



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2025/2026 - Summer term

Friday 19th June 2026

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### Football success

Recently, two of our boys' football teams reached the finals of the Stockton District Schools Football Association Cup. Accompanied by their manager, Mr Good, the teams attended the finals earlier this week and represented the school exceptionally well.

Both teams performed brilliantly. Our Year 5/Year 6 team achieved

an impressive runners-up position in their category, such an outstanding accomplishment of which they should be very proud. However, we are also delighted to announce that our Year 3/Year 4 boys' team were crowned champions, winning the SDSFA Cup for 2026.

In addition to their wonderful performances on the pitch, both teams demonstrated excellent behaviour and a positive attitude throughout, making

them true ambassadors for the school. Another fantastic success for Whinstone, one that fills us with great pride.



### Respect and kindness

I am sorry to share that this week there have been a small number of incidents where staff have been spoken to inappropriately by parents or other family members.

As a school, we are committed to modelling respect and kindness for our children at all times. It is therefore particularly disappointing when negative or hurtful comments are directed towards staff, especially in the presence of pupils. Such situations can cause distress not only to the staff involved, but also to children who have positive and trusting relationships with the adults who support them.

We kindly ask all parents, carers and family members to treat staff with respect at all times. If there are any concerns or issues that need to be raised, please do so in an appropriate and constructive manner so that they can be addressed effectively.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

### Sports week

Next week we are excited to be celebrating Sports Week, our annual event dedicated to promoting sport, fitness and active lifestyles to support our health and wellbeing.

Throughout the week, children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of engaging activities, including sessions on a climbing wall, yoga, dance and an inflatable obstacle course. These experiences are designed to encourage teamwork, build confidence and, most importantly, ensure that everyone has fun while being active.

To enable all children to participate fully and safely, it is important that they come to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Children should wear their PE kit on the designated days listed below.

	In addition to your child's normal PE days, these are the days they need to wear a PE kit
Pre-school	Wednesday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

## Teesside Mind Colour Run



Our Mental Health Champions have once again organised for our school to take part in the Teesside Mind Colour Run, which will take place on Friday 26th June during the school day.

Teesside Mind and their fundraising team will be hosting this exciting event in school, creating a fun, vibrant and memorable experience for all involved. It promises to be a wonderful way for our children to celebrate positive mental health and will provide a fantastic finale to our Sports Week.

All funds raised through the Colour Run will go towards supporting Teesside Mind in their work to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people and families across our local community.

You should already have received a sponsor form for your child. We kindly ask that all completed forms, along with any money raised, are returned to school no later than Thursday 25th June. Please note that a minimum sponsorship of £3.50 is required for your child to take part. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms and donations. A FAQs document from Teesside Mind is attached to the end of this newsletter, which provides further information about the event, including what children should wear and what to expect on the day.

This event is always a highlight of the year - full of colour, fun and smiles - and we are looking forward to another truly spectacular occasion!



# Around Whinstone this week.



Our Reading Ambassadors and some of our Year 6 children enjoyed a visit to Ingleby Mill Primary where they had the opportunity to meet with four authors.

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children delivered speeches they had written in an assembly to select who would represent the school in the Spark Speaks public speaking competition



# Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The New Musical

Our Drama Club put on two fantastic performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory over two evenings.



Pre-school has been reading 'The Snail and the Whale' so the school's pet snails visited the children!



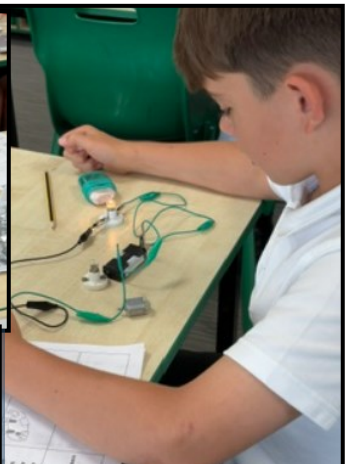
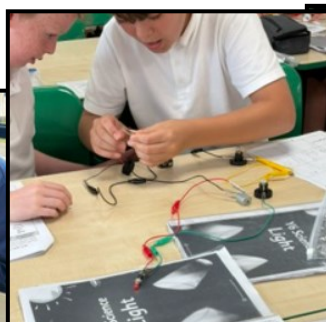
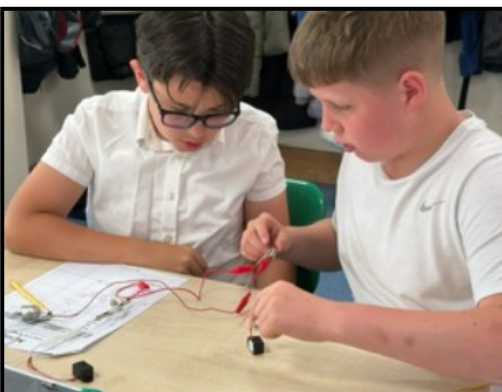
OPAL Show Zone fun.



Some of our Year 3 Digital Leaders visited Teesside University for an Animex day. You can watch their video [here](#).



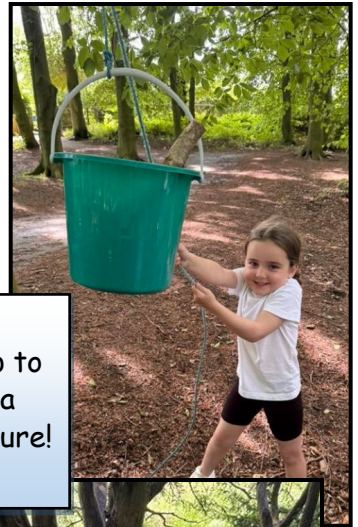
Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 boys' football teams made the Stockton District finals.



Year 6 were working on electricity in science. They made and tested circuits.



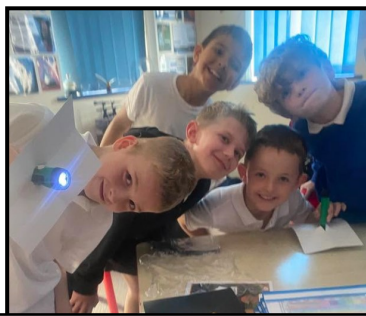
Some Year 5 children attended a Spark Education Trust football event at Conyers.



Our Reception children went on a trip to Hardwick Park where they went on a pirate treasure hunt and explored nature!



Year 2 went on a trip to Wynyard Park.



Year 3 were testing how reflective different surfaces were during their science lessons.



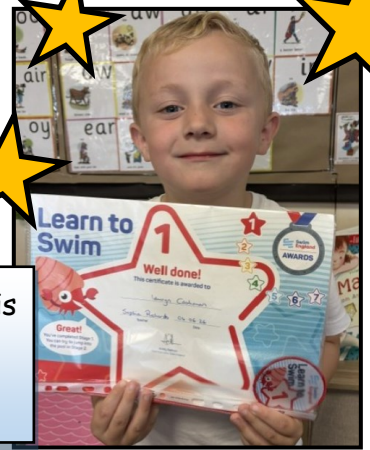
Our School Council went on a trip to London to visit Parliament and The Natural History Museum.



# Whinstone Stars

Bella enjoys playing football and was awarded the Player of the Week trophy. She even managed to tackle some older boys!  
Well done, Bella.

Lewyn attends swimming lessons and has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award.  
Well done, Lewyn


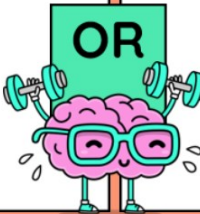



# Would you rather...?



**Oracy - talk matters!**

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

WOULD YOU RATHER		WEEK BEGINNING 22/06/26
WASH YOUR HAIR IN HONEY?	<b>OR</b>	BATH IN CHOCOLATE?
		

# Whinstone next week

## Sports week

Throughout the week, our children will be taking part in different activities to celebrate sports week.

## Year 6 STEM visit to Yarm School

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children will be visiting Yarm School to take part in a STEM day.

## Arts Council

A person from Preston Museum is coming in to work with the Arts Council.

## Year 1 Forest School

On Wednesday, our Year 1 children will have their final Forest School session.

## Ice cream Friday

On Friday, Friends of Whinstone will be selling ice-creams during playtime. The cost is £1 per ice-cream.

## Teesside Mind Colour Run

On Friday, Teesside Mind will be hosting a Colour Run at school.

# Safeguarding and Family Support

**GOING THROUGH  
A STORM  
OR JUST BEEN  
THROUGH ONE?**

ANDYSMANCLUB  
are talking  
groups for men to  
**HELP YOU** through  
those storms.

**FIND OUT  
MORE** info@andysmanclub.co.uk  
www.andysmanclub.co.uk #ITSOKAYTALK



## Mens Health

Going through a storm or just been through one?

'Andys Man Club' Stockton-on-Tees are there to help

They run free, supportive talking groups for men - offering a safe space where it's okay to talk

You can find their groups on a Monday at 7pm in the following Family Hubs:

\*Best Start Family Hub Redhill

\*Billingham Family Hub

No pressure, no judgement - just support.

## 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 for the third week in a row.  
Can we see an increase next week?

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.



## COLOUR RUN FAQ

### What should I wear for the colour run?

Comfortable clothing is a good start, as are comfortable running shoes. We encourage you to wear light coloured clothing as the colour powder shows best on light colours. Please don't wear anything with sharp edges that might cause injury to other runners.

### What's in the colour powder?

Our colour powder is made the traditional way, just corn starch and natural vegetable or food-grade dyes. We have however gone that extra step to ensure our colour powder is non-flammable and nontoxic. We thought this was essential to make our product perfect for use by children.

### Do I need protective clothing/gear?

You can wear goggles, sunglasses, bandanas, and face masks to protect the eyes and face from exposure to the coloured powder during the event if you wish.

### Will the colour stain my hair?

The coloured powder does wash out of your hair; however, we do recommend you take precautions if you're worried.

If you have blonde or African-Caribbean hair, we highly recommend protecting your hair with a bandana or similar head cover during the event. You can apply conditioner or olive oil to your hair before the event as that will help clean up afterwards.

## How is the colour administered?

You will see smiling faces along the course whose main goal is to douse you with colourful powder to ensure that you look like you ran through a beautiful rainbow by the time you cross the finish line!

## How to clean up after the run?

In fine weather, it's quite easy to shake the colour off your clothes. In damp weather we recommend you bring a change of clothes or some towels or a plastic bag with you to prevent your car from getting coloured.

After you have finished the event just blow all the excess colour off dry before entering the shower. After your first shower, some of the colour still might show a little but don't worry; after a couple of washes you should be super clean!

It's best to wash all your clothes first separately in cold water.



## What happens if it's raining?

It's an outdoor event so could be affected by weather, but the event will not be cancelled in bad weather unless it's unsafe to proceed.

To find out more please contact our team on 01642 257020 or email [info@teessidemind.org.uk](mailto:info@teessidemind.org.uk)

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