



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 6



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

As we wrap up this fantastic half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on our wonderful Wellbeing Week. It has been heartwarming to see our children dressed in such colourful and bright outfits today, showcasing their individual styles and creativity. Their joy and enthusiasm truly light up our school!

Looking ahead, we are excited for another half term filled with fun and learning when we return on Monday, 23rd February. We have some exciting activities planned that I know the children will thoroughly enjoy.



Wishing all our families a wonderful half term holiday! May it be filled with relaxation, laughter, and quality time together. Thank you for your continued support.

PE DAYS - SPRING 2 TERM

We are pleased to be able to share PE days for this term. Here's the schedule:

- Explorers: Monday
- Voyagers: Monday
- Adventurers: Wednesday and Friday
- Trailblazers: Monday and Thursday



EVENTS COMING UP...

Wednesday 25th February - Y3/4 Dodgeball

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 9th March - EY's & KSI Bude Library Visits

Wednesday 25th March - Songfest 2026

Thursday 2nd April - Last day of term 2pm finish

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	95%
Voyages	90%
Adventurers	97%
Trailblazers	94%

HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1126
Sahara	1093
Amazon	1046
Krakatoa	1134

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...

Siya

Miss Keeley

Danielle (today)



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We would like to remind all parents that holidays taken during term time are not considered exceptional circumstances and will result in unauthorised absence. If your child is absent without authorisation, it may lead to penalties under the Education Act 1996. Unauthorised absences could result in a penalty fine issued as £80 per liable parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per liable parent, per child if paid after this but within 28 days.

Please read the statutory statement regarding unauthorised absence during term time.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



SPRING TERM CLUBS

We are excited to offer a variety of clubs this Spring Term, providing opportunities for enrichment and social interaction outside of the classroom:

- Daily Breakfast Club
- Monday: Games Club
- Tuesday: Wellbeing Club
- Wednesday: Year 6 SATs Club
- Thursday: Computing Club
- Friday: Film Club



All clubs, except for the SATs Club, are £2 per child per session. Please book and pay through Arbor.

NURSERY PLACES

We are pleased to announce that we have spaces available in our Nursery for children aged 2 to 4 years, with funded places for up to 30 hours.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01288 341241 or email school@whitstone.cornwall.sch.uk.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day Cake Sale

Thursday 5th March



Please bring cakes, buns and biscuit into school for the bake sale by Wednesday 5th March. Thank you in advance for your contributions. All proceeds will go towards buying books for our school.

SAFE PARKING

For the safety of our children and the surrounding community, we kindly ask that parents do not park on the zigzag lines outside the school or block neighbours' driveways. We have received complaints from neighbours in recent months, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment during drop-off and pick-up times.

Respecting our neighbours and ensuring safe access to the school is crucial for the well-being of our children. We encourage families to walk or cycle to school where possible. Thank you for your understanding and support in fostering a positive community spirit!





CERTIFICATE AWARDS



CLASS SPOTLIGHT - WADDLERS

We have had an amazing start to Waddlers in the school hall. We have loved having the preschoolers join us each week for snacks, craft and lots of fun with our toys. This week we enjoyed playing with the Happy Land vehicles, buildings and people as well as our tents, tunnels and slides. It has been lovely to see how coming to Waddlers has helped some of the new children settle into the preschool. Waddlers is open to any children aged 0-4. We meet on a Friday morning between 9am and 11am.

