



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2026/2027 - Autumn term

Friday 23rd October 2026

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day



This year, Remembrance Day is on Wednesday 11th November with Remembrance Sunday falling on the weekend prior to this - Sunday 8th November. We will be celebrating Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November not only honouring a two-minute silence, but through Mr Good holding a special Remembrance Day assembly where he has arranged for some visitors to attend.

Also, to mark this important occasion, we will be selling items in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items will go on sale from Monday 2nd November.

This year, the following items will be available:

- *pencils
- *wristbands
- *snap-bands
- *reflective poppies for zips
- *paper poppies and poppy stickers



We suggest a minimum donation of £1 for the larger items, 50p for poppies and 20p for stickers. However, any donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

These items are always very popular and tend to sell out quickly. They will be available to purchase at morning break, while stocks last. If your child would like to buy something to support the appeal, please ask them to bring their donation into school.

Year 6 Leavers' hoodies

The link to order the Year 6 leavers' hoodie is now live on the Motif8 website. This can be found [here](#).

We have had numerous queries so before placing your order, please take a moment to read the following important information:

- All orders must be placed directly through Motif8 using the link above. Unfortunately, hoodies cannot be ordered through school.
- The consent form you recently completed is not an order it was just to have your child's name included. If you would like to purchase a hoodie, you must place your order using the website link.
- There is no obligation to buy a hoodie.
- The price shown on the website is the full price of the hoodie. Delivery to school is free of charge; an additional fee only applies if you choose to have your hoodie delivered to your home.
- School does not receive any commission from hoodie sales.

Please place your order by 13th November to ensure delivery to school during the week commencing 14th December. Any orders placed after the deadline will not be delivered until after Christmas as Motif8 closes for the Christmas period on 22nd December.



Mrs Manning's retirement

On Wednesday, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Manning as she retired after an incredible 29 years at Whinstone! It was an emotional day for everyone, especially Mrs Manning, as she completed her final 'shift' and walked out of the school building for the very last time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Manning for her outstanding dedication, loyalty and commitment to our school community over almost three decades, and to wish her a very happy, relaxing and well-deserved retirement.

Thank you for everything, Mrs Manning, you will be missed!



Reminder - Christmas Fayre and hamper donations

Our Christmas Fayre takes place this year on **Friday 27th November from 3:15—18:00**. As usual, we are looking for contributions towards our famous Whinstone hamper raffle. This year the colours are:

Year group	Items that are coloured:
Pre-school	Red, gold and silver
Reception	Green, gold and silver
Year 1	Red, gold and silver
Year 2	Green, gold and silver
Year 3	Red, gold and silver
Year 4	Green, gold and silver
Year 5	Red, gold and silver
Year 6	Green, gold and silver

We would like any items in your colours - be imaginative. Let's see how creative the hampers can be this year. Please send any items into school for your child to hand to their class teacher.

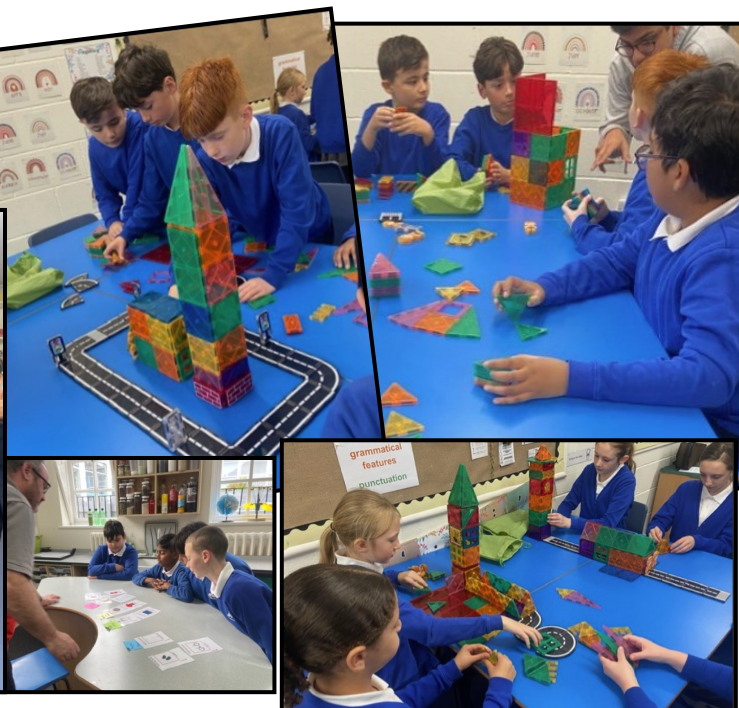
Around Whinstone this week.



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



Our Year 6 children went to Yarm School for a STEM day.





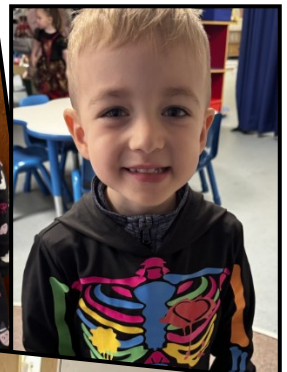
We had our Harvest Festival assembly led by Reverend Brenda from St. Francis of Assisi Church.



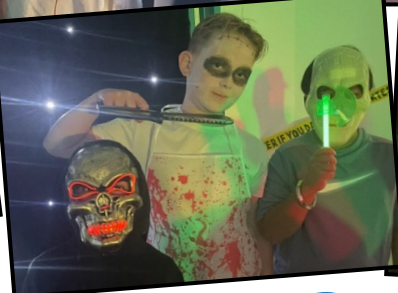
On Saturday, some of our Year 4 children were at the Middlesbrough football match to perform a dance to celebrate the club's 150th anniversary. They even stayed to watch the match after they had performed.



Pre-school and Reception had a Halloween themed afternoon with activities and a mini party.



We had our annual Friends of Whinstone Halloween discos



Whinstone Stars

Grace plays cricket for Rockcliffe. This week, Grace was awarded the trophy for 'Most improved player' for the season. This is an amazing achievement - well done, Grace.



Kaan attends a Sports Club. He earned some medals for his good listening and participation. Well done, Kaan.



Cole plays football for TIBs. After a very successful game, he was presented with both the 'Parents' player of the match' award and the 'Coach's player of the match' award. What an achievement. Well done, Cole.



Arthur goes to Sporting Chance football club. He was awarded the Player of the Month trophy. Fantastic - well done, Arthur.



Whinstone 'next' week

NEXT WEEK SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM.

Children return on Monday 2nd November.

Y5 and Y6 Hockey

On Wednesday, we have a coach coming into school to do a hockey session with our Y5 and Y6 children..

Food Bank delivery.

On Wednesday, some children will be going to the Thornaby Food Bank to deliver the donations raised from our Harvest Festival collection.

Year 6 Forest School

Year 6 will be having a Forest School session.

Diwali celebration

On Thursday, we have a visitor who will visit pre-school and Reception to talk about Diwali.

Talk about it



Oracy - talk matters!

This week's topic to discuss with your child.

**Your shoes give you a superpower
What would that superpower be?**



Talk About It



Safeguarding and Family Support

Free school uniform pop up shop

Monday 26th October
9am - 11am



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Homes. Communities. Support.

Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Free school uniform pop-up shop

School uniforms can be expensive. There is a free pop-up shop inside the Stockton Touchpoint store, in partnership with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Join them between 9am - 11am on Monday 26th October to see what's available.

All items will be on a first come, first served basis.

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

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

Attendance

We've had a slight drop this week. Unfortunately, we have had some classes and staff off poorly with a sickness bug.

Whole school attendance
(year to date)



95.9%

National average = 95.4%



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.

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