



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 07/02/25

News

Swimming Gala

We took a team of Year 5 and 6 to a swimming gala in South Shields this week - they were fantastic! The children competed in a race each, and then three medleys as a team. They took 7th place overall, with one of our pupils winning gold in the 25m breaststroke, Anya Lyon! Well done to everyone who took part, we're so proud of you!



Pupil Absence Request Forms

In line with the new DfE guidance, surrounding penalty notices referrals, we have a slightly different 'Pupil Absence Request' form – I have attached an electronic copy.

Facebook

If you haven't done so already, please send a request to follow our Facebook page, so you can keep up to date with all of the lovely things that are happening in our classrooms and throughout school.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.44%	96.34%	97.14%	97.04%	97.71%	96.98%	98.16%
Whole School %	97.26%						

Celebrations

Our Wonderwall winners have been outstanding this week – well done to you all! Lindsifarne took the house points and our TTRS trophy went to Year 6, with top marks again!





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Dates for your diary... (Remember, whole school dates are on our website and e-schools calendars)

- **Sunday 9th February** – Deadline for purchasing Valentine’s Day disco tickets. A decision will be made on Monday, of whether or not the two discos will merge, and refreshments will be purchased. Unfortunately, tickets won’t be on sale after the deadline.
- **Friday 14th February** – ‘Wear what you love’ to school to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Our KS1 and KS2 Valentine’s Day Discos, tickets are available on ParentPay.
- **Friday 14th February** – Irish Dancing is cancelled.
- **Tuesday 18th February** – Reception are visiting St Mary’s Church, please remember to give consent to Mrs Baird.
- **Thursday 20th February** – That History Bloke delivering an Ancient Greeks workshop in Year 3, payable on ParentPay.
- **Friday 21st February** – Non-uniform day, £1 donation on ParentPay. Our School Council have voted that we try and have a non-uniform day at the end of each half-term! Proceeds will go to the Friends of Whickham Parochial.
- **Friday 21st February** – Foodbank Friday and we break up for half-term!

Things to remember...

- Grass Roots are having a **gymnastics day** at Parochial on Sunday 16th February. Please see the flyer attached.
- If your child is interested in **guitar tuition**, and they are in Years 3-6, please contact Mrs Baird.
- If your child is in our choir and wishes to participate in the ‘**Spring Sing**’, please let Mrs Baird know. Children must wear uniform for the event.
- Lifestyle Legacy are hosting a ‘**Parent Health Conference**’ in June, at St. James’ Park. Please follow the link to learn more:
<https://lifestylelegacyhealthconsultancy.co.uk/theparenthealthconference2025>
- Don’t forget to use the **Easyfundraising app** for your online shopping at big stores including Amazon, Etsy, M&S, to name a few. Those parents who have been using it have so far raised over £500 for school!
- Many thanks if you have been using the app, and if you would like to start and are unsure how, just click the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whickham-pce-prish> or scan the QR code:

Don’t forget, you can find lots of school information on our [website](#) – our letters are saved on there, you can find out about our curriculum, and we have our calendar and term dates too. If you are ever in need of information, it’s a good place to start! Additionally, all dates are on our E-schools calendar.



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