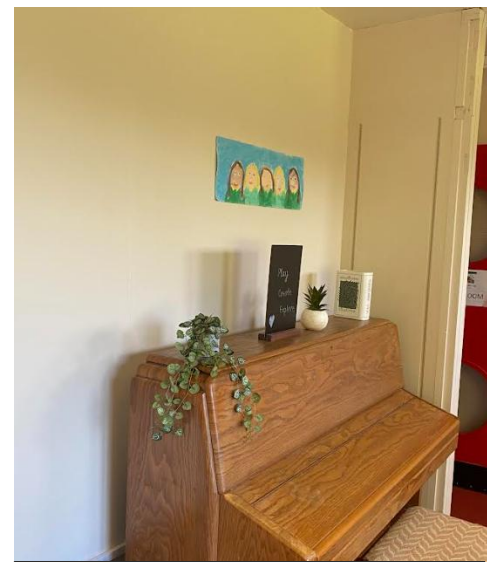


WHITLEY CHAPEL C of E FIRST SCHOOL

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to have all of the children back in school; the summer has flown by! Mrs Baty, our new Office Manager has now started with us, and we also have Gillian Cowie who is helping with Breakfast Club. All staff have been carrying out First Aid and Anaphylaxis training and over the summer, we have also been creating a lovely haven for the children to relax in in our study room. We have lots of lovely things planned for the children in the coming months.



Our new Study Room



This term our newsletters will be changing to a fortnightly schedule. We've decided to make this change because, when sent weekly, there can sometimes be a lot of the same information or updates included as the week before.

Moving to a fortnightly newsletter will allow us to share more relevant updates and ensure there is plenty of new information to include each time. (There won't be one next week but there will the week after.)



Diary Dates

Monday 7th September - School Council Elections

Saturday 12th September - Leek Show - More Information to follow

Monday 21st September 3.30pm - 4.15pm Curriculum Meeting for Parents

Thursday 24th September Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30am - 10am (All Welcome)

Tuesday 20th October - 2.15pm October - Harvest Festival in Church (More Information to follow)

Wednesday 21st October - Harvest lunch

Thursday 5th November - Flu Vaccinations

Monday 9th November 3.30pm - 5pm - Parents Evening

Friday 13th November 8.30am - 10am - Children in Need Breakfast

Friday 27th November 6pm onwards - Wreath making for Parents in the Parish Hall

More dates are detailed on the school website calendar (and dates are added throughout the year.)

After-School Clubs – Autumn 1

After school Clubs will run as follows...

Mondays:

On Monday 7th September – Mindfulness and Lego Club until 4.30pm.

From Monday 14th September - Dance with Pip (Reception to Year 4) until 4.30pm.

Tuesdays:

From Tuesday 8th September - Gymnastics Club until 4.30pm.

Wednesdays:

From Wednesday 2nd September - Forrest School Club until 4.30pm.

Thursdays:

From Thursday 3rd September – Board Games Club until 4.30pm.

Fridays:

There are no clubs, however wraparound care is available until 5.30pm.

Forms to indicate clubs the children would like to attend were given out before the holidays (as last term, there is no need to book online) If there are any clubs your child would like to attend and you haven't yet let us know, please email admin@whitleyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk to book.

Praise Assembly

As mentioned in our Welcome Back letter, Praise Assembly will begin again next Friday 11th September when parents are welcome to join us at 2.55pm as usual.

Outdoor Learning will now take place EVERY FRIDAY afternoon.

Please can the children have some waterproofs and wellies to leave in school by next Friday (11th September).

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Hayward