A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A FUTURE

Whitminster C of E Primary School
Newsletter November 1

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break. We are now looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of festive activities, Christmas celebrations, special events and plenty of opportunities for learning and fun as we head towards the end of the year.

Goodbye

We are sad to say goodbye to Lottie and her family. We will miss her smile and being part of our school family. She has been a wonderful friend and class member, and we have loved watching her learn and grow. We wish her lots of happiness, new friendships, and success at her new school. Please come back and see us.

Thank you

Thank you for your generous donations to Stroud Foodbank. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated; when the collection was picked up, the driver was incredibly impressed by the amount we had donated, which is a wonderful reflection of our caring school community.



Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who visited our Book Fair this week. Your support and book purchases help us to purchase even more books for our school, giving our children access to a wider range of exciting reading opportunities.

Illness

It is important to inform the office if your child is poorly so that we know they are safe and can record the reason for their absence accurately. Keeping the office informed also helps us monitor illness in school and contact families quickly if needed.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Salvation Army Appeal with your generous donations. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to individuals and families in our community who need help this Christmas. If you have any last minute donations, please send into school on **Monday**. Thank you.

War Memorial

We will be walking to the War Memorial on Wednesday 11th November to observe the two-minute silence at 11:00am and pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us; we will be leaving school at 10:45am.

A reminder - Children in Need – 13th November

Get ready for some bear-y good fun! Come to school dressed as a bear, wear a bear-themed T-shirt, pop on some bear ears, or go the full hog and arrive in a full bear costume. We are asking for a **£1 donation** to support our chosen cause. The **School Council** will also be running a **Bear Hunt** around the school, with a small prize for successful bear spotters. We can't wait to see everyone's pawsome outfits! 🐾

Value for this term

The theme for term 2 will be Peace and Joy. We encourage parents to spend some time exploring this value with their child using the attached home/school information worksheet.

National Anti–bullying week 16th-20th November

Theme: Break the Silence

The theme was developed in collaboration with the anti-bullying sector and shaped directly by the voices of more than 200 children and young people, many of whom spoke about the silence that can surround bullying and the barriers young people face in asking for help. Please see attached booklet from the Anti-bullying Alliance, which is specifically for parents and carers. To support anti-bullying week on Monday 16th November, we are asking the children to wear odd socks for the day.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please find attached the recent newsletter. Please take time to read it as it gives very useful information about online grooming.
Please click the link to find out about Digital Wellbeing for children.
https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Online-Grooming-November-2026.mp4

Groupcall – PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP

https://groupcall.com/school-app/

Dates:

Tuesday 10th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11th November	Parents' Evening.
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – Dress as a bear.
Monday 16th November	Individual Photos
Monday 23rd November	Clubs finish this week
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 9th December	Infant Production
Friday 18th December	End of Term
Monday 4th January	Start of Term
Wednesday 6th January	Young Voices
Friday 8th January	Panto
Friday 12th February	End of Term
Monday 22nd February	INSET
Tuesday 23rd February	Start of Term