



# WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 4



### MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

It has been a busy and productive week here at school, filled with fantastic learning and plenty of fun with friends. Our JLT Learning Leaders have been hard at work planning some exciting activities for next week's National Storytelling Week. Please take a moment to read through the details outlined in this Newsletter. Additionally, we are looking to revamp our garden growing beds and would greatly appreciate your help. The Parish Council has kindly accepted our request to assist in purchasing new wood for the beds. We are seeking volunteers among our parents to help build the planting beds.



If you are able to lend a hand, please get in touch with us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!



### TERM DATES

#### Spring Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
(Half term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February)

#### Summer Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

INSET Days: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July



### EVENTS COMING UP...

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February - National Story Telling Week.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Sports Hall Athletics Y6

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day



### ATTENDANCE

Explorers	97%
Voyagers	100%
Adventurers	97%
Trailblazers	96%



### HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	557
Sahara	591
Amazon	560
Krakatoa	660



### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...



Sonny  
Reuben W



## CERTIFICATE AWARDS



## REMINDERS

### Lost Property Box

We have a number of school jumpers and cardigans left around school. These along with any others left in school will be put in our 'lost property box' in the entrance.

## REMINDERS

### School Bags

You can purchase a green school bag on Arbor for £3.00.

Please collect from the school office.



## REMINDERS



Any child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to the school premises. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.





# NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK

As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, next week is 'National Story Telling Week'  
The theme this year is: Soundtrack Your Story. We have an exciting week planned - see below.

## What is National Storytelling Week?

Created by Society for Storytelling, this fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

National Storytelling Week 2026 is a celebration of oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure. At a time when young people's writing and reading enjoyment levels are at their lowest.

For home activity ideas for all ages visit...

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities>



## BIG BOOK SWAP

Our JLT Learning Leaders have arranged a 'Big Book Swap' for next week. Children can bring 1 book in each which they have finished reading and would like to swap for another book. Please ensure it is a book they are happy to give away in exchange for another.



## GUEST STORYTELLER

Each class will have a 'Surprise Guest' storyteller each day of the week next week to share a story with the class. The surprise guest will be a different member of staff each day. They will share a selection of their favourite stories with the children.



## ONLINE WORKSHOPS

### Key Stage Two

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11 - 11:45am

We will create a rap and discover how to tell stories through lyrics with rapper and storyteller, Alim Kamara.

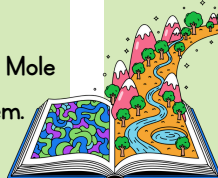
### Key Stage One

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 9:30 - 10am

We will create a story through sound and rhythm .with author, storyteller and musician, Annemarie Anang.

### Early Years

Two short films of the exceptionally talented Simon Mole and Gecko, performing Simon's 'Earthworms' poem.



## STORY TIME WITH JLT

Each Day of the week, our JLT will hold a themed story time session at lunchtime where children can join them to hear a story around the following themes:



Monday - Adventure Book Club

Tuesday - Laugh Out Loud Book Club

Wednesday - Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday - Poetry Book Club

Friday - Fantasy Book Club



# ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



WELL DONE HARRY!

LEVEL 5 SWIMMING PASSED!



## Y6 HOODIES!



## PUDDLE FUN!



## SPECIAL EVENT

### Singing at St Annes for a Resident's 100th Birthday.

Recently, some of our pupils from the Trailblazers class had the delightful opportunity to visit St Annes and celebrate a very special milestone - Ruby's 100th birthday! The children brought joy to the occasion by singing a few all-time favourite songs, including "Penny Lane," "Let's Twist Again," "Stand By Me," and, of course, "Happy Birthday."

It was heartwarming to see Ruby's face light up as she received a card from the King, making her day even more memorable. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and music, creating a wonderful connection between our pupils and the residents.

We're excited to share that the children will also be featured in the local paper next week, highlighting their fantastic performance and the joy they brought to Ruby's celebration!



COMING SOON....



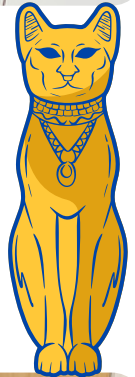
Details of this years Y5 & Y6 Residential to London coming soon!



# CLASS SPOTLIGHT

## Adventurers' Topic work

ANCIENT EGYPT

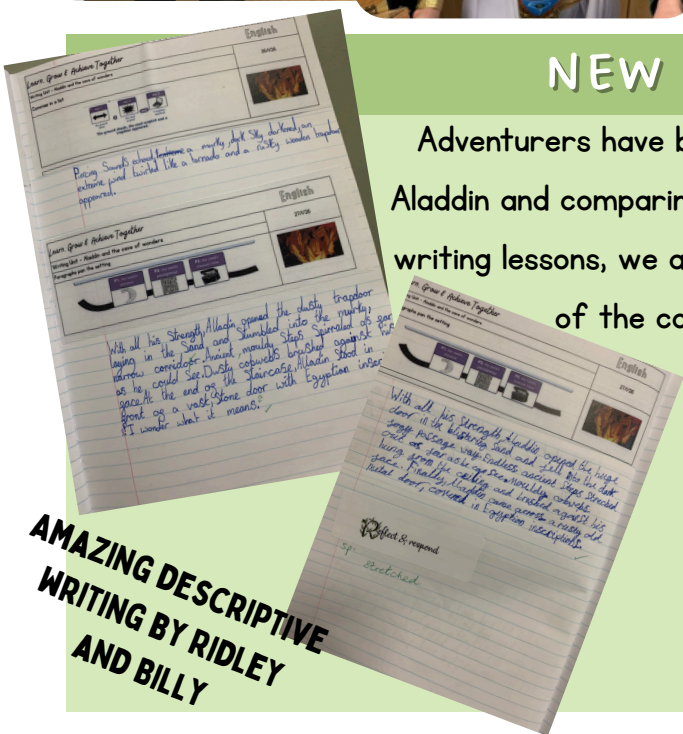
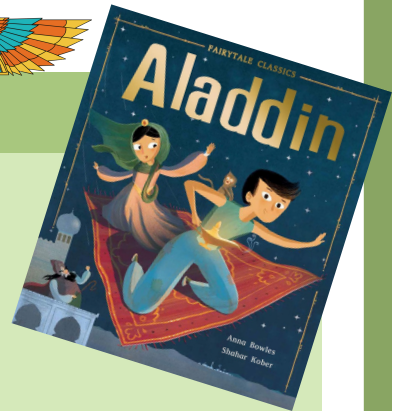


Amazing Egyptian homework by Penny and Lewie.



# NEW WRITING

Adventurers have been enjoying the story of Aladdin and comparing two versions of it. In our writing lessons, we are working on a description of the cave of wonders.



AMAZING DESCRIPTIVE WRITING BY RIDLEY AND BILLY

