



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Summer Term - Issue 8



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to making this such a successful year for our school.

As a reminder, our staff INSET days will take place on Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 7 September. Breakfast Club and After School Club provision will both be operating from the first day back.

I would like to wish all of our children and families a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We cannot wait to be back together again in September as we continue to learn, grow and achieve together.



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...

- PTFA Break the Rules Day - Friday 17th July
- KSI Topic Performance - Friday 17th July 1:00pm
- Last Day of the year - Friday 17th July - 2pm finish
- First day back - Monday 7th September

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	94%
Voyages	97%
Adventurers	96%
Trailblazers	97%



HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	4564
Sahara	4239
Amazon	4446
Krakatoa	4315



BIRTHDAYS



Adam
Y6's turning 11 over summer:
Theo
Harry T
Michael
Henry F
Jowan

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.

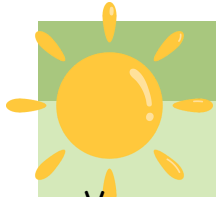


SAFE PARKING

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!

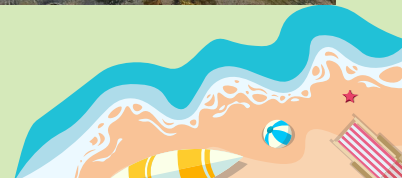




VOYAGERS BEACH DAY 2026

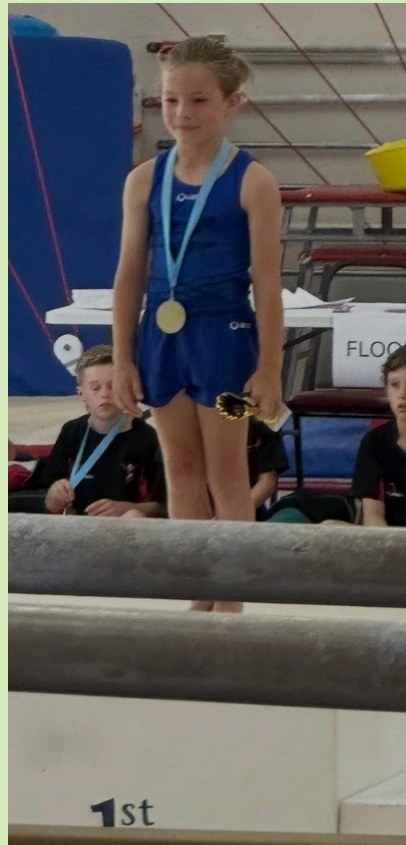
Voyagers class enjoyed a trip to Widemouth Bay to enjoy building sandcastles, paddling in the sea, searching around the rock pools and having a picnic lunch.

What a wonderful day!



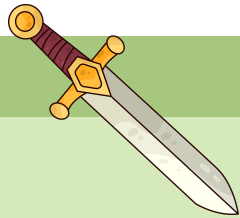
VISITORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Roman in Y4 competed in a gymnastics competition and is now officially U9 Lvl 5 Devon Champion (No. 1 in the county for his age/level) What a fantastic achievement!



We had a visitor in school this week!.....





PERFORMANCES

TRAILBLAZERS 'PANTASTIC'



VOYAGERS 'PIRATES VS MERMAIDS'



Y6 LEAVERS AND PROM

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LOCAL EVENTS

WHITSTONE CARNIVAL 2026

Sat 18th July - Sat 25th July

SATURDAY 18th JULY

Children's Sports

from 2pm 

Whitstone Primary School
Playing Field
Fun afternoon of games!
Everyone welcome!

Flower & Produce Show

St Anne's Village Hall
Open to public 4-6pm
Prize giving 5.45pm 

Whitstone Ball Roll

Oak Lane 7pm
Cash Prizes!

£3.00 Per Ball OR 4 for £10.00
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Balls available at Produce Show

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

Car Treasure Hunt

From 6.30pm
Start: St Anne's Village Hall
Pasties & Refreshments Available
Entry - Donations

FRIDAY 24th JULY

Skittles Evening & Bar

 St Anne's Village Hall 

Children's Skittles from 6pm
(no entry fee)
Adults Skittles starting at 7.30pm
(Teams of 6 - £2 per Person)

SATURDAY 25th JULY: CARNIVAL DAY!

Procession commences 6.30pm
Balsdon Road (Mole Avon) to Village Hall

Live Music from Local Band
'The Low Tides'
Bar and BBQ
at the Village Hall

Floats & Walkers assemble/judging at Mole Avon at 6pm.
Please book entries with Rachel 07584285494.
Children must be supervised by a Parent/Guardian.

LOCAL EVENTS

Whitstone Carnival Events 2026



Saturday 18th July

Flower & Produce Show - Open to the public 4-6pm

Prize giving 5.45pm

St Anne's Village Hall

Children's Sports - Saturday 18th July - from 2pm

Whitstone Head Playing Field

Everyone welcome for a Fun afternoon of games!!

Children's Sports now in:
Whitstone CP School
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Whitstone Ball Roll - Saturday 18th July

Oak Lane 7pm

£3.00 Per Ball OR 4 for £10.00

Cash Prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd - Kindly Hosted by the Parish Council

Balls will be available to Purchase at the Produce Show

Please see Grace Martyn

Wednesday 22nd July

Car Treasure Hunt From 6.30pm - Start from St Anne's Village Hall

Entry - Donations

Pasties & Refreshments Available

Friday 24th July - Skittles Evening & Bar

Children's Skittles from 6pm (no entry fee)

Adults Skittles starting at 7.30pm Teams of 6- £2 per Person

St Anne's Village Hall

Saturday 25th July

Save the Best till last - Carnival Day!

To Commence at 6.30pm in Balsdon Road (Mole Avon) Finishing at The Village Hall
with a Bar and BBQ

Live Music from Local Band 'The Low Tides'



**The Committee kindly ask that Children are supervised
by a Parent/Guardian during the Events!!**

LOCAL EVENTS

Carnival Information

Classes

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| 1) Walking Girls or Boys | 5yrs and Under |
| 2) Walking Girls or Boys | 6 - 11yrs |
| 3) Walking Adults & Children | 12yrs and Adults |
| 4) Pram, Trolley, or Cycle | |

5) Children's Tableaux

6) Adults Tableaux

7) Open Class Tableaux (Adult & Children combined & any others)

Floats & Tableaux - assemble in Mole Avon Carpark by 6.00pm, judging will commence at Mole Avon promptly at 6pm before the procession.

Walkers - please assemble in Mole Avon Carpark judging will commence at 6.00pm prompt prior to the procession leaving at 6.30pm - no parking in Mole Avon please as the gates will be locked once the procession has left at 6.30pm.

Please note max tableaux size of car/truck and small trailer - no tractors and trailers please. All floats to be open on both or left side of the trailer for visibility through the village on chapel car park side.

Tableaux will be required to have; a valid insurance certificate and have completed a Carnival insurance document (contact Rachel to obtain).

Please book in your entries
for walkers / tableaux with
Rachel Orchard 07584285494

Please note on Carnival Day if the weather is fine there will be no parking in the village hall car park as we hope to utilise this area for outside activities, Bar & BBQ and for everyone's safety parking will not be permitted. Thank you.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Community Mobile Library will be at:
Whitstone Hillhead
12:20-12:45 on 19th August.

The Cornwall Reading Challenge

Extraordinary Explorers

FREE for children of all ages!

Explore with Cornwall Libraries this summer!

11th July - 12th Sept

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GO ALL IN.