

# WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

## NEWS



January 2 2025



### Young Voices

The children and staff had the most amazing time singing and dancing at Young Voices. The children were a credit to our school, we are very proud of them. They truly have made memories for life.



### K'nex Challenge

Well done to these two children who won the k'nex challenge and will move forward to a final at Renishaw against other schools. The whole class had a great time. Photos can be found on facebook.



### NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please be aware we have allergies within school. Please ensure no food contains nuts. We are a nut free school.

### Caterlink Chocolate Cake Day - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January



### Caterlink survey

Caterlink would like to hear from the children about their lunchtime experience. Please click on the link for the children to give their views.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

### Communication

We have started using our new communication platform. We know there will be a few teething problems so please let us know if you do not receive the newsletter etc. We will try where possible to send to both contacts so please ensure we have the correct details.

A plea from me! If you could please download the app as this will save our school money. Thank you.

<https://groupcall.com/parent-app/>

If you scroll to the bottom of the page there is the link to the app and android store. Thank you

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

Tilly, Jacob, Jimbo, Myla-Rae, Phoebe, Bella, Leo A, Jacob, Leah, Liza, Teddy, Eileen, Amèlie, Noah R, Ada-Rose, Harrison, Teddie, Arthur, Immy, Lewis, Alfie, Cooper, Anabelle and Rose.

## Thankfulness

We will be starting our value awards this week.

### Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for students' educational and social development. It is important your child attend, please see below about the importance of being on time.

### Lateness – Make Every Minute Count

We are having some families that are frequently arriving after the start of the day. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55 as registration and learning starts promptly after this time. Some statistics:

- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

### Absence – Illness or an appointment

- Please ensure you let the school office know if your child is poorly or at an appointment. This will save all unnecessary phone calls. Class teachers do not check their emails before registration. Thank you.

### Jewellery in School

A reminder about Jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn at school. If earrings must be worn, only safety studs are acceptable. **They must be removed for P.E. and swimming.** Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not appropriate and can be a safety risk. We do allow a watch as this helps children to tell the time. If your child is wearing a smart watch please ensure it is not enabled to take photos.

Thank you for your support with this.

### INSET

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the children will return to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### MORFA BAY 2027 – Current Year 4 and 5

Please note that this residential will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2027. Thank you

## DATES

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	INSET
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	End of Term
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of Term
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET