

19^h September 2025

WHOBERLEY HALL NEWSLETTER



WHOBERLEY HALL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stars of the week



Year 1 – Harmon
Year 2 – Zoi
Year 3 – Fletcher + Daisy
Year 4 – Ellie + Josef
Year 6 – Daisy + Taylor



Classroom News

NURSERY:



In Nursery this week, we have been talking about where we belong and our families. The children have shared photos of their family members to the class, drawn their family pictures and self portraits. We have also had lots of fun starting phonics, listening to environmental sound in and around the school. In Maths, we have been singing lots of number songs together.



Classroom News

RECEPTION:



We have had another fun week in Reception with lots of new activities and routines.

We have started our phonics lessons this week; we have learnt four new sounds, s, a, t and p and the children have enjoyed finding objects that begin with the new sound and have tried really hard to write the letters on the whiteboards. We hope the children will share their new sounds and letters with you at home. Do ask them and encourage them to have a go at writing them as well.

In our maths lessons we have enjoyed singing songs with numbers in; our favourite at the moment is 5 little speckled frogs!! We are also getting really good at our fastest fingers game and recognising amounts to 5.

We have also been very creative this week with drawing our portraits using the thin pens and the paints. The children were very good at observing their features in the mirror and selecting the correct colours for their skin, eyes and hair. In Forest school the children enjoyed creating their portraits using some leaves. They also enjoyed using the loose parts to create their faces.

We have also talked about our families, who lives with us and our wider families through looking at family trees.

We have also continued to enjoy our dance lessons with Adele where we are showing brilliant listening and copying skills and also some amazing and creative dance moves.

What a busy week and we cannot wait until next week to see what we achieve!!

Classroom News

YEAR 1:



We have been Artists this week! We loved our outdoor learning with Mr Francis, making portraits out of natural materials. We also used watercolours to create an Art book cover and finally drew our own self-portraits using a mirror to study our facial features carefully!



We also completed a whole class independent writing session. Mrs Speedy came to year one to tell us how proud she was of us. 😊



Classroom News

YEAR 2:



We've had a fantastic week in Year 2, full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery! In Maths, the children have been learning how numbers are made up of **tens and ones**. Our storytelling skills have been soaring as we work together on our version of *The Rainbow Crow*. We've been collecting **exciting vocabulary** to bring our story to life. In RE, we've been learning about **special books** such as the **Torah** and the **Bible**. We've explored how different people can have different viewpoints about the same event or person, and the children have shown great respect and curiosity in their discussions. Our topic work has continued to spark interest as we explore the **Great Fire of London**. We've discovered how the fire spread so quickly and the brave efforts people made to put it out. The children were fascinated by the use of leather buckets, fire hooks, and even blowing up houses to stop the flames! Science has been full of wonder as we explored **magnets**! The children especially loved discovering that not all metals are magnetic – a real surprise for many!





Classroom News

YEAR 3:



We've had another fantastic week in Year 3, full of exciting learning and fun activities.

In Literacy, we've begun exploring the story 'Stone Age Boy'. The children have impressed me with their efforts to use rich descriptive language in their writing !

In Science, things got a little messy but it was also a lot of fun! We explored the three different types of rock: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary – using sweets! It was a hands-on (and sticky!) way to deepen our understanding of how rocks are formed.

We also enjoyed a lovely trip to the library, where we explored a variety of book genres and shared some of our favourite reads with our friends. We even took some exciting books back to school!



Well done, Year 3 – keep up the great work!



Classroom News

YEAR 4



This week in Year 4 , we dived into a range of engaging topics across the curriculum. In **Maths**, we completed our unit on place value, where pupils explored numbers up to 10,000 and developed their understanding of digit positions and values. We've now moved on to using number lines in multiples of 1000, helping children estimate and position numbers with greater confidence. In **Literacy**, our theme has been *Aladdin*, and the children have been working hard on their descriptive writing, using imaginative vocabulary to bring scenes and characters to life. In **History**, we've been learning about the Celts and the Romans, exploring how the Celts lived and how Roman infrastructure—such as roads, aqueducts, and settlements—transformed life in Britain. Our **PSHE** lessons have focused on e-safety, teaching children how to stay safe online, protect their personal information, and look after their wellbeing while using digital devices. In **Science**, we've been investigating how sound travels through different mediums, conducting experiments to observe how vibrations move through solids, liquids, and gases. Finally, in **PE**, we've started learning the basics of badminton, developing hand-eye coordination, practicing rallies, and building teamwork skills. It's been a busy and exciting few weeks, and we're proud of how enthusiastic and engaged the children have been in their learning.



Classroom News

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, pupils continued their topic work on the Vikings, learning about their history and culture. In Forest School, with support from Mr Francis, they constructed Viking longboats using natural materials. In science, we explored the moon and discussed how and why it's visible from Earth. In maths, we focused on place value, working with numbers up to 1,000,000 and developing confidence in reading, writing, and comparing large numbers.





Classroom News

YEAR 6

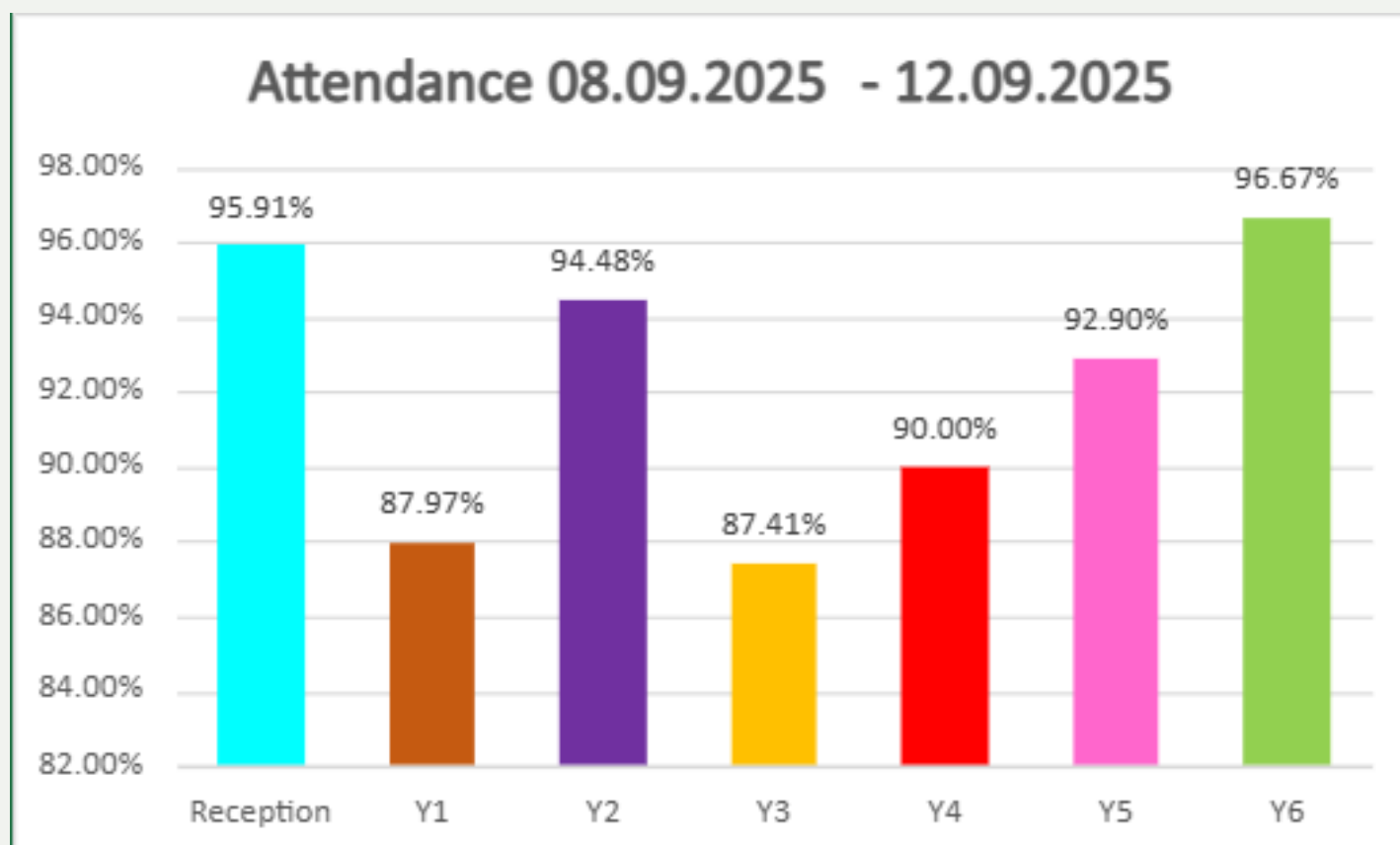


In Literacy, we have been focused on writing our 'Monster Calls' story. We have been using some wonderful creative writing tools: personification, subjunctive form and similes. In PE, we began a unit based on fitness. The children completed 5 and 12 minute shuttle runs and tried out several different circuit exercises. Great job children!

In Maths the children looked at negative numbers in different contexts and recapped their column addition and subtraction going up to 7 digit numbers. In science the children started to investigate what happens in a circuit as you add more bulbs into it. Finally in PSHE they created a piece of art related to their biggest achievement.



Attendance:



A massive well done to year 6 for their attendance this week!

Autumn Term

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 24th October
2025

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Term Continued

Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th
December 2025

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd
January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 13th February
2026

Half term Holiday

Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th
February 2026

Spring Term (Continued)

Monday 23rd February 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer term

Monday 13th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026

(Friday 1st May 2026 is a training day)**

(Monday 4th May is a bank holiday)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term (Continued)

Monday 1st June 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

(Monday 20th July is a teacher training day)**

Summer holiday

Begins Tuesday 21st July 2026