only one in five children feel that politicians listen to them. This survey aims to change that.

*The Big Future* survey is a chance for children to share their views and experiences. It asks about:

- What it is like to be a child today
- Changes they would like to see in their communities
- Their biggest concerns
- Their hopes and dreams for the future
- What they think a "good childhood" should look like now and in the future

We encourage our pupils and families to take part and ensure that children's voices are heard.

You can complete the [survey here](#) or by scanning this QR code.



## Parking and Road Safety Around School

We have received a number of concerns from parents and local residents regarding parking and driving around the school at drop-off and pick-up times.

Please can we remind everyone to be considerate and safe when travelling to and from school. This includes:

- Not parking in the GP surgery car park
- Avoiding mounting pavements or blocking footpaths and cycle paths
- Taking extra care when reversing or turning
- Being mindful of pedestrians, especially families with young children and pushchairs



The safety of our children and families is our highest priority. We encourage all families, where possible, to walk to school or park a short distance away and complete the journey on foot.

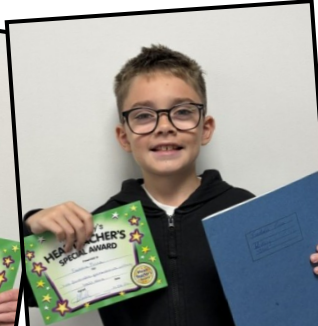
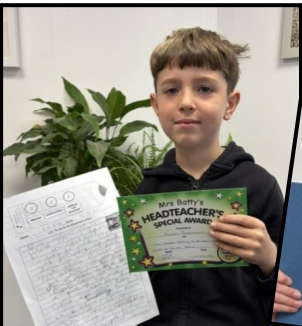
## Football Crazy football club

Football Crazy are a company that run fun, inclusive weekly football sessions for boys and girls aged 4-11 years old. Sessions take place every Thursday during term time, from 4:45pm to 5:45pm, here at the school.

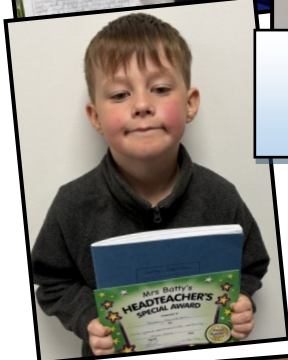
If you would like more information or to sign your child up, please contact Kev Johnston from Sporting Chance/Football Crazy on 07704 969845 or email [info@sporting-chance-north.com](mailto:info@sporting-chance-north.com).



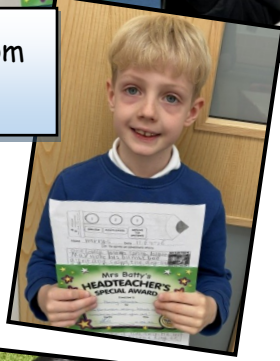
# Around Whinstone this week.



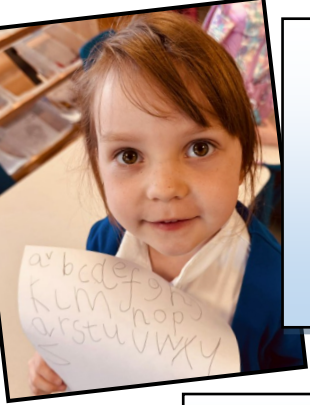
Well done to those who earned a Headteacher's certificate from Mrs Batty this week.



..and Marcus too!



Year 1 were learning how to safely make a fire during their Forest School session.



Our Reception children have been practising their early writing skills.



Three of our children were the winners in the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust competition to design a poster. Whinstone took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

Our Digital Leaders ran a Microbit session for some of our Year 3 children.



Some girls found an unusual volcanic rock n the field at lunchtime!





OPAL fun in the Build Zone.



Friends of Whinstone held their popular Toy Fair to raise money for the school and children.

# Whinstone Stars



Addie found out she has been nominated for a BBC Radio Tees Make a Difference award for 2026. The award recognises individuals and groups who make life better for people in Teesside, County Durham and North Yorkshire. Well done, Addie.

Joshua plays football for South Park Rangers. At their recent awards ceremony, Joshua was awarded the Golden Boot for most goals scored this season. He also received a trophy for participation in the team. Well done, Joshua!




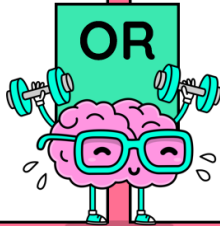
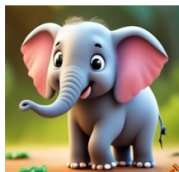
# Would you rather...?

**Oracy**

**Oracy - talk matters!**

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

**WOULD YOU RATHER** WEEK BEGINNING  
15/06/26

<p>SHRINK AS SMALL AS AN ANT?</p> 	<p><b>OR</b></p> 	<p>GROW AS BIG AS AN ELEPHANT?</p> 
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# Whinstone next week

## Pre-school home visits

Throughout the week, our pre-school team will be undertaking home visits for children who will be starting our Pre-school in September.

## Year 4 swimming

Every afternoon, Year 4 children will be going swimming at IB Leisure pool in Ingleby. Please remember to send your child with their swimming kit each day.

## Drama Club present Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Over two evenings, our Drama Club are performing 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The performances are on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 18:00.

## Year 2 trip

Our Year 2 children will be visiting Wynyard Woodland Park on Tuesday.

## Year 1 Forest School

On Wednesday, Year 1 children will have a Forest School session.

## School Council Trip to the Houses of Parliament

On Thursday, some of our School Council will be catching a train down to London to not only visit the Houses of Parliament, but also to go to The Natural History Museum.

## Stockton football tournament finals

On Thursday, Whinstone is proud to have two teams through to the Stockton football finals. Both our Y3/4 team and Year 5/6 team are in the finals this year.

## SPARK Education Trust football event

On Thursday, in addition to the Stockton Finals, we are sending a Year 5 football team to Conyers to represent the school in a Trust event.

## Animex Day

On Thursday, we have a group of our Digital Leaders visiting Teesside University to take part in an Animex Day.

## Reception trip

On Friday, our Reception children will be going on a trip to Hardwick Park.

## Reading Ambassadors visiting Ingleby Mill Primary School

On Friday afternoon, our Reading Ambassadors are visiting Ingleby Mill Primary School.

# Support is here before, during and after the final whistle

For many people, the World Cup is a time of excitement and celebration. But for others, it can bring increased tension, fear and abuse at home. If you are feeling unsafe, you are not alone. Support is available.



Call us  
We are here  
24/7

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Visit us  
We are  
available

www.myharbour.org.uk



If you are in danger and need urgent help please call 999 and ask for police.

# Safeguarding

# and Family Support

## Harbour

Harbour is an independent registered charity who offers support to those affected by domestic abuse.

As we approach the World Cup, domestic violence statistics show that these events can cause an increase in incidents.

Harbour want people to know that they don't have to go through those experiences alone, and that there is help available.

They make no judgements about the choices people have made but they offer advice and practical assistance to help people improve their futures.

To contact Harbour you can call their 24-hour helpline on 03000202525 or visit their website [here](http://www.myharbour.org.uk)



## 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

No change again this week. Hopefully next week we will see an increase.

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.