

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Just like that we are at the end of our first week! It has been so lovely to have the children back in school and they have all settled well into their new routines!

This year we have tweaked one or two little things ...

Class Dojo

From now on, instead of each child collecting their own individual points, the children will work together to earn points towards a **cumulative class total**. We feel this approach encourages teamwork, collaboration, and a shared sense of achievement as the whole class works together. The children will decide on a joint class treat together which they will gain when they reach their class total.

Homework

We will no longer be using School 360 for homework. All children in Class One and Two will have a homework book and this will be brought home every Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. There will be no homework this week but we will begin to send this home from next week. Reading books will be changed twice weekly (or if your child has a longer book, whenever they have completed it.)

PE Kits

As last year, we will require the children to bring in their PE kits on a Monday and then they will bring them home for washing on Friday.

Clubs Next Week (3.30pm -4.30pm)

Monday – Chat and Relax with Miss Ord

Tuesday – Yoga

Wednesday – Forest School Club

Thursday – Cookery Club with Miss Barnes

Our new yoga club went down a treat and Zoe, the teacher said that the children were all amazingly well behaved last week! <https://kalmalifeuk.co.uk/>

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Come and join us at 10am on
Friday 26th September
Bring a cake to share with others (More
details to follow next week).

New Forest School Cabin!

I think everyone will be aware of the wonderful new log cabin we now have at in our school grounds! Mr Short has spent a great deal of time over the summer on this project and the result is amazing!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank him and everyone else who has helped and raised and donated money to this amazing project!

Over the coming weeks I will be writing an article for the Hexham Courant and the Hexhamshire magazine and will also be publicising the cabin on social media etc as I think it really is something we should shout about!



Have a lovely weekend
everyone!
See you all next week

Mrs Hayward 😊

Federation News

As you are all aware, Whitley Chapel C of E and Slaley First Schools are now federated and to celebrate this (and to raise money for both schools) we will be holding a 'Pie and Peas' Night (with a band) on **Friday October 17th** in the Parish Hall. More details to follow soon.



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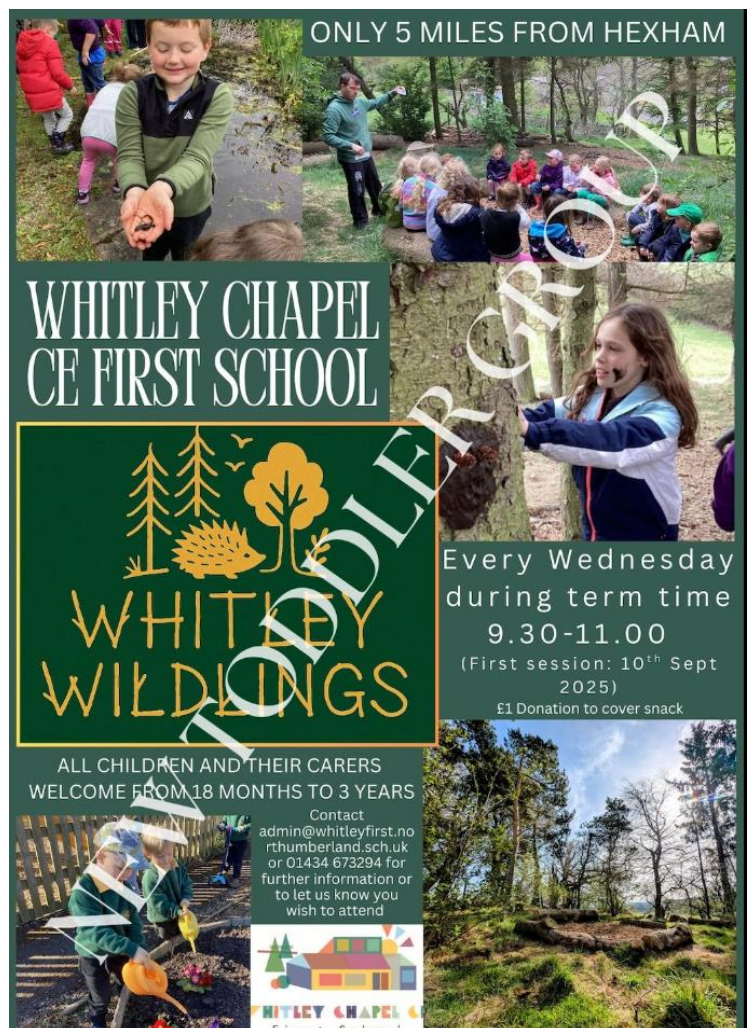
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WILDLINGS

Every Wednesday
during term time
9.30-11.00
(First session: 10th Sept
2025)
£1 Donation to cover snack

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Do you know anyone who has a toddler? If so - let them know about Whitley Wildlings which will be starting next Wednesday!