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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Although it's been a short week with only four days in school, the children have all settled straight back into their routines wonderfully. It has been lovely to see everyone return refreshed and ready for the busy weeks ahead.

Even in this short week, we've managed to fit in some fantastic learning experiences. Year 2 enjoyed a successful trip to Nantwich, where they explored the town's fascinating history. Year 6 also made the most of the local area with a walk on Thursday and Year 5 followed this with a nature walk to study our local environment.

It's been great to see so much enthusiasm for learning right from the start of the half term. We're looking forward to an exciting and productive seven weeks as we head towards the Christmas break.

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

This week, we are celebrating some fantastic achievements across the school!

Reception – Sophie and Florence have impressed everyone with their super maths work. They confidently used positional language and explained their thinking clearly. Well done, both of you!
Year 1 – Felicity has shown great enthusiasm in her geography work, identifying human and physical features in our school environment. Excellent observational skills, Felicity!
Year 2 – Sam wowed us with his amazing recall of facts in geography, about the United Kingdom. Fantastic work, Sam!
Year 3 – Charlie is being celebrated for his excellent handwriting and a brilliant portal story in English. A superb effort, Charlie!
Year 4 – Isabelle and Harry have shown an impressive understanding in history, exploring what items we still use today that originated from Roman times. Great historical thinking!
Year 5 – Max has demonstrated outstanding geography knowledge, confidently explaining different time zones around the world. Wonderful work, Max!

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our Whirley Values in their daily school life.

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts this week: Ezra (Reception) for collaboration, Avery (Y1) for Resilience, Stephanie (Y2) for Respect, Thea (Y3) for all values, Theo (Y4) for Respect, Ella (Y5) for Resilience and Ronnie (Y6) for Collaboration.

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Winning House



Even though it has only been a four-day week, lots of Dojo points were earned! Children across all houses have shown great kindness, determination, and fantastic learning attitudes. Well done, everyone, for keeping up your brilliant effort and teamwork, even in a shorter week!

The winning house this week is Alderley with a total of 122 dojo points!
Their House trophy is proudly on display in the school hall.

A reminder of the Non-Uniform Dates

- Friday 14th November for bringing chocolate donations for tombola
- Friday 28th November - Bottle donations for bottle tombola

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we will also be collecting donations for Children in Need. We understand that it is the same day as non-uniform and chocolate collections for the Christmas fair. The Children in Need charity raises money for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK and aims to fund projects that help children overcome challenges related to poverty, mental health, and inequality. Arthur and Isabelle (Head Boy and Head Girl) will be collecting any donations before school, if you would like to donate then. Please use the following link to see how you could help 'Children in Need' at home
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/children-in-need/what-we-do/

Contacting School

When contacting school, please could you ring the office using the number: 01625 783815 and the email: admin@whirley.ht.school

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 97% last week.

- Reception: 96%
- Year 1: 99%
- Year 2: 96%
- Year 3: 99%
- Year 4: 92%
- Year 5: 95%
- Year 6: 98%

Autumn Term dates up to the Christmas Holiday

14th November – NON-UNIFORM Day (bring in chocolates for the Christmas Fair)
14th November - Children in Need (donations for Children in Need)
17th November - ALTRU Theatre (Anti Bullying) Assembly and Workshop
18th November – Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip
19th November – Reception hearing and vision check

24th November – Individual School Photographs
25th November – Chester Zoo Year 6
28th November – NON-UNIFORM Day (bottle donations)
28th November – Santa Dash
28th November – Christmas Fair
2nd December – Influenza (whole school)
10th December – School Christmas Dinner
10th December – Film Night
12th December – Choir sing – Town Hall
16th December – Reception Nativity
17th December – KS1 production
17th December – Echo Club performance after school for parents (4.15 – 4.45)
19th December – Henbury Church Christmas Service (morning)
19th December – School closes at 12.30 for Christmas Break
School Reopens: Tuesday 6th January 2026

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club 3.30 – 4.30
Thursday – MAD Science 3.30 – 4.30 beginning on 13th November

Teacher Led School Clubs

Monday 3.30 – 4.30 – Netball club (years 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Tomlinson)
Tuesday lunchtime – Sewing club
Tuesday Lunchtime – Choir

Please find extra information, which you may be interested in, on the next two pages.

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher

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Coffee Morning & SEND Marketplace!
For Parents & Carers in the Congleton Community

Date: Friday 14th November 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Havannah Primary School

For Parents & Carers in the Congleton Community:
An opportunity to gather ideas, gain insights, and discuss your child's **Special Educational Needs (SEN)** with trusted experts in a friendly, informal setting. **What's on offer?**

- **Expert advice** from leading SEN organisations
- **Networking** with other parents & carers
- **Free refreshments** – tea, coffee and biscuits!
- **Resource stands** to explore support options



Marketplace and/ or Talks from:

- Cheshire East Information Advice and Support (CEIAS)
- Cheshire East SEND Transition Manager
- Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support (SPOTSS)
- School Nurse
- Ruby's Fund
- Cauldwell Children
- Space 4 Autism
- The Family Hub
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistants
- Specialist Makaton Tutor
- Dyslexia Assessor and Support

Why Attend?

- Get answers to your questions about SEN support
- Find resources tailored to your child's needs
- Build a community with parents on a similar journey

Don't miss this chance to connect, share, and learn!

We're excited to share that a past Whirley pupil Lewis is a member of the cast for the Alderley and Wilmslow Musical Theatre Company's next show: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.





Or use the link for tickets: [Our next show – Alderley and Wilmslow Musical Theatre Company]