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Sports Day 2026

Sports Day 2026 certainly lived up to expectations, with everyone enjoying a fantastic day of competition in the sunshine! After two consecutive victories, Lindisfarne were hoping to make it three wins in a row. However, Durham, led by House Captains Ben Wade and Kylan Hague, had other ideas!

From the assault course and athletics to rowing and rounders, students threw themselves into every event, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. As always, the competition was incredibly close, with every point proving crucial in the battle for the overall title.

In the end, it was Durham who came out on top, narrowly beating reigning champions Lindisfarne by just 14 points to claim the 2026 Sports Day crown!

Final Standings:

1st – Durham – 573 points
2nd – Lindisfarne – 559 points
3rd – Bamburgh – 524 points
4th – Tynemouth – 509 points

Congratulations to Durham on a fantastic victory, and well done to all students and staff who contributed to another brilliant Sports Day!






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It's our Year

BOYS FOOTBALL 26/27

It's been an action-packed term for our boys' football teams, who have been proudly representing Whitburn in the **National Cup, Durham County Cup and South Tyneside League and Cup**. All nine teams – six A Teams and three B Teams – have kicked off their seasons with fantastic performances and plenty of passion on the pitch.

The commitment, teamwork, and pride shown by our players has been outstanding, and it's brilliant to see so many students giving their all while wearing the Whitburn shirt. With plenty more fixtures ahead, the excitement is building – so make sure to follow our **Instagram account (Whitburnpedept)** for the latest results.













GIRLS FOOTBALL 26/27

Our girls' football teams have made a fantastic start to their seasons, competing in the **National Cup, Durham County Cup, and South Tyneside District Cup/CVLs**. The standard of play has been outstanding, and it's brilliant to see more and more girls getting involved in football each year – our teams are going





Training continues after school every Thursday, so if you're feeling inspired, come along and get involved – new players are always welcome!









TABLE TENNIS

Our **U13 and U16 boys** have recently competed in the South Tyneside competitions, and we've had some fantastic performances!

A special congratulations goes to our U16 A team, who came away with **gold medals**. Well done to **Tom Gray, Ben Blyth, Elijah Feasey and Tom Smith** – an outstanding achievement!



BADMINTON

Our U15 girls also recently competed in the South Tyneside badminton competition.

A special congratulations goes to our U15 A team, who came away with **gold medals**.

Well done to **Katie Batten, Lula Backhouse, Scarlett Brooks and Amalie Limbrick** – an outstanding achievement!



SNO ZONE

We recently took **90 students** to **Snozone in Castleford** as part of our preparations for the annual ski trip to Alpe d'Huez.

With only a few months to go until we head to France, the excitement is building – we can't wait to spend even more time on the slopes and create unforgettable memories!

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Darts

We recently had the fantastic opportunity to take six of our students to **Bulls Eye Darts Academy in South Shields** for a brilliant introduction to the sport of darts. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, developing their skills, testing their accuracy and, most importantly, having plenty of fun along the way! A huge thank you to Mr Mackey for organising the visit!



Girls Rugby

Our students recently had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a girls' rugby event at **Westoe RFC**. It was a brilliant chance for students to get involved in the sport, develop new skills and experience the excitement of rugby in a fun and supportive environment.

The event provided a great opportunity to try something new, build confidence and enjoy being part of a team.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rush for organising the event and providing our students with another fantastic sporting opportunity!



Bowling

Our students recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Riverside Bowling**, where they had the opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition and put their bowling skills to the test!

There were plenty of strikes, spares and, of course, a few gutter balls along the way! Everyone had a brilliant time, making it another great opportunity for students to get involved in sport and enjoy spending time together outside the classroom.

A huge thank you to Mr Furniss for organising the event and accompanying the students!

NETBALL 2026-2027

Netball at Whitburn continues to be more popular than ever, with after-school training sessions **Tuesday and Wednesday** and a Lunchtime session on a **Monday** seeing numbers grow week by week!

All of our teams have made fantastic progress this season and are gearing up to compete in the regional competitions this month. A huge good luck to all our girls taking part – we're cheering you on every step of the way!

















TRAMPOLINING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the annual **South Tyneside Trampolining Competition** at Boldon School! A special shout-out to the following students who bounced their way to medals:

KS4 Girls Intermediate Winner
Holly Ironside
KS4 Girls Intermediate 3rd place
Sophia Nixon
KS4 Girls Intermediate Team Winners
Sophia Nixon, Amelia Hayden-Duck, Mya Townsley
KS3 Boys Intermediate Winner
Oliver Trigg
KS4 Girls Advanced Winner
Alanna Cutts

KS3 Girls Novice 3rd place
Grace Kelly
KS3 Girls Intermediate Winner
Casey Cutts
KS3 Girls Intermediate Team Winners
Eve Charlton, Casey Cutts, Liv Ellis
KS3 Boys Elite Winner
Oliver Trigg
KS4 Girls Advanced 2nd + 3rd place
Izzy Armstrong (2nd), Sophia Thompson (3rd)









CROSS COUNTRY – WINNERS!

There were some outstanding individual performances across all year groups, with our students showing fantastic determination, resilience and team spirit throughout the event. Their efforts paid off, as Whitburn were crowned **overall champions**, securing the title for the second time in just three years! This is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of the strength and depth of cross country running at our academy. A special mention goes to the following students for their outstanding individual performances:

YEAR 7 GIRLS
- 1st – ANNA BUTTER
- 2nd – LYLA MURRIE

YEAR 7 BOYS
- 1st – WILL FLETCHER
- 3rd – SEB WOLFE

YEAR 9/10 GIRLS
- 1st – FRAN KING
- 3rd – EVE ANDERSON

YEAR 9/10 BOYS
- 2nd – JACOB FLETCHER

YEAR 11/12/13 GIRLS
- 2nd – SOPHIA MCCUSKER
- 3rd – RUBY SCOTT

YEAR 11/12/13 BOYS
- 1st – KYLAN HAGUE
- 3rd – CHRIS HUGHES







Outdoor Climbing

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 Sport Studies students, who have successfully completed their Outdoor and Adventurous Activities assessment in outdoor climbing at Causey Arch.

Students were challenged to put their climbing skills, determination and resilience to the test, tackling some demanding conditions along the way. Everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts and commitment in completing this important part of their course.

A big thank you to Mr Mackey and Mr Arthur for accompanying the students, and to the staff at Simonside Outdoor Adventure for delivering and assessing the climbing activities.



Fundraising Update

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our annual Sports Awards Evening, donated raffle prizes or purchased raffle and shirt tickets. Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we raised a fantastic **£1,800!**

As promised, we were delighted to make a donation to a charity particularly close to our hearts, Maggie's Cancer Care Centre's. The remaining funds have been reinvested back into our PE department, allowing us to purchase new indoor futsal goals and pickleball nets.



Great North Run

A huge well done to all of our staff and students who took part in this year's **Great North Run!** It was fantastic to see so many members of the Whitburn community taking on the challenge, showing incredible determination and raising significant amounts of money for a range of very worthwhile charities.

Pictured is our Year 13 student Ben Howarth, who had the opportunity to meet prime minister Andy Burnham before the event. A fantastic experience to round off a brilliant achievement!









SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2026

We recently held our annual Sports Awards Evening, and it was a fantastic success! The event was filled with celebration, recognition, and inspiring performances. A special thank you goes to our very own Whitburn Dance Group and South Tyneside Gymnastics, who delighted the audience with their impressive routines. Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

Top Footballer	Oliver Whelan
Top Footballer	Bo Hunter
Top Rugby	Josh Jeynes
Top Rugby	Mya Jeynes
Top Basketball	Josh Chape
Top Cricket	Elliott Priestley
Top Individual	Rhyley Lawson
Top Individual	Izzy Cook
Top Netball	Fran King
JR Sports Personality	Hunter Hague
JR Sports Personality	Bo Hunter
Goal of the Season	Lily Scott
Boys Team of the Year	U19 Football

Unsung Hero (KS3)	Joe Hall
Unsung Hero (KS3)	Emily Pickup
Unsung Hero (KS4)	Tom Middleton
Unsung Hero (KS4)	Alice Harrison
Volunteer Award	Sophie + Ava
Team of the Year	Y10 Boys Football
Team of the Year	Y7 Girls Football
Lifetime Achievement	Sophia Lee
Outstanding Achievement	Izzy Armstrong
SNR Sports Personality	Kylan Hague
SNR Sports Personality	Lily Scott
Top Goalkeeper	Toby Whelan
Girls Team of the Year	U15 Football









