



7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and spent some quality time with the children. It was a long first half term of the year and we have begun this half term leading up to Christmas in a positive manner.

The pupils from Y2-Y6 enjoyed an anti-bullying performance from Altru Drama this week and those in Y5 had an additional anti-bullying workshop. We will complete activities next week in line with National Anti-Bullying week including 'Odd socks Day' on Monday 10th November to start our work. The theme for [Anti-Bullying Week 2025](#) is "Power for Good", which runs from November 10th to November 14th. The theme aims to empower children and young people to use their own unique "powers," such as kindness, courage, and speaking up, to support others and build a kinder, more inclusive world.



A further group of our Y6 pupils have completed their 'Bike Ability' training this week and we are so proud of their efforts and the attitude that they displayed with the trainers. This is another opportunity we offer to our children to develop increased safety around themselves whilst at our school.

This week, we have issued our updated Home School Agreement that is accessible to you via the school website. A link was sent to you via email. As a school, relationships with our families are so important and we wanted to share how we believe this will work best and the responsibilities of all of us as stakeholders. Working together will always have the most positive impact for our pupils and this is something we believe we have at Whiston Willis is great teamwork. Please do refer to this to understand all of our individual roles.

The redevelopments of our school and outdoor spaces has virtually finished and we are so pleased with the result. Over the last twelve months we have had workers on site pretty much full time and I do thank you for your understanding in accepting any of the temporary adaptations we had to make. The outdoor space now has brand new floor markings and the newly installed Clamber Stack has been really well received by the children. If you haven't seen this, do have a wander around to the rear of the school and see for yourselves.

The school football team had a further round of fixtures in the last week of term and they currently sit top of the league after three more hard fought games. With one round of fixtures left, we hope that they can continue to perform with great skill, effort, teamwork and in a fantastic sporting manner. Well done to them all!

If you know any families who are looking for a Reception place for September 2026, please let them know we have a further upcoming open evening on Tuesday 18th November at 3.30pm. Please encourage any prospective parents to register via the link on the school Facebook page or ring the school office to book a place.

We are going to start a Friday tuck shop from next week. As part of our rewards process for good attendance, two children who have been in every day during the week will be drawn for free tuck each week. (Please see separate letter)



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.

Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage		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. Please do call the school office if your child is going to be absent or if you need any further advice. 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.
1 st	Wolf	97.0%	Y6 WINNERS	
2nd	Tiger	96.8%	Y1 WINNERS	
3rd	Hummingbird	96.2%	Y2 WINNERS	
4 th	Pangolin	96.1%		
5th	Owl	95.8%	EY WINNERS	
6 th	Jaguar	95.7%	Y4 WINNERS	
7th	Penguin	95.7%	Y3 WINNERS	
8 th	Shark	95.0%		
9th	Koala	95.0%	Y5 WINNERS	
10 th	Hedgehog	94.3%		
11 th	Leopard	94.0%		
12 th	Zebra	93.8%		
13th	Cheetah	93.8%		
14th	Lion	92.2%		
15th	Squirrel	92.2%		

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

CLASS	PUPIL	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. A special mention for Elsie Colduck who did some fantastic reading with myself this week. Well done Elsie.
Squirrel	Nanci M and Frankie L	
Owl	Evie B and Heidi H	
Hedgehog	Nelly R and Clayton M	
Tiger	Jasmine S and Freya W	
Jaguar	Lilly T and Lily Rose B	
Pangolin	Jack H and Rudra M	
Hummingbird	JJ Owens and Cali M	
Zebra	Bank B and Teddy R	
Penguin	Joseph and Holly	
Lion	Louis S and Tallulah R	
Shark	Lydia M and Harry F	
Koala	Elijah and Ryan	
Leopard	Lennon and Sofia	
Wolf	Miles Mc and Florin T	
Cheetah	Rushvin R and Tom L	

Kind Regards,

Ian Cooper