Whalton School Association Summer Term 2026 Newsletter





WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER UPDATE

As we wrap up another school year, we wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** for being part of the Whalton School family. It has been brilliant to see so many of you at events, cheering on at sports day and supporting our fundraising ideas.

RAISING AND SPENDING FUNDS!

Here's how your support has helped this term...

Fundraising:

- **Father's Day Jars**
  22 jars sold
- **Frosty Fridays**
  A LOT of lollies eaten
- **Sports Day**
  £150

Spending:

- **Leavers' Meal** – Year 4 and Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous send-off with a special meal out in Newcastle
- **Ice Cream Treat** – every child enjoyed a delicious treat from Tony's Ice Cream Van to celebrate the end of term
- **Purchasing games** for the Shepherd's Hut

A WONDERFULLY WARM WHALTON WELCOME TO...

...all the new starters joining us after the holidays! I know the new reception children had a fabulous couple of transition mornings - thank you so much to the older children for helping them settle in and showing them what a caring and kind atmosphere awaits them in September ✨

We hope you and your parents are all looking forward to your 🎉 exciting new chapter and the fun times ahead as you start school!!

SCHOOL WHATSAPP

We will shortly be adding the parents of new starters to the WhatsApp group - we know you will make them feel welcome and we've already told them all that there is no such thing as a silly question when your child is starting school!

If anyone else would like to join then please ask us for the link.





DIARY DATES

Thursday 3rd September
Autumn term commences

Tuesday 22nd September
PTA Coffee and Catch Up
9.15am in the School Hall.
We hope to see you there! We will also be having our PTA AGM (date TBC) but wanted to invite all parents to a pre-AGM meeting to highlight ideas and opportunities.

Saturday 19th September
Whalton Village Show
A brilliant day out for all ages. We will be asking for donations to fill the exciting wheelbarrow raffle prize so please collect items up over the summer.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us this year!

I thoroughly enjoyed watching our Whalton gang having a brilliant time up at Longhorsley for Sports Day last week, competing with and against their federation friends. What a fantastic opportunity for them all! It was also brilliant to join together with Longhorsley PTA - I'm lucky enough to already be friends with a few of them and they were all so welcoming to our Whalton ladies - we raised approx. £150 for Whalton (still a few sums to work out before confirming the total) and I'm keen to do more collaborative fundraising with them in the future if the right idea comes along.

We really appreciate your generosity in supporting all of our projects this year and have lots of exciting fundraising ideas to work on for next term. Just like our little school, there's not many of us on our PTA committee but we each put in a lot of effort to ensure that our ideas actually come to fruition and either make the best profit possible or allow the children to really enjoy a new and exciting activity. The children loved visiting our 'pop-up' shop last term to spend their Mother's Day tokens so we wanted to give them another similar opportunity to create something special for Father's Day - well done to Mrs Weldon for managing the chaos of weighing out flour, cocoa powder and pasta to create their jars!

Thank you Jess and Sarah for everything you've done this term! We're always looking to welcome new members so please get in touch if you'd like to join the committee or feel you could offer help at specific events. Thank you so much to Helen (Tom's Mum) and Sarah (Isaac's Mum) for stepping in to support us selling ice lollies this term and cakes at sports day last week - we're very grateful for you giving up your time! We would love to invite everyone to come along to our PTA 'coffee and catch up' morning in September - this will be a pre-AGM meeting without the threat of anyone unwittingly being voted into an official position - an age old reason for avoiding AGMs anywhere haha - but just to give you all the opportunity to hear our ideas, as well as discussing the wish lists from pupils and teachers as many of you may have useful contacts or new ideas of how we can obtain things.

Finally, we'd like to wish a great big **'Best of British GOOD LUCK'** to all children and staff who are leaving today!!!! (I can't believe it is a whole year since I wrote those exact words last July!) Once again, the same is true - you and your families have all helped shape Whalton School into the lovely, friendly and supportive place our children get to enjoy each day - thank you!

We are all looking forward to hearing about your adventures at your new schools and hope you are leaving us feeling extremely proud of what you have all achieved together. I've heard a few whispers about the theme for your leavers' production and cannot wait to watch what I know will be a truly 'wiztastic' performance! We wish everyone a fabulously fun summer holiday and we're very excited to welcome our new starters in September!

Best wishes, Jane and your PTA Committee

