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## Newsletter

Friday 28th June

### GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was **Ruby**. Well done to everyone in Team **Ruby**! Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### Sports Mornings:

Sports mornings will start next week. Please see below for dates. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend and will enter school through the carpark gates.

**Photos and videos will not be allowed for any year group as not all parents/carers completed the form.**

### Whinfield gains gold for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running!

We are delighted to announce that we, Whinfield Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Some of our sporting achievements this year include: Implementing 'Active Bursts' into every classroom in school, attending a wide variety of sporting festivals throughout the year aimed at a range of pupils, active lunchtimes lead by our Sports Crew, targeting those least active pupils, catering for the needs of all children in school in physical activity, a working group for active travel, providing a range of after-school clubs lead by several members of staff, attending competitive events with children and teams reaching several finals throughout the year.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all of the Whinfield staff for their hard work in helping the school maintain their Gold Mark, and also to our School Games Organisers, Aly and Sara, who have supported us throughout the year.

### Aquasplash Festival:

A huge well done to the Year 4 children who attended the Aquasplash Festival on Tuesday. Lots of fun was had by all in a variety of water-based activities, competing both individually and in teams! You were fantastic representatives for Whinfield.

### Year 6 Open Evenings 2024 are as follows:

- **Carmel College** - Monday 16th September 2024, 6.00pm
- **Polam Hall School** - Tuesday 17th September 2024, 5.30pm
- **St Aidan's CofE Academy** - Wednesday 18th September 2024, 5.30pm
- **Haughton Academy** - Monday 23rd September 2024, 5.30pm
- **Longfield Academy** - Tuesday 24th September 2024, 5.30pm





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- **Hummersknott Academy** - Wednesday 25th September 2024, 6.00pm
- **Hurworth School** - Thursday 26th September 2024, 5.30pm
- **Wyvern Academy** - Thursday 3rd October 2024, 6.00pm

**Important Dates for the Summer term :**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 parent workshop - 1:30pm -2:30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 4 moving to Year 5 - 3:15pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents evening 3:30pm - 6pm -Drop in, no appointment needed.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 1 moving to Year 2 - 3:15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent meeting for new year group - Reception moving to Year 1 - 3:15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 2 moving to Year 3 - 3:15pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 3 moving to Year 4 - 3:15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers performance 9:15am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers disco - 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term. School closes for Summer.

