

# WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

## NEWS



January 2025

### Welcome Back and a Happy New Year!

A big thank you from the staff for all the lovely Christmas messages and presents. Thank you to FOWS for supporting our events last term. Organising refreshments at the Carol singing, our amazing raffle and helping Father Christmas with the class presents.

### Welcome Miss Davidson

Miss Davidson will be working as a teaching assistant in Class 2. We look forward to working with her.

### Welcome to Shelia

We would like to welcome Shelia and her family to Whitminster School. We all look forward to getting to know you all.

### Friends of Whitminster

Please see below for information about the events over the last year and how much money you have all raised for our school. Thank you so much.

### Emergency procedures in Severe Weather

The cold weather has arrived. In the event that I have to close the school, please check the county website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> and school website [www.whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk) for up to date information. We would also use our social media pages and our text messaging service to inform you of any closures.

### Christian Vision

**At school, we have been embedding our Christian vision:**

A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A FUTURE  
Our vision begins with Jesus' commandment 'to love one another, just as I have loved you'.  
We are A FAMILY, loving and caring for each other; our own family, our friends, our neighbours, our school, our local and global communities. We all flourish because of these relationships.  
We ensure children have A FIRM FOUNDATION. This is built on Christian values and enables all to develop an inner strength to live courageously, embrace their own and others uniqueness and love as Jesus did.  
We aim to ensure that all have A FUTURE where they look outwards and become the very best they can be to live life to the full.

We will be continuing to work on this throughout this term and the rest of the school year.

### The Cotswold Canals Connected project

Please see the attachment about events they are running. They will be working with some of our children to make masks.

### Clubs

Club letters will be sent home next week for Y1-6. We will have clubs for reception children in the Summer Term. At Whitminster, we really love running clubs for your children but I would like to explain that these clubs are run out of the goodness of the staff hearts, as they want to see your child flourish. We continue to not charge for after school clubs, which seems to be unusual in comparison to other schools. The clubs will change termly. This is often decided by which tournaments we enter or the member of staff wanting to have a change, allowing us to offer a wide variety of clubs throughout the year to meet the needs of all of our children. I would like to thank all the staff for offering their time during the school year to provide fun and engaging clubs.

### Topic

Our new topic for Spring 2025 is What a Wonderful World. Class topic letters will be sent out outlining the work that your child will be covering this term.

### Our worship theme this term is Dignity and Respect

Please find attached our home/school activity sheet to support our work with this theme.

### On-line Safety

Please see attached the monthly newsletter Fortnite and the ages ratings for apps. Please take the time to read. This is really important information.

### ParentPay

Please make sure your parent pay is up to date, this will enable you to stop having text/phone reminders.

### Chinese New Year - Wednesday

As a school, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, by doing a rotation of activities and finishing the afternoon with trying some Chinese food. On this day the children can come to school wearing something red. There will be no monetary contribution.

### Parking

Thank you for continuing to be mindful of the residents of Whitminster when you are dropping or picking up your child(ren).

## DATES

Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Class 2 trip
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5 and 6 STEM workshops
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	In the Net for Year 4.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Trip for Class 3 and 4
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term 3
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 and 6 Morfa Bay
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of Term 5
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET

## Message from the Friends of Whitminster School

A huge thank you to everyone for your incredible support of our events and activities last term. Your contributions and generosity made all the difference!

We are thrilled to share that the Christmas Hamper raffle raised over £700—an absolutely fantastic result. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and helped make this such a success.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Carols Round the Tree. We really appreciated your support at the refreshments stand, and earlier in the month, it was a delight to see the children having a great time at the Christmas Disco.

Another big thank you for getting behind your child's Christmas art project with My Child's Art. Together, you raised £143 for FOW through this creative initiative.

Earlier in the term, your participation in the Asda Rewards program added £139 to our fundraising efforts—brilliant work, and thank you!

Now, as we look ahead to the rest of the year, we'd love to hear from you. What fundraising activities would you like FOW to organise next? Your input and ideas are invaluable in shaping our future events.

Please join us for our upcoming planning catch-up on **Thursday, 30 January at 6pm** (Whitminster location to be confirmed). We hope to see many of you there!

Thank you once again for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you!

Friends of Whitminster (FOW)

**Thanks to you**

**Friends of Whitminster has raised since September 2024**

**£1025.93**



**What have we spent money on?**

- New Parents Welcome Bag
- Christmas Presents
- School Disco

**How you have helped:**

- Purchases through My Child's Art
- Family concert
- Raffle
- Uniform Sale

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