



Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents,

Every week is busy but this one has been particularly so! The hot weather has meant we have had to keep the children cool as a matter of priority. On Tuesday they enjoyed a nice cool water play session and fortunately yesterday, the Parish Hall was lovely and cool for our session with the Heptathlete Lucy Turner. Today, of course, we have had our wonderful trip to Lilidorei.



Clubs this Half Term

Monday – Lego / Mindfulness Club with Miss Ord

Tuesday – Gymnastics with Miss Agnew

Wednesday – Forest School Club with Mr Short

Thursday – Cookery Club with Miss Barnes

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 4th July – Summer Fair (10am-12pm)

Wednesday 8th July - Picnic lunch for Early Years' new starters (11:30 to 12:30) – All new starters have been informed.

Monday 13th July - Sports Day – Parents can drop off and then stay – Tea and coffee will be available and races will start at 9.30am. We anticipate the morning will be finished around 11am approximately (we will be able to give you more of an indication of this time once we have ran through one or more practices.)

Friday 17th July - Last Day – School ends at 1.30pm (however see details on the next page re Andrew's Retirement.

Summer Term Transition Meetings

Come along to find out about the next stage of your child's learning ...

Monday July 6th 3.30pm – 4pm.

Parents' meeting for children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Wednesday July 8th 3.30pm – 4pm.

Parents' meeting for children who are moving from Reception to Year 1

Thursday July 9th 3.30pm – 4pm

Parents' meeting for children who are moving from Nursery to Reception

We are still receiving sponsor money so will announce final totals when we have collected it all in. Remember, please do not feel obliged!

TRANSITION DATES – Year 4

Tuesday 7th July Transfer Day – YR4 Information

Parents and carers of all Year 4 pupils are asked to arrange transport for their child **to and from HMS/CMS on Tuesday 7th July** for Transfer Day.

Start and finish times, along with details of the day's events, will be confirmed by each Middle school

Please note that **pupils do not need to return to**

Whitley Chapel once the Transfer Day has finished.

Donations for the Summer Fair –
We would be very grateful for donations of the following if possible –

- Anything that is in a bottle – eg wine, lemonade, shampoo, tomato sauce etc
- Bric-a-brac toys for our lucky dip stall (small toys)
- Any books you no longer need for our pre-loved book stall

Donations will be gratefully received from next week onwards – the more the merrier!

Also, if any parents could help on a stall please email admin@whitleyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Club Bookings

Last Half Term we trialled collecting Club Booking Information in paper format and it seems to have worked much better and we have obviously had no emails about the system not working etc.

The company who own the Schoolmoney App have informed us however that the App is changing and will need to be re downloaded (I will send more info out about this next week and Mrs Kellett will also send details of outstanding payments etc too). Anyone who has trouble downloading the new app / accessing the system etc is more than welcome to pop in and we will help!

Tuesday 7th July

Transfer Day – Nursery – YR3 Information

Whilst all of the Year 4 children are at Middle School, the children in the remaining year groups will move up to spend a morning in their new classroom environment and /or will be involved in some transition activities related to their new year group.



PLEASE NOTE –

As usual, school closes @ 1.30pm on our last day - Friday 17th July.

Andrew's Retirement

As you are all aware, Andrew will be leaving us at the end of July and we couldn't let him leave without acknowledging the years of service he has given to our school!

For this reason, on **Friday July 17th** (our last day) we are inviting Parents to join us on our school field **from 1.30pm (after pick up from the usual doors)**. The children will be having a picnic lunch earlier but once they are collected you are welcome to stay around. We will have cake and coffee/tea available and the children can play on the field whilst other members of the community/friends of Andrew join us too. The afternoon will go on until around 4pm for Parents who may only be able to join us later.

Collection

As staff we are organising a collection for Andrew and Parents are also invited to add to our collection if you would like to (please bring cash to the School Office.)

Any questions, please ask ☺