



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 14/5/26

News

Parent Governor Election

The deadline for submitting parent governor election forms, is Monday 18th May.

Menu Change

On Monday 18th May, the school lunch options will be cheese and tomato pizza, pasta with tomato or cheese, or a jacket potato. This will replace the all-day breakfast and the panini. The rest of the week will remain the same.

Rentokil

On Monday, Rentokil came out to look at a site where staff and children were concerned about a potential wasp nest. Rentokil had a thorough look at the area and only discovered a couple of bees, and only when the bushes were kicked - the pest controller couldn't see a nest. For children who are nervous of stinging insects, we've advised they stay away from the stage and the stairs on the KS2 yard. All children have been told to stay out of the bushes between the stairs and the stage. Rentokil, as an additional safety measure, have offered school some concealed traps, that we can attach to the stage. We're just waiting for the costings from Rentokil. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Football Tournament

The Friends of Whickham Parochial are excited to host another football tournament in school. The tournament will take place on Friday 12th June, starting at 4.30pm. Please see the information sent yesterday via ESchools. The deadline to enter is Tuesday 2nd June.



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.39%	97.82%	97.12%	97.19%	96.90%	96.15%	96.59%
Whole School %	96.74%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to the children chosen for Wonderwall this week – we're very proud of you! This week's housepoint winners were Alnwick and the TTRS trophy was won by Year 5 and Year 6. Well done everyone!





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

- **Thursday 21st May** – Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
- **Thursday 21st May** – Mrs Saint's last day!
- **Friday 22nd May** – 'Cosy Day' in aid of Dog's Trust (£1 donation on ParentPay, children can come to school in pyjamas, or cosy clothes)
- **Friday 22nd May** – Year 6 at Gibside's Health and Wellbeing Day (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Monday 1st June** – Inset Day (school is closed)
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – deadline for returning scratch cards
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – deadline for entering the football tournament (participation tickets to be purchased on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – Year 6 at Safety Works (payment can be made on ParentPay, FSM children to give consent to Mrs Baird)
- **Wednesday 3rd June** – Year 2 at the Captain Cook Museum (payment can be made on ParentPay, FSM children to give consent to Mrs Baird)

Things to remember...

- **Scratch Cards:** Hopefully a scratch card made its way home with your child last week! If you have any questions about the scratch card and how it works, please give me a call. We're asking for any scratch cards, sold and unsold, to be returned to school no later than Monday 1st June.
- **Permissions Required:**
 - Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
 - Year 3 – Centre for Life (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
 - Year 6 – Safety Works (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
 - Choir – Summer Sing (please note, children will need to be collected from the Glasshouse, after the event)
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
 - Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead and Captain Cook Museum
 - Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop, Centre for Life
 - Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec'25), Swimming (Jan-Feb '25), Swimming (Mar-Apr '26) and Swimming (Apr-May '26)
 - Year 5 – Eden Camp
 - Year 6 – Safety Works
- **Attached:** Football Tournament info, SEND Lego Session Flyer, 'Cosy Day' Flyer, SEND invitation

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