Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! On Monday, Puddle Ducks visited our school to deliver an engaging water safety awareness session for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The instructors shared important messages about staying safe in and around water, including practical tips the children can use at the pool, the beach and at any other water-based activities. The session was interactive and age-appropriate, with demonstrations and opportunities for the children to join in. It was a wonderful learning experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed, and it helped reinforce the importance of being confident and safe near water.

This week, there were excellent performances by Whirley in the National League Competition at Macclesfield Football Club on Wednesday. Competing against schools from across Cheshire East, the team played superbly and finished the competition undefeated. After one win and three draws, Whirley finished 2nd in their group agonisingly missing out on a semi-final spot on goal difference. Congratulations to the team for their teamwork and resilience!

At Fallibroome, our girls' team represented Whirley at their first ever football competition. Even though the weather was awful, the girls continued their games in such a positive way. They came away, having enjoyed their first experience and we look forward to many more in the future. Well done girls!

Niamh and Sadie are our school Sustainability Champions and had the opportunity to meet the Macclesfield MP Tim Roca last Friday. They shared, along with other primary schools in the Halliard Trust, what sustainability projects were going well in our school and what projects we have in the pipeline to further support sustainability. They also had the opportunity to ask what his plans are to support local sustainability and clean energy in schools. Both girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and came away with lots of ideas to share.

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 – Elliot and Zander impressed us with their excellent letter formation and confidently read the words they had written.
Year 1 – Candice and Emmie are celebrated for their fact-packed Science work, where they identified amphibians, reptiles, and mammals.
Year 3 – Thomas shared his maths learning, demonstrating the column method to add using regrouping.
Year 4 – Cassius proudly shared his Times Tables Rock Stars heatmap.
Year 5 – Beth is recognised for her English work, where she used story mapping to build an engaging introduction.
Year 6 – Noah is celebrated for his excellent English work using parenthesis and Jude is also awarded for his fantastic progress in English since the start of the year.

Year 2 will receive a double celebration next week, as our award winner was absent during this week's assembly. We look forward to celebrating their achievements next week!

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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: James (Reception) for Resilience, Scarlett (Y1) for Respect, Reuben (Y2) for Independence, Daisy (Y3) for Resilience, Isabelle (Y4) for all values, Rory (Y5) for Respect and Noah (Y6) for all values.

Winning House



Well done to all the houses for earning their Dojo points this week! These points have added to their team totals, contributing to an exciting and competitive week.

The winning house this week is Chelford with a total of 219 dojo points!
Their House trophy is proudly on display in the school hall.

Chocolate donation and Children in Need donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated chocolates for the Christmas Fair. Your donations are gratefully received. The fair will be taking place in just a couple of weeks and your contributions will help make it a successful event for everyone. Isabelle and Arthur have also counted the donations for Children in Need and we raised £127.17. Thank you again for helping make these events a success!

Flu vaccination

Please could I remind parents to complete the flu vaccination e-consent form. Parents still need to complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine. **The link will expire on the 27th November.**

Academy Individual Photographs

A reminder that the Individual photographs will be taken on Monday 24th November. Further arrangements will be sent this week.

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 96% last week.

- Reception: 80%
- Year 1: 99%
- Year 2: 95%
- Year 3: 97%
- Year 4: 93%
- Year 5: 94%
- Year 6: 97%

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Autumn Term dates up to the Christmas Holiday

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
26th November – Beeston Trip Year 3
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)
Monday and Tuesday lunchtime – Sewing club
Tuesday Lunchtime – Choir

Please find an information leaflet from 'Puddle Ducks', which you may be interested in, on the next page.

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher


Free Lesson Voucher
Puddle Ducks
This week, we have delivered a Water Safety Awareness Talk to some of the children at your school.
Our mission is for every child to love and respect the water and to swim beautifully, so we would like to offer all the children a free swimming lesson.
to redeem your child's free lesson* visit:
www.puddleducks.com/water-safety/free-trial
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SWIM ACADEMY
Swim Academy Programme from 4 to 10 years