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Weekly Newsletter: wb 7th July 2025*

***Apologies for the delay sending this out!**

Reports and Parents' Evening

Hopefully you received your child's end-of-year report last week. It is a big job but I genuinely do enjoy reading everybody's report and reminding myself what an amazing group of children we have. I hope you are very proud of what they've achieved – we certainly are! Reminder: it is Parents' Evening on Wednesday (3:30 – 5:30pm); we are not offering appointments for this – it is 'drop in' only and your chance to have a quick chat with your child's teacher/s (and their next teacher if moving classes).


SATs results

We received our Y6 SATs results on Tuesday and we were very proud of what the children have achieved. This includes the fact that 39% of the cohort achieved 'Greater Depth' in reading (this figure is 50% if you count only the children that were able to access the test). The children have been given their scores today and an official report card will come out tomorrow.

Mrs Lenton

See below for a message from Mrs Lenton who will be retiring at the end of the year:

I've had a fantastic 20+ years at Wharnccliffe Side School, it's been an absolute privilege to teach the children, especially in phonics and art, to spend time with them, and watch them grow. I've worked with incredible members of staff and have made some great memories and I'm lucky enough to have made friends for life. I will visit when I can, and listen to readers. I'm still in the village, so I might see you around -

*especially at Halloween . Time to say goodbye and my best wishes for the future x
All my love, Michelle Lenton*

School Uniform

In addition to our original provider (Pinders), parents can now get branded school uniform from www.myclothing.com. If you are ordering anything before the end of July, you can get a 10% discount with the code INTAKE10 (enter at checkout).

Meanwhile, thank you to FoWSS (Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School) who have been running our uniform shop this week – it is well worth a look if you are just missing a few bits and bobs!

Gardens

You will have noticed our new wellbeing gardens are slowly taking shape. In addition to this, our famous dragon sculpture is getting a new lease of life! Thank you to FoWSS who have been weeding / repainting this week. This is in preparation for the new plants we are set to receive. Featured at the forthcoming RHS show at Wentworth Woodhouse, the 'Edimental Kitchen Classroom' will be replanted at school after the show. This has been designed by Sam Penrose and Jojo Tarvet and sponsored by Discovery Outdoors, Roots Allotments and Wortley Hall Walled Garden Growers. A huge thanks to all involved!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

With end-of-year reports, the summer concert and transition sessions, the last week has been very busy - meaning we didn't get round to choosing children to receive our usual bronze, silver and gold certificates at the end of the week. We still have lots to celebrate though...

- ★ The Summer Concert was an amazing success - well done to all the children who performed and thank you to everyone who helped (including all the wonderful raffle prizes that were donated).
- ★ Thank you to [Angus](#), [Max](#), [Isla](#), [Gretchen](#), [Matthew](#) and [Lily](#) for their help with the bus stops - they look fantastic!
- ★ **Attendance** was **96.6%** overall last week. The winning classes were [Willow](#) (KS1) with **96.5%** and [Oak](#) (KS2) with **98.9%**.
- ★ **House Points** will be a rollover this week - please make sure you post any you have been given, rather than keeping them in your drawer!



This week's birthdays: [Iris](#) (8), [Thomas M](#) (7), [George](#) (8), [Mila](#) (5)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Set a good example

What's Happening?

[Little Seedlings & Saplings](#) are going to Cleethorpes this week!

[Ash](#) are making fruit salads (Reception) and fruit skewers (Y1)

[Willow](#) will be going on their residential trip to Whirlow Farm at the end of the week.

KS1 children in [The Learning Zone](#) are acting out the story 'Come away from the water, Shirley' by John Burningham.

[Rowan](#) are visiting Glen Howe Park as part of their local area topic.

[Sycamore](#) are debating whether Victorian workhouses were a good thing or not.

In Science, [Oak](#) have been learning all about the work of Carl Linnaeus - who was known as "the father of modern taxonomy"

[Meanwhile](#), Reverend Michelle (Brightholmlee Chapel) came in on Monday to deliver an assembly linked to this week's school standard.

