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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been! Whirley are Macclesfield Treacle League Champions!

Congratulations to our fantastic football 'A' team on winning the Macclesfield Treacle League for the second consecutive year. Eclipsing last year's amazing results, the team won every league match to prove themselves worthy champions. A special mention for Charlie, Noah and Fred from Year 6 who now retire from Whirley, but will no doubt continue to shine in their other teams.



Whirley's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2026–27

A letter was sent out last week via email about Whirley's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2026–27. Please check your inboxes if you have not had a chance to read it yet. We are looking forward to celebrating 50 years of Whirley with a special event on Friday 11th September and there will be further activities planned throughout the academic year.

PSHE and Wellbeing curriculum

Thank you for your continued support and for the valuable contributions many of you have already made as we review our PSHE and Wellbeing curriculum. Your insights play an important role in helping us ensure that what we teach reflects both the needs of our children and the values of our school community.
We are still keen to hear from as many parents and carers as possible. Our pupils have already been sharing their views with us in school, and your additional responses will further strengthen our understanding of what works well and where we can improve. Your feedback is essential in shaping future learning and supporting children's personal development, wellbeing, and understanding of themselves and others.
If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please take a few minutes to complete our short questionnaire by clicking on the link below:
PSHE and Wellbeing – Fill in form

House Charities

We have been delighted to welcome two of our house charities into recent assemblies. On 27th April, we were joined by *Friends for Leisure* (Chelford's Charity) and today, 5th May, we welcomed *Windyways* (Alderley's Charity).
Both organisations spoke passionately about the invaluable work they do within the local community. *Friends for Leisure* supports children and young people with disabilities by providing safe, inclusive opportunities to socialise, build friendships and enjoy new experiences. Their work helps reduce isolation and gives families much-needed support and respite.

Similarly, *Windyways* shared insights into their dedication to animal welfare. They provide care, rehabilitation and rehoming for animals in need, ensuring they are given a second chance in a safe and loving environment.
The children were highly engaged during both assemblies, asking thoughtful and insightful questions. Amanda Hunt from Friends for Leisure and Christine Earles from Windyways responded in detail, helping pupils gain a deeper understanding of the impact these charities have.
There is already a growing sense of enthusiasm among the children, who are looking forward to working together to develop creative fundraising ideas to support these important causes.
We are also looking forward to welcoming representatives from *The One Project* (Henbury's Charity) and *Diabetes UK* (Birtles' Charity) and will share further details once these visits have been arranged.

Meet our Governors

Each week we will be sharing our Governing body with you. This week we are sharing Sian Aryee.

Sian Aryee – Personal Development and Wellbeing Governor



Hi my name is Sian Aryee, I am currently a A-level Sociology teacher and the Diversity and Inclusion lead at a local sixth form college. I am passionate about education and the role schools play in shaping young people's futures. Alongside my teaching, I have previously served as a staff governor, which gave me valuable insight into how schools are supported and guided. These experiences inspired me to become a governor at Whirley as it is in my local community. I am proud to support the school's work and look forward to contributing to the positive experiences and opportunities of all pupils. As the Personal Development and Wellbeing Governor, I help support how the school looks after pupils' wellbeing and personal growth.

Pottery Club

A reminder that pottery club is on Tuesday this week.

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

We are pleased to celebrate the following pupils for their hard work and achievements across the school:

Reception: Piper and Flo proudly presented their wonderful artwork, demonstrating strong observation skills in their detailed flower drawings.
Year 1: Candice was recognised for her creative writing, producing her own imaginative version of *Goldilocks*. William also received an award for his phonics knowledge, particularly when reading alien words.
Year 2: Fabia shared a diary entry, rich in description and showing accurate use of adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.
Year 3: William was commended for his PE skills and excellent sportsmanship during tennis sessions.
Year 4: Isla and Willow were celebrated for their artwork, skilfully using tone through layered colours to create high-quality final pieces.
Year 5: Harry presented his Geography work on renewable and non-renewable energy, while Rosa was recognised for her Science work exploring thermal conductors and insulators.

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Well done to all of our pupils for their continued effort and positive attitude towards learning.

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: (Reception) Harper for Collaboration, (Y1) Emmeline S for Resilience, (Y2) Finn for Independence, (Y3) Isla for Respect, (Y4) Eleanor for Respect and Resilience, (Y5) Evie for ALL the Whirley Values and (Y6) Will for Resilience.

Winning House



Henbury claimed first place with an outstanding total of 234 Dojo points.
Chelford and Alderley followed closely behind in second and third place with 221 points, while Birtles achieved a strong 198 points.
A big well done to all houses for their fantastic effort and teamwork!

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who continue to work in partnership with us to ensure your children attend school every day and arrive on time. Your support makes a real difference and plays a vital role in your child's success.
Overall, our school attendance was 95% this week. We have seen a number of illnesses over the past week, which has impacted attendance, and we hope that after the bank holiday weekend the children return to school feeling well-rested and ready for learning.

- Reception: 91%
- Year 1: 96%
- Year 2: 97%
- Year 3: 96%
- Year 4: 95%
- Year 5: 97%
- Year 6: 96%

Summer Dates

11th May - SATs Week
18th May - Year 5 Safety Central Visit
20th May - Film night
Half Term 25th May – 1st June
1st June - School INSET Day
1st June - Multiplication Checks Week Year 4
8th June - Phonics Check Week Year 1
11th June - Bridgewater Hall Concert – Year 5
22nd June - Great Athletes Day (Further Details to come)
22nd June - Year 1 school trip Peak Wildlife
23rd June - Sports Day
25th June - Day 2 of Brimstone Project – Year 5
29th June - Year 6 Transition Day Fallibroome

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30th June - Reserve Sports Day
1st July to 3rd July - Year 6 Residential Conway
7th July EYFS - Holmes Chapel Zoo visit
9th July - Year 6 Performance at KINGS
10th July - Reports sent out
15th July - Rocksteady concert 10.00am
17th July - last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

- Year 3: Thursday 4th June
- Year 4: Thursday 11th June
- Year 2: Thursday 18th June
- Year 1: Thursday 25th June
- Reception: Thursday 2nd July

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 Multi-Sports - 3.30 – 4.30
Friday – Girls Football - 3.30 – 4.30

Teacher Led School Clubs

Monday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Tuesday 15.30 – 16.30 – Y5/6 Rounders club
Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Tuesday 15.30 – 16.30 Pottery Club KS2 (Y3 – 6) **21st April, 5th May, 12th May** with Mrs Whalley and Mrs Tomlinson
Wednesday 15.30 – 16.30 Pottery Club KS2 (Y3 – 6) **29th April, 20th May** with Mrs Whalley and Mrs Tomlinson

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher