

Whalton School Association

Summer Term 2025 Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER UPDATE

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Guardians,
As we wrap up another school year, we wanted to share a few exciting updates and let you know what's coming up next. Thank you for being part of the Whalton School community - we've loved seeing you at events, cheering on at sports day, and supporting the children in so many lovely ways.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting everything we've done this term...

- ♥ for buying mountains of bacon sandwiches and refreshments on Sports Day
- ♥ for queuing up for Frosty Friday ice lollies
- ♥ for designing brilliant Easter bunting
- ♥ and for making our Krispy Kreme sale a delicious success!

Your support helps us raise vital funds for our lovely school - thank you!

SPENDING FUNDS!

Here's how your support has helped this term:

- 🌿 The Shepherd's Hut – we've covered most of the cost of this beautiful new wellbeing space in the yard!
- 🍽️ Leavers' Meal – Year 4 and Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous send-off with a special meal out at Uno's in Newcastle.
- 🍦 End-of-Term Treat – every child enjoyed a delicious visit from Tony's Ice Cream Van to celebrate the end of term in style!

Every bunting entry, bacon sandwich and doughnut bought really does make magic happen - thank you!



DIARY DATES

Autumn term starts on **Wednesday 3rd September** and our PTA AGM is on **Monday 15th September at 9.15am in the school hall**. We hope to see lots of you there!

A WONDERFULLY WARM WHALTON WELCOME TO...

all the new starters joining us after the holidays! We hope you and your parents are all excited for your next chapter and the fun times ahead as you start school.

Hello to...
Arlia, Austin, Isaac, Mabel and Max starting in reception and Ollie joining in year 5!



SCHOOL WHATSAPP

Join the Whalton School 'Chit Chat' group on WhatsApp! Stay connected and keep the conversation going! We encourage all parents to join the group as a friendly space to share updates, ideas and reminders about PE kit, as well as PTA and PAWS news.

If you're interested in joining, please ask Jane or Sarah for the group link.

THE SHEPHERD'S HUT IS HERE!

We're thrilled to share that the Shepherd's Hut is now in the school yard and almost complete! This peaceful, cosy space will soon be ready for children to enjoy as a quiet retreat, a reading nook, or simply a place to reset.

Designed with wellbeing in mind, the hut will hopefully offer a safe, calm base from which children can explore the yard and regulate their emotions. It's a space where they can take a breather when needed, share a quiet chat, or lose themselves in a book- away from the noise and busyness of the playground.

✨ We'll soon be sharing an Amazon Wish List with the items the children have asked for to make it truly magical - think fairy lights, beanbags, books, and sensory-friendly touches.

With your help, we can turn it into a little haven that supports both emotional wellbeing and imagination.

"I think it should have sparkly lights and a squishy cushion so if you're feeling wobbly you can go in and snuggle until your body feels better."

Peggy, Reception

NEXT FUNDRAISING GOALS 🎉

Here's what we're aiming for next:

✨ Shepherd's Hut Wishlist - help us make the inside just as magical as the outside! We'll be sharing an Amazon Wish List soon with the children's ideas - from fairy lights and beanbags to books and cosy cushions.

🎨 Art & Craft Supplies - to keep creativity flowing in the classroom with plenty of materials for imaginative projects.

📖 Library & Reading Corners - we'd love to fund new books, reading displays and cosy spots where children can curl up with a story.

🌱 Outdoor Learning & Gardening - raised beds, compost bins, tools and waterproofs to support hands-on learning in nature.

🧸 Cool Things for the Yard - think giant games, den-building kits, chalk boards and fun seating to make outdoor time even more exciting and adventurous.

🧘 Wellbeing Resources - mindfulness books, fidget tools and calm-zone items to help children feel grounded and supported.

🌳 Fun excursions - a day trip to a local venue

🍦 Tasty treats - for the children on special days throughout the year

Got an idea? We're always keen to hear what would make a difference for our children - just grab us at the gate or drop us an email!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us so far! We really appreciate your generosity and have lots of exciting fundraising ideas to work on for next term. I'd also like to thank my fantastic committee for everything they have done behind the scenes and for their fabulous fundraising ideas! We're always happy to welcome new members so please get in touch if you'd like to join the committee.

Finally, we'd like to wish a great big 'Best of British GOOD LUCK' to all children and staff who are leaving today!!!! You and your families have all played such a huge part in helping to create the lovely, friendly atmosphere we have here at our wonderful little school in Whalton. We hope you are proud of what you and your friends have achieved together and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures at your new schools! We wish everyone a great summer holiday and we're very excited to welcome our new starters in September!