

# WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

## NEWS



# April 2026

### Welcome back to the Summer Term!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Service. It was lovely to see so many of you.

### News

A piece of news that I never thought I'd have to share again. Unfortunately, Mrs Bracken has recently been diagnosed with cancer. This has come as a real shock to Mrs Bracken, her family and staff at school. Mrs Bracken is currently waiting for more tests to gain all the information from the consultants to know what her next steps are. Mrs Bracken is currently in school, where we are all supporting her. Please be rest assured, nothing will change currently but I will update you with more information as Mrs Bracken gets it. We are all behind Mrs Bracken as she fights this diagnosis. We will not be telling the children until we feel it is necessary and when we do, we will inform you and explain what will be said. Please refrain from talking to your child about this at this point.

### Student Teacher

We would like to welcome Mr Williamson who will be working with Class 4 for his placement. We all look forward to working with him.

### Our value for this term is Perseverance.

Please explore this together using the home/school letter attached.

### The Princess Trust

We are incredibly proud of this child who has been growing his hair for 4 years for The Princess Trust. He had it cut last week when he'd reached his target of £750 but has now raised £880 at the point of writing this. Well done.



### Online Safety

Please find attached the online safety newsletter all about age rated games, AI and manosphere. Please watch the attached link, it is a video about keeping your child safe while they are gaming. <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

### Parents' Questionnaire

Please could you complete the parental questionnaire. Your opinion really does matter and helps us to shape the future of our school. There is a copy attached to this email and a paper copy will be sent home with the children today. Please return by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for taking the time to fill out. Please return to the school office, where a box will be for you to put them in.



The children who have SHONE and were recognised in our celebration worship are:

Fern, Lottie, Benji, Jimbo, Teddy, Leo R, Grace, Katie, Max, Layla, Jack, Nancy, Max, Kamil, Hetty, Charlie, Valentina, Alfie, Jasper, Thomas, Ava and Emilia.

### Attendance

Thank you for all your support with keeping your child in school and getting them to school on time. As a parent, if you download the Groupcall App, you can see your child's attendance instantly. As a school our whole school attendance is: 96.5% Please keep working with us so we can continue to make this percentage rise.

### Kit

Please ensure that children have suitable shoes and PE kits on their day. No jewellery should be worn.

### Hot weather

In the hope that it is going to get warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a hat in school every day, please ensure it has water only. The children may bring sun cream but please be aware staff will not be able to apply it for them.

### Photos

Class and leavers photos will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Sports Day

This year sports day will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9:30am, More information will follow nearer the time.

### Clubs

Please make sure your child's preferences for clubs are sent back ASAP.

### Kings

Please see the attached leaflet about their upcoming open day for Years 4,5 and 6.

## DATES

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June

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Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July

SATS week

Class 3 cake sale

End of Term

INSET

Start of Term

Sports Day

Class and Leaver photos

Class 4 Swimming starts

Y6 leavers at the cathedral

Class 4 cake sale

Y6 Bikeability

Class 3 residential

End of Term

INSET