



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Summer Term - Issue 5



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and managed to stay cool and safe during the heatwave. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school – they have settled in brilliantly and are clearly ready for a busy and exciting term ahead.

We have lots to look forward to, including a number of school events, so please do keep an eye on the diary dates and any messages we send home. As the weather gets hotter through the term, please remember to apply sun cream before school and send your child in with a sun hat each day.



We also have a considerable amount of lost property in school, mainly jumpers and cardigans without names.

Please make sure all uniform is clearly named. If you think you have lost any uniform, do come and check the lost property boxes in your child's classroom.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



INSET DAYS

Monday 20th July - Thursday 24th July 2026

Academic Year 2026/27

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

Friday 23rd July 2027



EVENTS COMING UP...



- Class Photos - Wednesday 10th June
- Sports Day - Friday 26th June - AM
- PTFA Colour Run - Friday 26th June - PM
- London Residential - Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July
- Whole School Transition Days & Budehaven Transition Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July
- Trailblazers Summer Show & Prom - Thursday 16th July
- Last Day of the year - Friday 17th July - 2pm finish

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	90%
Voyages	93%
Adventurers	88%
Trailblazers	85%



HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	3121
Sahara	2927
Amazon	3419
Krakatoa	3748



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...



Olivia C
Noah
Danielle
Elsie
Evelyn
Bradley
Theo



ACHIEVEMENTS OUT OF SCHOOL



Harry received his 8th kup yellow belt in taekwondo.

Well done Harry, a great achievement!



BUDEHAVEN TRANSITION - SPORTS SESSION



As part of Y6 transition, Budehaven Sports Leaders came to visit us with organised sporting activities for our Y6 pupils to enjoy.



SCHOOL COOK UPDATE

Due to personal circumstances, Louise our school cook is having to take a step back from her role. We are very thankful to Louise for all her hard work and commitment in the time she has been with us.

We have appointed Liz as our school cook who is very experienced in the catering and hospitality industry. We are thrilled to have Liz onboard and she has been training this week alongside our catering providers

Educating.

MUSIC

Adventurers have enjoyed their first drumming lesson. They tried different rhythms, speeds and sound levels using a range of techniques. We're looking forward to seeing their progress over the half term. Watch this space!



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 Summer 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.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could you be entitled to income-related free school meal?

All children have in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals, but if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to income-related free school meals.

This means that not only would your child be guaranteed free school meals for the rest of their time in primary school, but the school would also receive extra funding to support your child.



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!



SAVE THE DATE

PTFA EVENTS

WHITSTONE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

APR 24 TUCK SHOP FRIDAY

Tuck shop available after school this Friday, bring your pennies to fire up your kids with sweet treats and snacks for the weekend!

JUN 04 FAMILY BINGO BONANZA

Join us for a Thursday night of bingo family fun in the school hall, great company, prizes, food and drinks! £10 per/book

MAY 15 TUCK SHOP FRIDAY

Tuck shop available after school this Friday, bring your pennies to fire up your kids with sweet treats and snacks for the weekend!

JUN 26 KIDS COLOUR RUN

A burst of colour and a fun way to end school sports day, as parents/guardians colour their kids into running rainbows. Tickets available on the day £5 per child, £8 for 2 or more children!

TIMINGS + TICKETS TO BE CONFIRMED



PTFA NEWS AND UPDATES

**CALLING ALL NEW PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS TO WHITSTONE SCHOOL**

GUARDIAN/PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PTFA

**WE ARE SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
ORGANIZE EVENTS AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CHILDREN
AT WHITSTONE SCHOOL. JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

**JOIN OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEER PARENTS, OFFER YOUR TIME WHEN YOU CAN
EXPRESS INTEREST TO**

JOANNAMSANDS74@GMAIL.COM



WE ARE HIRING

**CHAIRPERSON
WHITSTONE PTFA**

**CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS! 🎉 WANT TO WHIP UP
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES AT PTFA EVENTS FOR BOTH KIDDOS AND
GROWN-UPS? PLUS, HELP RAISE SOME FUNDS FOR OUR LITTLE
LEARNERS? 🎒 JOIN THE DREAM TEAM OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND OUR
STELLAR YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP SQUAD TO COOK UP THRILLING ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM SEP 26 TO SEP 27! 📅 YOU'LL
NEED TO BE FREE FOR MEETINGS AND TO WHIP UP A CALENDAR FULL OF
FUN. THIS IS A VOLUNTARY GIG, KICKING OFF FROM SEP 26 TO SEP 27.
CATCH JO SANDS (THEO'S MUM) OR KATIE REED (FINN AND OLIVE'S MUM)
AT THE SCHOOL GATES FOR MORE DEETS, OR SHOOT THEM AN EMAIL! 📧**

EXPRESS INTEREST BY EMAIL TO

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Songs & Scones



WITH THE
SIDE BY SIDE SINGERS

Sunday 5th July
2pm

Singing from 2:30pm
Followed by cream tea
St. Anne's Hall
Whitstone

Donations for
Cancer Research UK



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UK

