



# WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 9



### MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

Last week was bustling with activity at our school, and it ended on a high note filled with smiles and cheerful spirits! A heartfelt thank you to the RNLi for their annual visit, where they taught our children about the importance of water safety when enjoying our beautiful beaches. The children were attentive during the assembly and eagerly participated in the activities, showcasing their understanding of this vital topic.

Looking ahead, our Year 3 and 4 children are excited about their upcoming trip to the annual Farm & Country Roadshow day at the Royal Cornwall Showground. This hands-on, interactive experience will allow them to discover how their food travels from field to plate, enriching their learning journey.



We are looking forward to another week of fun and learning together, and we're all keeping our fingers crossed for some mid-week sunshine!

### PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 3:30pm  
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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 3:30pm



We will notify parents when bookings will be opened.



### EVENTS COMING UP...

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Farm & Country Day (Y3/4)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Netball Competition (Y5/6)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Songfest 2026 (Y1/2)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1pm - House Team Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of term 2pm finish

### ATTENDANCE

Explorers	96%
Voyages	97%
Adventurers	96%
Trailblazers	96%

### HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1555
Sahara	1512
Amazon	1364
Krakatoa	1580

### BIRTHDAYS



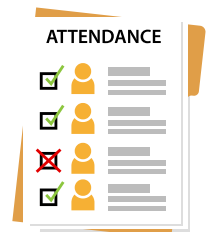
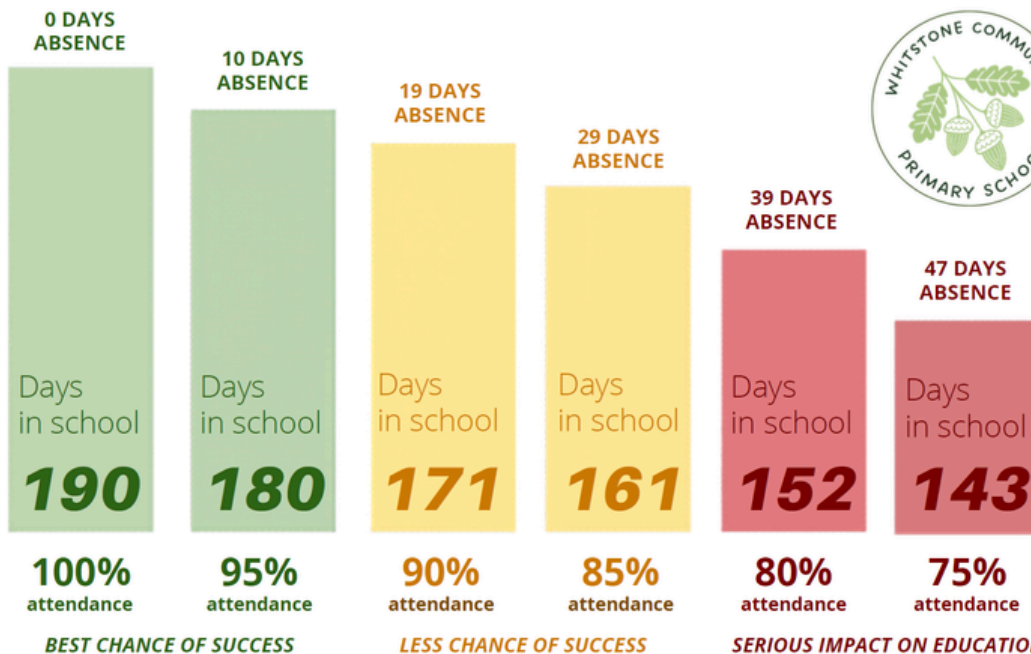
Happy Birthday to...  
Breanna  
Lunarae  
Mr Worthington

# ATTENDANCE & 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.*



## REMINDERS



The school start time is:

**8:45am**



Both school gates are opened just before 8:40am.

Class teachers will be checking in with parents of children who they have noticed arrive late to school regularly to see what support we can offer.



## LATENESS

Regularly arriving late can negatively affect pupils by:

- creating embarrassment or anxiety on arrival at school
- reducing confidence and willingness to participate
- causing them to miss instructions or lesson starters
- disrupting the learning of others and school routines
- missing crucial intervention time for pupils who need catch up work



Small amounts of lateness accumulate into significant missed learning:

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning per year
- 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks of lost learning per year
- 30 minutes late every day adds up to 18 days of lost learning per year



# CERTIFICATE AWARDS



## Y5 & Y6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our Y5 & Y6 Girl Footballers for an amazing achievement coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the East Cornwall Girls Football Festival. What a team!



## JLT BLOG

### RLNI Visit

The RLNI came to teach us about the flags to watch out for on the beach and what they mean. We looked at different examples of safety on the beach and in the water. They showed us how to identify a real Lifeguard with the official uniform.

### Story in a Box or Jar Competition

Don't forget about the Story in a Box or Jar Competition. Children can join in by re-creating a story in a jar or a story in a box. We can't wait to see their creations! Enter by Wednesday, 1st April, as judging will take place on Thursday, 2nd April. Exciting prizes, including book vouchers and other goodies, await the winners!

### House Team Egg Hunt

Exciting news! We will be running a House Team Egg Hunt for Easter. The winning house team will receive 100 house points!.....and there will be other prizes up for grabs too!

### Spring Clean

We are cleaning up the garden area, sorting the sheds and planting beds to make school Summer ready.



## CRAZE OF THE WEEK!

The CRAZE of the week, this week is.....



# Yoyos



## LOCAL EVENTS

Whitstone Methodist Church.

Come, Journey through Easter with us!

An Exhibition of flowers and materials  
telling the important Easter Story.



Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
concert with The Stowford  
Meadows Singers

at 7.00. P.M.followed by supper.

Easter Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2.00-6.00pm

Exhibition open to the public with Cream  
tea and creative activities. Donations only.

**Easter Egg Hunt for Children**

(See Village Facebook Page for details)



Easter Sunday Service at 11.0 a.m.

