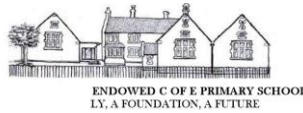


WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

NEWS



January 2026

Welcome Back and a Happy New Year!

A big thank you from the staff and me for all the lovely Christmas messages and presents.

Thank you to FOWS for arranging our events last term, organising the amazing Christmas Fair, our amazing raffle and helping Father Christmas with the class presents. Thank you to our families who attended and made the event such a success.

Emergency procedures in Severe Weather

The cold weather has arrived; in the event that I need to close the school please check the county website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> and school website 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.

Cold and Wet weather

Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school for all weathers. We will aim to go outside to ensure the children are getting fresh air throughout the school day.

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.

Music Lessons

Class 3 will be starting their 10-week programme to learn to play a musical instrument. This time they will be learning the guitar. A huge thank you to FOW who contribute towards the cost of these lessons.

Young Voices

Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 will be off to Birmingham on Friday 16th January to sing with lots of other schools. This is an amazing opportunity for the children. Thank you to the staff who are giving up their Friday night to attend.

ParentPay

Please make sure your parent pay is up to date, this will enable you to stop having reminders from Ms Francis and added cost to the school.

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 delivered 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 by the member of staff wanting to try a new club and to offer a wide variety of clubs throughout the year to try 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.

Census Day Menu – Thursday 15th January

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Census Day

Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Or
Cheese Whirls with Chips and Tomato Ketchup

Served with
Peas & Sweetcorn

Chocolate Cocoa Cookie

Topic

Class topic letters will be sent out next week outlining the work that your child will be covering this term.

Our worship theme this term is Thankfulness

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

On-line Safety

Please see attached the monthly newsletter about playing games online. Please take the time to read, this is really important information.

Parking

Please can you NOT park on the driveway leading to the playing field. We have had an incident of a child being hit by a wing mirror, thankfully the child is fine but I don't want this to happen again. Please use the car park by the playing field. Thank you.

DATES

Fri 16 th Jan	Young Voices
Weds 21 st Jan	Y5 and 6 Knex Challenge
Fri 13 th Feb	End of Term
Mon 23 rd Feb	INSET
Tues 24 th Feb	Start of Term
Fri 27 th March	End of Term
Mon 17 th April	Start of Term
Thurs 21 st May	End of Term
Fri 22 nd May	INSET
Mon 1 st June	Start of Term
Fri 17 th July	End of Term
Mon 20 th July	INSET