



WHISTON WILLIS  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



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6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy two weeks since our return from the half term break and there has been some fantastic learning across the curriculum for all of our children.

I have been very impressed when I have looked at some science, history and geography books this week with the learning and knowledge the children are gaining.

The work we are doing with the children to improve handwriting is paying off and we are seeing many children developing more accuracy and fluency as they practice more. There are some amazing examples of how much progress has been made in Y3 particularly!

World book day has been a particular success this week- thank you for your efforts to support this. The children enjoyed the masked reader particularly and it was great to see our older children also buddy up with younger children to read. Reading is such an enjoyment life skill but reading for pleasure is so much more than that and it was fantastic to see fun in reading too!

A reminder that we have school photographs coming up next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> March 2026) and I would recommend that children should be in school uniform that day even if it is PE day.

The football team eventually finished runners up in the Prescot League this week. They remained unbeaten but then had to face a play off to decide who won the league. This too led to a draw but unfortunately, we lost on penalties! They will still go forward to finals day moving forward. Congratulations to them on a positive league season.

We have had a number of children who attended a debate experience today at Prescot Town Hall. The pupils took part in lively debates, oracy and debating games and collaborative activities with pupils from other schools. Our work over the last few years in developing oracy meant that our pupils were fantastic throughout this event; demonstrating confidence and maturity in their language and discussion.

Following our survey to parents of pupils with SEND we have now planned in some SEND coffee afternoons that are open to parents to attend and have a coffee, listen to some information around a specific topic and chat with staff and other parents regarding SEND.

The first meeting information is below.

 **SEN Coffee Afternoon**

 **Thursday 26th March**

 **2:00pm**

 **Whiston Willis – KS1 Hall**

**Theme:** *The Graduated Approach*

**Guest Speaker:** **Dr. Hanrahan**, Knowsley Educational Psychologist

**Parent Governor Role:**

We do currently have a vacancy for a parent governor within our school structure. If you would be interested in this role, please do contact the school office and I will be happy to arrange a conversation to discuss what it entails.

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### Attendance:

It is vital for all pupils to have strong attendance to give themselves the very best opportunities to build and maintain relationships with their peers and to ensure they have consistency in their learning so that they achieve well. Learning in school takes place from 8.50am until the end of the school day so punctuality and completing the school day every day is also vital to reduce lost learning.

The winter months are always difficult for attendance but Spring and summer gives us a real opportunity to make every day count for your children – PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH THIS!

We would love all our children to be in the 96% club with attendance above this figure.

### Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage		<p><b>Please arrange appointments out of school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.</b></p> <p>Please do call the school office if your child is going to be absent or if you need any further advice.</p> <p>Last year our school attendance was below both national and Local Authority figures and must improve. Please support us by arranging appointments outside of school time and getting the children into school regularly this year.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jaguar	96.5%	Y1 WINNERS	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tiger	95.7%		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Penguin	95.7%	Y3 WINNERS	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Owl	95.5%	EY WINNERS	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shark	95.2%	Y4 WINNERS	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hummingbird	95.2%	Y2 WINNERS	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf	95.1%	Y6 WINNERS	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pangolin	95.1%		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cheetah	94.4%		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Koala	93.7%	Y5 WINNERS	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Zebra	93.3%		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Leopard	92.7%		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehog	92.7%		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lion	92.3%		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrel	89.9%		

### Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL	<p><b>Well done to all our pupils who have been recognised by staff this week for their hard work and in following our school values and The Whiston Willis Way.</b></p> <p><b>I have seen some fantastic work this week as children have brought their learning to my office.</b></p>
Squirrel	Sofia HH and Paulie B	
Owl	Harper L and Denny L	
Hedgehog	Robbie and Ellis M	
Tiger	Elise-Mae and Kaelan	
Jaguar	Odin M and Freya W	
Pangolin	Thea R and Ava Leigh	
Hummingbird	Bobby C and Zara W	
Zebra	Penny and James	
Penguin	Jamie- Lee and Olivia S	
Lion	Maazuzah and Freddie	
Shark	Ellie M and Salihu	
Koala	Forest and Simon	
Leopard	John D and Zach T	
Wolf	Brooklyn and Toby	
Cheetah	Luca A and Hallie	

Kind Regards,