



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 21/02/25

News

World Book Day

We're really looking forward to welcoming you in on World Book Day, to share a story with your child; please check the timetable sent previously for your allocated time slot.

We will also be judging the 'Design a T-shirt' competition on World Book Day, with designs based upon a favourite story or book character. There are prizes to be won! The Friends have hidden seven golden tickets in chocolate bars, which they're selling on ParentPay. Be sure to buy yours to share with your little (or big) one on World Book Day, and be in with the chance of winning a Waterstones voucher!

Half-Term

We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday - the children certainly deserve a break! We are returning to school on Monday 3rd March, with all clubs resuming straight away. The next half-term is 6 weeks, breaking up for the Easter holidays on Friday 11th April.

See you next week, we look forward to hearing all about what the children have been up to!



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.52%	95.59%	97.28%	97.18%	97.71%	96.90%	98.27%
Whole School %	97.22%						

Celebrations

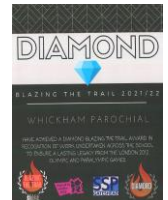
Well done to our children on Wonderwall this week!!!

Our house point winners were Chillingham and Bamburgh and Years 6 won the TTRS trophy, with top marks again!

We had a half-term winner of 'Reading at Home' from our Y5 class – enjoy the cinema!



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

- **Monday 3rd March** – Spring Sing tickets go on sale (if your child is in choir, please remember to give consent to Mrs Baird).
- **Tuesday 4th March** – Deadline for Golden Tickets.
- **Wednesday 5th March** – Year 6 to Robinwood (please remember to place any souvenir orders and pay your remaining balance).
- **Thursday 6th March** – World Book Day.

Things to remember...

- **Club bookings** are now live for after half-term – there have been some changes, so please ensure you read the covering letter of the attached activity timetable.
- **Important change** – the children and parents requested a ‘variation’ of after-school clubs on our parent and pupil voice surveys. Due to how busy our extra-curricular activity timetable is, we only had availability on one evening. We decided to use Grass Roots and switch up the after-school club each term, to capture those clubs which had been requested. Basketball seemed to be in demand, so we had scheduled it for after half-term, but nobody has booked on. Therefore, we will be switching the club back to gymnastics, available to the whole school.
- **Birtley Pool** have recently changed management and have lots happening over half-term, brochure attached.
- Grass Roots are selling tickets for the upcoming **Newcastle Eagles** basketball game, flyer attached.
- If your child is interested in **keyboard tuition**, Years 2-6, please contact Mrs Baird.
- If your child is interested in **guitar tuition**, and they are in Years 3-6, please contact Mrs Baird.
- **Gateshead Library** are hosting a ‘Gem Arts Mini Mela’ on Tuesday 25th February. The flyer is attached.
- If you missed the promotion yesterday, I have attached the poster for our ‘**Golden Ticket**’ competition on World Book Day.
- Gateshead West Uniform Scheme have released their April market dates. Remember, you can donate any **old uniform** to their clothes bank in Whickham Library.
- Our **Valentine’s Day Disco** raised £435 for the school! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket – the children had a brilliant time and there was lots of super dancing!
- **Music tuition** unfortunately didn’t go ahead today, the session will be refunded after half-term.
- **Have the best break!!!**