Welcome to your whispers of news and events...

27.11.26

Top Weekly Reward Points		
Year 7	7TTT	47.8
Year 8	8EED	50.7
Year 9	9MAR	43.7
Year 10	10SPA	45.8
Year 11	11SWA	44.2

Star Students

Nour H Y8

Liya K Y9

The Cat's Whiskers

We are delighted to showcase this beautiful cat illustration, created by one of our talented students who accesses our Hub provision.

The creativity, imagination and artistic flair in this wonderful piece deserve to be celebrated! Our Hub is a very special part of our school community, where individual talents can flourish and confidence can grow.

Our young artist has chosen to remain anonymous, and we fully respect this. We hope they know how proud we are to share their work.

Well done... Keep creating and let your talents shine.





Mud, Sweat & Glory

Last Thursday saw schools from across Chesterfield come together for the Cross Country Championships, and what a day it was! The weather certainly didn't disappoint if you were a fan of rain, mud and soggy trainers! With conditions rather wet underfoot (and above!), it was certainly a case of digging deep and embracing the elements!

Despite the rather challenging conditions, we had some fantastic performances from our runners.

A huge congratulations to Kudiwa, who finished an impressive 9th place in his race, securing qualification to represent Chesterfield at the Derbyshire Cross Country Championships. Even more impressive, Kudiwa achieved exactly the same feat last year. Clearly, consistency is his superpower!

Our top-performing girl was Betsy, who battled her way through the conditions to finish a fantastic 20th place in her race. Well done, Betsy.

And a special mention to our Year 9 and 10 boys, whose combined efforts saw them achieve an excellent 4th place overall out of all the competing schools in Chesterfield. A brilliant team performance!

Despite the rain, mud and probably a few pairs of trainers that may never recover, there was plenty to celebrate.

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part. You did yourselves and the school proud!









Bookbuzz –

Inspiring a Love of Reading at Whittington Green School!

At Whittington Green School, we are passionate about ensuring that every child has access to books and the wonderful worlds, ideas and adventures that reading can open up.

We are delighted to be taking part in the National Book Trust's Bookbuzz programme, which gives all our Year 7 and Year 8 students the opportunity to choose a free book of their very own from a fantastic selection of 16 titles. Every student gets to select a book that interests them, take it home and, most importantly, keep it!

We know how important reading is, not only for developing literacy, vocabulary and imagination, but also for building confidence and a lifelong love of books. For our Year 7 students in particular, Bookbuzz is a wonderful way to support their transition into secondary school, helping them to discover new interests and find enjoyment in reading as they settle into life at Whittington Green School.



The programme also encourages students to step outside their comfort zones, explore different authors, genres and stories, and perhaps discover a new favourite along the way. Whether they enjoy adventure, mystery, humour, fantasy or something completely different, there is something for everyone!

One of our Year 7 students said:

"I think it's really good that we got to choose our own book and keep it. There were lots of different ones to choose from, and I'm excited to start reading mine."

A huge thank you to all our students for getting involved so enthusiastically. We hope you enjoyed choosing your books, discovering new stories and getting lost in the pages!



Behind the Magic: Five Days To Go

With our production of Beauty and the Beast just around the corner next week, preparations are well underway, and there's a real sense of excitement building!

Last Saturday, we held our first full run-through, and it was wonderful to see so many students giving up their weekend to come in, work incredibly hard and help bring the production together. We are so proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. Seeing the costumes on for the first time really started to bring the magic of the show to life!

There has also been a huge amount of work happening behind the scenes, and we'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff giving up their time and expertise to make this production possible.

A particular mention must go to Mr Wakefield, who has created a rather spectacular invention for the show – Maurice's machine! Emerging from the Design and Technology department, this impressive piece of engineering is quite a masterpiece and will be a fantastic feature on stage. We can't wait for everyone to see it!

There really is so much work, creativity and teamwork involved in bringing a production of this scale to life, and it's lovely to see so many people pulling together.

We are now counting down the days until the curtain rises!

Beauty and the Beast is on next week, so if you haven't got your tickets yet, make sure you book them now. We can't wait to share the magic with you!





The Whittington Green School

Production of

Disney

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

JR

2nd - 3rd December 2026

7:00pm - Doors open 6:30pm

All Tickets £5.00
Available From Ticket Source
or The Finance Office (cash only)

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth
Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by
arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also
supplied by MTI

Sweet Bags

Beauty and the Beast

Fun-Fetti Fudge

£1



Chocolate Orange Fudge



White Chocolate Prezel Bites



Biscoff Fudge

BUY ON THE NIGHT!

Peppermint Creams

All proceeds go to the Hospitality and Catering Department



Warhammer Club – Let the Battles Begin!



This week, we visited Warhammer Club and were really impressed by the fantastic selection of models that were provided by Warhammer for the students to enjoy.

During their first session, students were introduced to four different models and each chose one to make their own. From the mighty **Stormcast Eternals** to the mischievous **Skaven Clanrats** and the fearsome **Ork Boys**, there was plenty to capture everyone's imagination!

The students have been busy choosing their own colour schemes, assembling their models and getting started with the painting. It's been wonderful to see just how much care and attention they're putting into their creations. The level of detail is fantastic, and the students are taking real pride in their work.

Once their models are complete, they'll be ready to take things to the next llevel and start learning how to play the games themselves!

There's already a real buzz around the club, and proving very popular. It's a brilliant opportunity for students to get creative, develop new skills, use their imagination and enjoy the strategic side of the Warhammer world.

We can't wait to see the finished models and, of course, find out who will be victorious when the battles begin!







Bun-believably Brilliant!

Our Year 8 students have been busy putting their baking and decorating skills to the test this week, and the results have been nothing short of spectacular!

Having baked their own buns, they've been mastering the art of decoration, letting their imaginations run wild and creating some truly fantastic designs. There are even some lovely seasonal touches, with plenty of colour, creativity and attention to detail on display.

It's clear that a huge amount of thought, time and effort has gone into these little masterpieces, and we couldn't be more impressed with the results. From imaginative designs to beautifully finished treats, our Year 8s have certainly risen to the occasion!

A huge well done to everyone involved – you've made some bun-tastic creations!







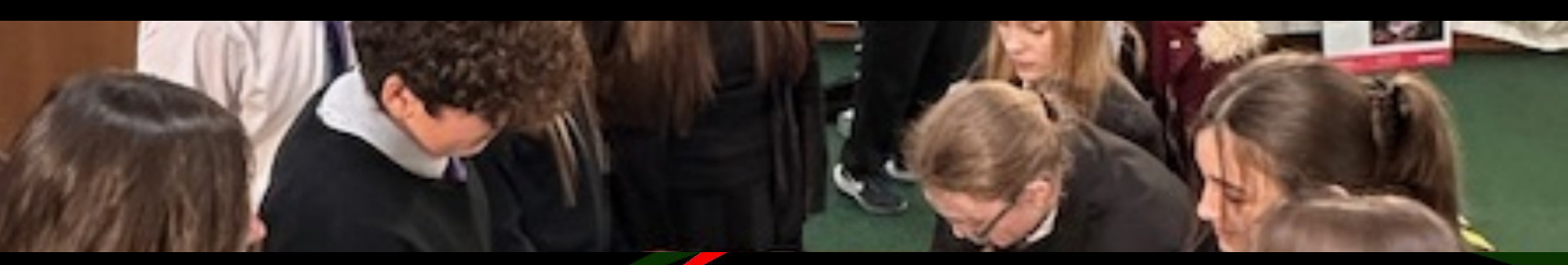
North Star

Its that time of year again and students from Whittington Green headed off to Rotherham's Gullivers' Valley resort to take part in the 2026 North Star event. Each year high tech and industrial companies in the area show up to provide students with an insight into what high tech careers are available locally and nationally. Many stalls are set up to provide students with activities designed to illustrate the kind of tech that company employs.

There was slightly less emphasis on big activities this year with more of an exhibition feel to the event. Companies manned stalls in one large hall and explained to students visiting those stalls about what the company did with demonstrations of the kind of tech they employed. United Cast Bar did bring their tin casting setup to the hall again delighting everyone who got to cast a small tin trinket while learning about the whole casting process. Several schools presented 35 minute activities ranging from Barnsley art installations to nuclear fusion presentations in a mini-inflatable planetarium screen.

Big hits of the day were the hour that the students got to go on most of the rides in the resort and the fun science presentations in the main theatre. There was quite an inspiring presentation by a local camera woman who travels across the globe recording sporting events from The Premier League to the World Cup and The Olympics in Paris. There was also a healthy competition to see who could grab the most freebies from the company stands. So laden with bags of goodies we headed back to school with thoughts about presenting our own stand next year… Watch this space.

Mr Gilman







The Big Christmas Raffle is back!

Prizes Include:

Redfern travel – 2 x £50 travel vouchers
Oxygen Active Play Gift card – value of £45
Sheffield United – 2 x Football tickets
Renishaw Hall – Family Garden Entrance voucher
Pokemon figure and candle gift set
Cresswell Crags Voucher
Ice Nottingham – family skating voucher
Thornbridge Estate – Family Garden Entry voucher
Unescapable - £20 gift voucher
Playmania Sheffield – Play passes (value of £37)
Clip and Climb Voucher £5
Owlerton Stadium – Free tickets
Paintball Tickets (worth £100)
White Peak Distillery Tour for Two
Rollerworld tickets



Tickets £1 Available From Reception

Mr Ashworth's Brain Teaser



Time for a tough one!

I am a tropical bird. Change one letter and I am a vegetable. Remove two letters and I am an open vehicle. Add two letters and I am a wine. Finally, remove one letter and I am a county in Ireland.

What was I, and what did I become at each step?

Do you think you know the answer to this week's brain teaser?
Be the first to find Mr Ashworth in Room 16 with your solution for the chance to win a small prize (and, of course, eternal bragging rights).

Congratulations!
The last week's winner is:

Lily H Y11



Q: I shave every day but my beard stays the same.
What am I?

A: I am a barber!

Careers Café's in School

Explore your future!

NHS

The NHS will be joining us to explain careers in the NHS!

Discover the wide range of roles, opportunities and pathways available.



Explore Career Options | Get Advice | Ask Questions | Speak to Professionals

When?
Monday, 7th December 2026

Time: 1pm – 2.10pm

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to learn more about your future!

EXPLORE • LEARN • ACHIEVE

After School Clubs

Have you explored our after school clubs?

We have a fantastic array of activities that cater to every interest and passion.

Whether you're keen on sports, arts and crafts, technology, gardening or anything in between, there's something here for everyone.

Beyond the fun activities, our clubs provide an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships and develop valuable skills. Whether you're honing your teamwork on the sports field or unleashing your creativity in the art room, there's no shortage of opportunities to grow and learn together.

Our convenient after school bus ensures that you can join in on the excitement without any worries about transportation – it departs promptly at 4.00pm.

Come and be a part of the adventure!

After School Clubs

Monday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Neurodiversity Club
House
Miss Wells-Cole

Manga Monday
Library
Mrs Bingham

Upper School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Writing Club
Rm 20
Miss Turner

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Y8 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Level 1 Sport Leaders
Mr Williamson

Tuesday

Theatre Tech Club
Dance Studio

Chess Club
Library
Mr Reid

Y9 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Wednesday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Y10 Child Dev
Rm 16A
Mrs Dewberry

Y9,10,&11 Futnet
Sports Hall

Y10 &11 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Warhammer Club
Rm53
Miss Hudson

Dof E
Rm 16
Mr Ashworth &
Dr Albon

KS4 Independent Study
Rm 21A
Mr Spacey

Book Club
Library
Mrs Bingham

Lower School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Y11 D&T Intervention
Rm 35
Mr Wakefield

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Thursday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Varsity Fixtures
Mr Kingham

Garden Club
Rm 43
Mrs Pates

Art Club
Rm 28
Miss Scothorn

Textiles Club
Rm 36
Miss Donkin

STEM Club
Rm 38
Dr Albon

Y11 English Revision
Rm 12
Mrs Gallacher

Any Questions: email attendance@wgs.derbyshire.sch.uk

Whittington Green School

Attendance Matters

Be here. Achieve more.

Attendance	Absence and days of learning missed
100%	**Well done, 100% attendance.**
Attendance that is 95% and above	Our target for all students. The student is attending school regularly, is on track with their learning. **No immediate action needed.**
90% – 94%	**Improvement needed.** This level of attendance can begin to impact academic progress. Our attendance officer may monitor attendance more closely, discuss reasons for absence with the student and family and provide support where needed.
Below 90%	**Cause for concern.** The Department of Education classes anyone below 90% attendance as a persistent absentee. When this is the case, we will reach out to you to see how we can support you and your child and address any concerns you or they may have.

Good attendance helps you learn, progress and thrive.

Aim for at least 95%

Every day counts!

Together, we can achieve more at Whittington Green School.

Any questions, email attendance: attendance at wgs.derbyshire.sch.uk

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Version	1
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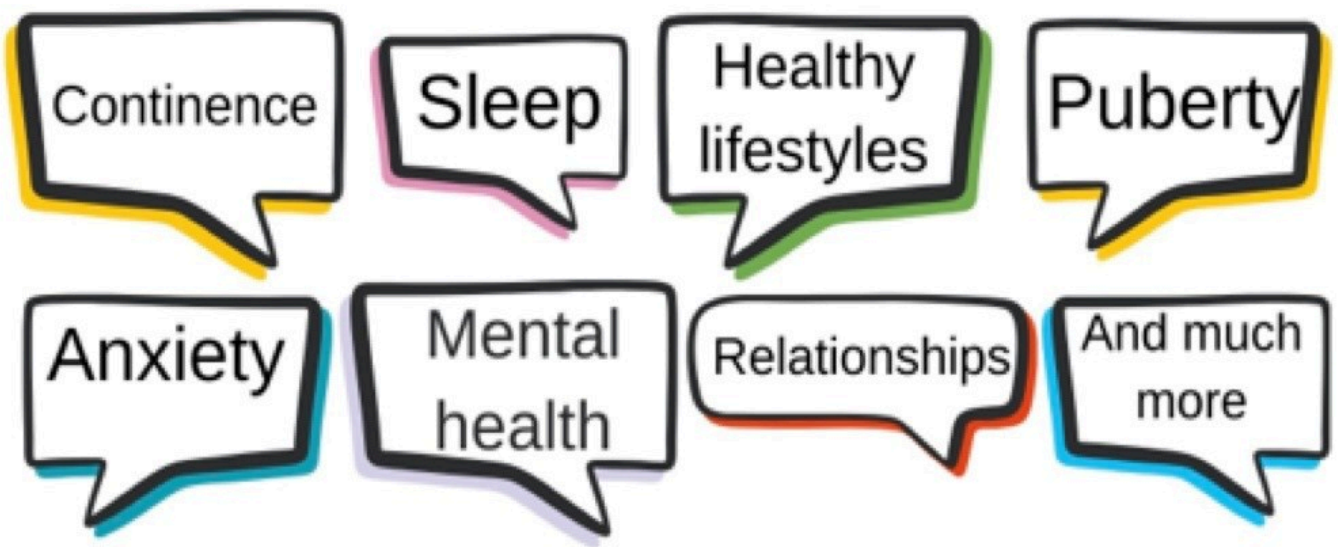
NHS Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust

Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...



For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol support.

Young people aged 11-19 years in Derbyshire can text us on 07507 330025

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

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