

# Whitley Chapel C of E First School



## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents,

Well here we are at the end of another busy week. The children have worked super hard despite the heat! On Tuesday I had the privilege of being able to take our Year 4 children to Newcastle Cathedral and to Whitley Bay along with Rev Andrew and we had the best day!



Mr Short will be running another Forest School day before the end of the term ...  
Watch this space.



Our Year 4 Leavers'  
Service  
will take place on  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

(9.15am-10.15am)

@ St Helen's Church

All welcome!

### Clubs Next Week

Monday – Multiskills with Miss Barnes

Tuesday – Chat and Relax with Miss Ord

Wednesday – Forest School Club

Thursday – Cookery Club with Miss Barnes

### Baby News

The children all know, so I am sure that you all know too, but just incase ...



Mrs Robinson has had a beautiful baby girl - Nancy Elspeth (7lb 8oz) - Mother and baby are doing well and we are super excited to hopefully meet Nancy soon!

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 25th June: Year 4 Rounders Event, afternoon @HMS- **More details to follow early next week!**

Tuesday 1st July: Whole School Sports Day- Parents welcome

Wednesday 2nd July: Lego League Event in school, afternoon

Saturday 5th July: School Fayre, 10.00-12.00

Tuesday 8th July: All schools transfer day. Pupils to be taken to HMS/ CMS by parents and collected at the end of the day. All children still in school will visit their new classes on this day too.

Friday 18th July: Leavers Church Service, 9.15-10.15 @ St Helen's Church

Friday 18th July: Whole School Picnic Lunch, also school Closes @ 1.30pm for the summer holidays.

## Staffing update

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to confirm our staffing arrangements for September 2025.

### Class 2

- **Miss Penny Parr** will be covering Mrs Robinson's position on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays until Mrs Robinson returns in February 2026. Miss Parr will join us during the week beginning **Monday 7th July** which will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with her before the new year starts.
- **Mrs. Josephine Thornton** will also be joining us in September 2025 and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

Both Miss Parr and Mrs Thornton are experienced teachers and have already met with Mrs. Robinson, observed lessons, and discussed the curriculum in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Ms Clark will be leaving us at the end of this year and so won't be returning in September. Ms Clark has been a valued member of our team and we will miss her lots.

### Class 1

Miss Barnes will be teaching in Class 1 Full Time from September.

### Early Years

Miss Tweddell is leaving us and so won't be with us in September however we wish her the very best in her future endeavours. Mrs English will continue to teach in Early Years until the Summer Holidays and we are currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher for September. Once we have done this, I will let you know.

**Our new school year begins  
Tuesday 2nd September 2025**

## Outdoor Learning News

Our Forest school sessions have always been part of our curriculum, offering students hands-on experiences in nature.

We are thrilled to expand this by adding weekly outdoor learning sessions into our curriculum. This approach will not only enhance environmental awareness but will also foster resilience, creativity, and teamwork amongst the children.

From September, in addition to Mr Short's Forest School sessions, all pupils will be involved in an outdoor learning session every week!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hayward 😊

**Early Years' Open Day Picnic -  
Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30am**

