



Welcome to Whitnash Primary School



Reception 2026/27



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'Learning, growing and succeeding together'

Meet Our Team



Donna Ellison
Headteacher



David Hitchins
Deputy Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Leads

- Mrs D Ellison- Headteacher
- Mr D Hitchins- Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs L Hackett- SENCO and Inclusion Lead
- Mrs D Jennings- Class Teacher and EYFS Lead
- Mrs J Norris - Class Teacher and Key Stage 1 Lead
- Mrs R Ford - Class Teacher and Key Stage 2 Lead

OFF TO SCHOOL





Whitnash Primary School Aims

"Learning, growing and succeeding together"

Our Vision

The importance of the 'Whitnash Family' is at the heart of everything we do because Whitnash Primary cares deeply for our pupils, staff and community.



We want our children to thrive. We have high aspirations for all our pupils, and we nurture their achievement and progress through relentless positivity and strong relationships. We care about our children's future and because of this we are committed to ensuring that all children achieve highly, regardless of their starting point, through our enriched and inclusive curriculum.



We instil the values of caring, empathy and kindness and are a consistent model of unconditional positive regard for all.

We teach our children the importance of these essential life skills and promote everybody's right to learn, right to respect and the right to feel safe and be safe.

These values and ambitions are embedded in our culture and ethos at Whitnash Primary School.

We are proud of our school, what we have achieved, and our ambition for the future.



Ofsted 2024

“This is a school that places the ‘Whitnash family’ at the heart of what they do.”



“Pupils are happy in school and enjoy their time there.”

“The broader development of pupils is a key strength at Whitnash.”



“Whitnash is a calm and orderly place. Pupils are friendly and polite.”



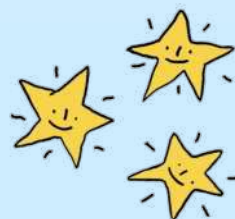
“Enabling pupils to thrive is a priority for the school.”



End Of Key Stage 2 Results

Pupils achieving the expected standard in 2025:

	Whitnash (Greater Depth)	National Average
Reading	86% (45%)	75%
Writing	83% (21%)	72%
Maths	88% (40%)	74%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)	88% (36%)	73%



The Wider Offer

- Focus weeks and months – STEM month, Healthy Schools Week, Well Being Month, Arts Week.
- Christmas, Harvest and Easter Celebrations.
- Forest School.
- Bayleaf Cookery.
- Counselling.
- SEND and EAL support.
- Sports coaches, links with local clubs and competitions.
- Swimming.
- Music provision – choirs, rock bands, instrument tuition (guitar, saxophone, flute, keyboard, recorder, ukulele), concerts to parents.
- Young Voices.
- School trips – theatres, farms, museums, Williams F1, places of worship, Space Centre, Compton Verney, Lunt Roman Fort, Beekeepers, Warwick University.
- Residential to Arete Centre in North Wales.
- Space Camp.
- Visitors into school to support specific days.
- Y6 Leavers Assembly, performance and celebration.



Extra Curricular Clubs

- Cheerleading Club.
- Rock Band and Mini Music Maker Clubs.
- Two Choirs.
- Science Club.
- KAPLA Club.
- Maths Club.
- Dance Club.
- Computer Programming Club.
- Sports Clubs – basketball, football, tennis, athletics, multisport, Gaelic football, cricket, gymnastics.



Parent/Carer Involvement

- Induction/Transition Meeting.
- Curriculum Events.
- Phonics evenings.
- Homework menu.
- Online “Boom Reader”.
- Termly Curriculum information.
- Parent/Carer workshops.
- Teacher Consultation Evenings.
- Craft afternoons.
- Family Cookery.
- Extensive Weekly Newsletters.
- Celebration and Achievement Assemblies.
- Music Concerts.
- Plays and Performances.
- Support from external services.
- Sports Day.





Wrap-Around Care

Breakfast Club

8:00 – 8:45am

Treetops (After School) Club

3:15 – 5:15pm

The children at the clubs will have access to a range of pre-planned activities, including:

- Art and Craft
- Outside play opportunities
- Board games
- Table top or floor toys
- Book and a cosy reading zone
- Films and computer based fun learning games
- Forest School style opportunities



Both Breakfast Club and Treetops are led by Whitnash Primary School staff.

The Reception Team

Teachers



Mrs Jennings
Class Teacher - Holly
Early Years Lead



Mrs Smith
Class Teacher - Ivy



Mrs Henshaw
Class Teacher (works
with both Classes)
Forest School Lead

Teaching Assistants

All TAs are Lunchtime Supervisors



Mrs Reading
Teaching Assistant
within the EYFS
MDS/Breakfast Club
Supervisor



Mrs Gilfillan
Teaching Assistant
within the EYFS
MDS/After School Club
Manager



Miss Shovelton
Teaching Assistant
within the EYFS
MDS



Mrs McKnight
Teaching Assistant
within the EYFS
MDS

Whitnash Primary School is committed to ensuring increased staffing numbers as deemed appropriate across Reception and Year 1 classes based on the needs of any cohort. As staff numbers assigned to year groups are determined by the needs of the pupil in-take each year, this may be subject to internal change.

Our Reception Classrooms

We are ...

creative

imaginative



mathematicians



story tellers



explorers



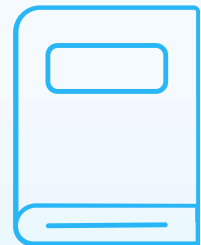
Our Outdoor Classroom



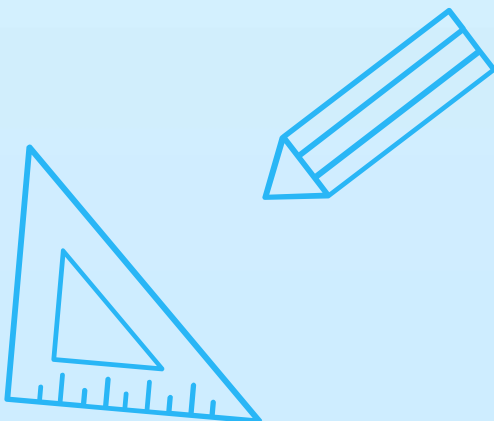
Our Uniform



**School
Uniform**



**P.E.
Kit**



Home Visits



Your child's teacher and one of the reception teaching assistants will come and visit your child at home. The visit will last approximately 20 mins.

Meeting their teacher for the first time in a low-key way in their home means your child will have a friendly face to recognise, and feel reassured by, when they start school.

School staff can share more about school and answer any questions.



It gives you as parents/carers the opportunity to speak confidentially about your child's needs and development.





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