



Friday 16th January 2026



Dear Parents,

The cold weather has returned but the children have all still been working super hard. Our teachers have been so proud of the children and it is great to see them all making progress!

During outdoor learning, the children have begun to tidy the garden and we are hoping to practice our Courageous Advocacy by growing vegetables which can be used later in the year to make soups at Harvest Time. Watch this space!

After School Wraparound

Don't forget we have after school wraparound care available now **EVERY Monday to Friday** ...

Option 1 - 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Option 2 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Option 3 - 3.20pm - 5.30pm Booking available on the usual App.

Clubs this half term

Monday - Mindfulness

Tuesday – Gymnastics

Wednesday - Drama Club

Thursday - Cookery Club



Attendance

(W/B 5th January)

EYFS 100%

Class 2 – 100%

Class 1 – 94.7%

Well done Early Years and Class 2! You have won the attendance cup this week!

190
DAYS
100%



183
DAYS
96%



179
DAYS
94%



175
DAYS
92%



More than
18 days
absence less
than 90%



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Keeping Children Safe at Whitley Chapel First School

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Angela Hayward

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Penny Parr

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Josephine Thornton

Safeguarding Reminder

No phones are allowed to be used on the premises or in the school grounds.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th January – Emotional Regulation sessions for parents here at Whitley Chapel. Please can all parents arrive at 1.50pm. The sessions will be led by ladies from the Primary Mental Health Team and they will lead a supportive session for Parents and Carers focusing on understanding emotional regulation. The workshop explores recognising and labelling emotions, identifying pressure points during the day, and responding to big feelings in a calm and supportive way. Parents are also introduced to practical strategies such as breathing, mindfulness, relaxation, and distraction techniques that can be used at home. There is still time to sign up if you are able to, please simply email admin@whitleyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Thursday 12th February (am) – Whole school visit to Acton Farm (More information to follow)

Friday 13th February – School is closed all day for staff training

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – Half Term

Monday 23rd February – School re-opens for the second half term of the spring term

Forest School

Forest School with Mr Short will take place this term on **Wednesday 4th February** for **Class 2** and **Wednesday 11th February** for **Class 1 and EYFS**.

Drama Club Performance

On **Friday 6th February**, the children who attend Drama Club will be performing for the rest of the school and parents during our usual Praise Assembly time (2.55pm – 3.20pm)

If your child is in Class 2, Please could you check for an email about our Robinwood Residential which was sent yesterday. The residential will take place from **Wednesday 22nd April to Friday 24th April 2026**.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! We will see you all next week!

Mrs Hayward 