

Upcoming Events

11/07/25

School Transition Day

18/07/25

Children break up for summer holidays

02/09/25

Children return to school

08/09/25

Welcome key stage webinars for parents online (after school)

22/09/25

Open Evening 4 - 6 pm for new, current and prospective parents.

24/09/25

Open Evening 4 - 6 pm for new, current and prospective parents

29/09/25

Individual school photographs

07/10/25

Harvest Assembly

09/10/25

Flu vaccine for all children

17/10/25

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Whitehouse Primary Summer 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many milestones we've achieved together. There is so much to celebrate, and we are incredibly proud of what the children have accomplished.

Our **Nursery and Reception children** have made wonderful progress—growing in independence, settling into school routines, and adapting beautifully to lunchtimes and daily life at school. They are now more than ready for the next stage in their journey.

We are also proud of all the children who have taken part in **national statutory assessments** (the Phonics Screening Check and the Multiplication Tables Check), as well as end-of-year school assessments. Every child gave their best effort and made progress - we commend them all.

To our **Year 6 pupils**, who are preparing to leave us: we are especially proud of you. You have worked incredibly hard, faced every challenge with resilience, and shown true growth mindsets. Many of you have flourished both academically and personally, and you've learned the power of self-belief, hard work and determination. As you move on to your new schools, we know you will continue to shine. We look forward to hearing about your future successes and wish you every happiness as you begin this exciting next chapter.

I would also like to thank **you, our parents and carers**. Your support this year has been overwhelming. The many kind messages and emails I've received about our staff, events and leadership have been greatly appreciated. Together, in partnership, we've achieved so much for our children.

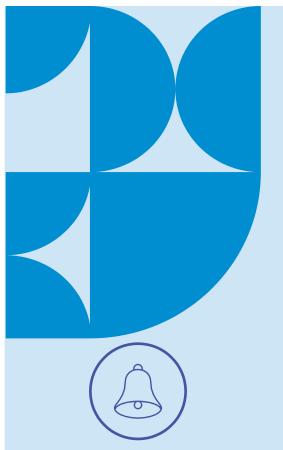
A heartfelt thank you also goes to our **dedicated staff and governors**. This has truly been a team effort, and I could not ask for a more committed and supportive group of people, all working with the shared goal of continued school improvement.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Warmest,

Jane Eyre

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 School reopens to the children for the Autumn Term



Quick Reminders

- Summer break 18.07.25-02.09.25
- PD Days: Mon 1st September 2025
 School is closed for children
- School reopens for all on
 Tuesday 2nd SEPTEMBER 2025
- Doors open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am every morning.



Recent Highlights

- ✓ Visits to Saltburn
- ✓ Visits to Beamish
- ✓ Year 6 London residential
- ✓ Year 4 residential to Carlton
- ✓ Jemima and her 11 ducklings fledging to their new home!

Curriculum Highlights

Nursery

What a busy final term in Nursery!

Nursery visited Newham Grange Farm and we had a lovely day with our families, feeding the animals and exploring the park areas.



We have had so much fun with our friends, exploring the whole of our indoor and outdoor activities.





Nursery

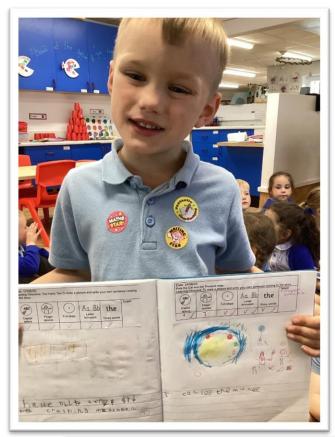
Our final topic has been exploring the Big Wide World. The children have explored different places around the world through different stories, our favourite was Handa's Surprise. The children tried a variety of different fruits.

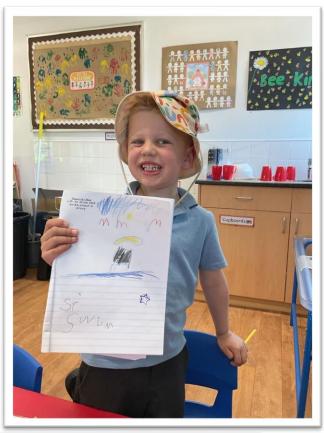
We have enjoyed learning about the Seaside and Under the Sea, making patterns and star fish with Cheerios! We have been exploring mark making in different ways!



Reception

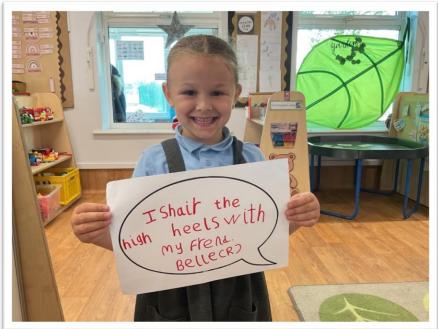
Reception have made amazing progress in their writing during summer term. They have continued to build on their art and creativity skills.





















Reception

The sun has given us many opportunities for outdoor learning and physical development across all of our early learning goals.



















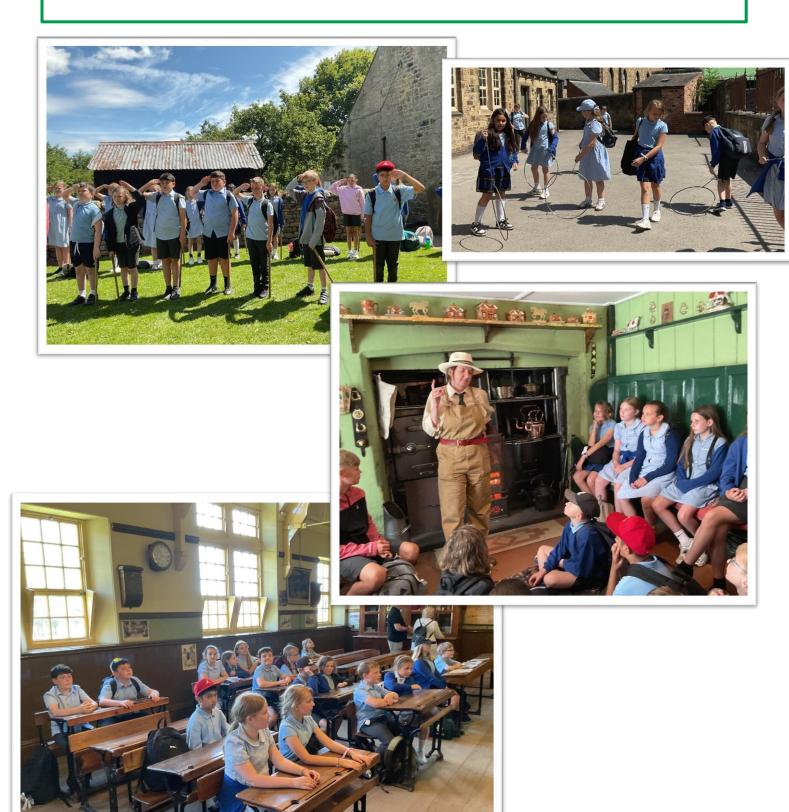






Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning all about World War II. We had a fantastic time at Beamish where children experienced what life was like during the war. Children were hooked with the immersive workshop where they experienced a blackout, wrote postcards home in role as an evacuee, identified aircrafts and learned how to salute like a British soldier.





Year 5

Upon returning to school, we were inspired to provide the children with more opportunities to experience 'Operation Pied Piper'. Children created an identity tag, a gas mask and learnt the important steps that needed to be carried out during an air raid siren. Children were able to decipher between a 'want' and a 'need' and created mosaic photo frames of something they consider special.







Year 6 Residential to London

Year 6 pupils enjoyed their residential to London at the end of June, where they explored the capital city by bus and on foot. They visited landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, The Houses of Parliament (& Big Ben) and the London Eye.

They enjoyed a cruise on the River Thames where they were able to see a range of other landmarks from the water. They explored the Natural History Museum, Science Museum, RAF Museum and The National Portrait Gallery and learned a lot about history, science and art.

The Lion King stage show was a highlight of the trip and the children were in awe of the theatre spectacle. They had some free time to shop and explore in Covent Garden where they saw street performers and a huge variety of inviting cultural food stalls.

The adults who accompanied the children received a number of compliments from members of the public for the respectful behaviour our children demonstrated throughout our visit.

We were very proud of them indeed!!!











Reception and KS1 Visits to Saltburn

A trip to Saltburn was a lovely way to end the On the Beach topic for reception children and to celebrate the achievements of the Reception classes 24/25.

This term, KS1 have been learning all about 'The Victorian Seaside'. They were also lucky to visit Saltburn, where the children spotted Victorian features such as the promenade, the cliff lift railway, and they even had a ride on the miniature railway into the woods.

Both reception and KS1 children had a fantastic day and were fantastic role models for our school!





















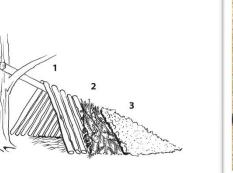
Year 6

On Friday, the Year 6 pupils enjoyed building shelters on the school field. They worked in teams and selected their own range of resources from our shelter building kits as well as foraging the school grounds for suitable materials. They realised the importance of effective communication and sharing good ideas in order for each team to successfully make a shelter that would withstand the elements – this was particularly important as their shelters provided them with shade from the sun!











Vaping Assembly

With vaping becoming a serious issue in the local community, we recently invited an Early Intervention Practitioner into school from the 0 -19 service who kindly delivered an assembly to our Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils, on the dangers of vaping.

The children were attentive and asked lots of very good questions.





We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Summer Carnival on **Thursday 17th July from 3:30** - **5.30pm** on the school field.

There will be lots to do including fairground rides, inflatables, donkey rides, food and drink vans and much more.

KS1

KS1 have loved this terms 'sculpture' topic in art! The children have learnt how to soften and shape the clay and used different tools to cut and imprint patterns to make leaves. The children can't wait to take them home once they have been varnished this week! I'm sure you'll agree, they look great!











Spark Speaks Competition

Chloe Carass in Year 6 represented Whitehouse as a finalist at the Spark Speaks competition.

Well done Chloe for having the confidence and positivity to take part in such an event. We are very proud of you!





All Stars cricket session Durham Cricket taster sessions last Thursday









Sports' Day winning team treat for yellow team.









Attendance

Our whole school attendance scheme has been a great success this year with all classes achieving class rewards.

The whole school attendance for this year is **94.5%**, with your help, we hope to increase this next year to **96%**.

Please remember to follow the attendance guidelines and contact school if your child is going to be absent.

Attendance Ambassador

A big thank you to our Attendance Ambassador Leon!

Leon has taken his responsibility very seriously this year, keeping all classes up to date with their attendance on a weekly basis. Well done Leon and thank you for your hard work.











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Emotional well-being

We believe promoting pupil mental health and well-being is essential for children to become aware of how to manage their own worries and understand their feeling and emotions.

This year we have formed our Well-being council, their input and ideas have been vital in order to develop ways of strengthening pupil well-being.

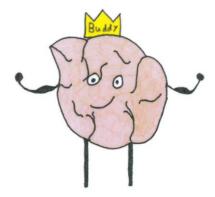
We have covered several safeguarding topics such as online safety and keeping safe in the community and also worked alongside the school council.

All the children enjoyed taking part in Children' mental health week and learnt new ways to regulate their emotions, such as mindfulness techniques.

We have had lots of children accessing well-being programmes, with two new programmes being introduced this year and we will continue to grow!

Our Well-being mascot is visible around school supporting children with what they can do if they have a worry.

There are plans for Buddy to introduce a new friend in the next academic year!



Other News





We Achieved the Healthy Schools Award!

We're thrilled to announce that Whitehouse has been awarded the Healthy Schools Award! This is a fantastic achievement. A huge thank you to Victoria Gibson for leading on this and to our amazing Whitehouse children, who wowed the assessors with their enthusiasm, openness and love for the school 'to infinity'!



IMPORTANT



Is your child moving from KS1 to KS2 in September?

Please remember that *universal free school meals* will no longer be automatically available. Therefore, if you are not entitled to a free school meal, please ensure that you are registered on the Arbor App to pay for your child's school lunch.

Mrs Yellow or Mrs Wright (in the main office) are ready to take any questions or queries regarding this if you have any (3)



Attendance Information and Penalty Notices

Please be mindful that penalty fines are actioned for holidays during term time.

Details can also be found online via our website and the DfE website under attendance.





TEAM Whitehouse



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Thank you for all of your support this year! We wish you all a happy Summer.



See you in September!