



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 21/3/25

News

World Down Syndrome Day

Thankyou to everyone who has donated to Down Syndrome International today, by giving £1 on ParentPay. We have raised £117 for their wonderful charity! Our school uniform was given an extra pazazz, with the wacky socks and tights! Check out our Facebook page for pictures.

Educational Visits and Swimming

You will remember from your own childhoods, that going out on a school trip was a highlight of the year, and something to be remembered. We know from our pupil surveys that children love a trip, and some parents have highlighted the need for more school visits in our parent survey. While we love to enhance pupils' experiences, we are aware that the price of visits and especially transport is increasing each year; and that, being in an area of relatively very low deprivation, we don't receive sufficient funding to cover the cost of these visits. We remind all parents whose children require FSM, that they can receive financial support from school with trips and clubs. If you are struggling to make the contribution, then please rest assured we would never leave a child behind, just get in touch and we can see if there's anything we're able to do to help. In April, we have arranged for an audit to be carried out by Poverty Proofing UK, as we want to make sure that we are reducing both hidden and obvious financial burdens we put onto parents. However, we can only continue to offer trips if we have your help and hope you will forgive us for continuing to ask you for a contribution.

This also applies to swimming, as our budget cannot sustain the cost of a swimming coach each week, and we're unfortunately too far away from our local pool to walk.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.50%	95.46%	97.29%	97.30%	97.70%	96.56%	98.15%
Whole School %	97.15%						

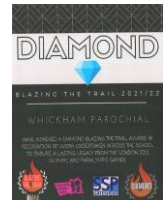
Celebrations

Congratulations to our children who made it onto Wonderwall this week!

Our house point winners were ... and Year ... were awarded the TTRS trophy – well done everyone!



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

- **Friday 21st March @ 3pm** – Deadline for buying a bunch of daffodils, and tickets for ‘Cupcakes with Mum’.
- **Tuesday 25th March** – Spring Sing for choir pupils, at the Glasshouse.
- **Wednesday 26th March** – Dance Festival, please see the final arrangements email sent today.
- **Wednesday 26th March** – Year 3 attending a multi skills event at Whickham School, please give your consent to Mrs Baird.
- **Friday 28th March** – No Irish Dancing.
- **Friday 28th March** – ‘Cupcakes with Mum,’ 3.30-5pm.
- **Monday 31st March** – Year 4 DT afternoon, please let me know who/if anyone will be attending with your child.
- **Monday 31st March** – Final deadline for ordering photos from Unscripted Photography.

Things to remember...

- KS2 had a guitar demonstration this week, from Craig at the Gateshead Music Service. If your child has expressed an interest in beginning guitar tuition, please get in touch with Mrs Baird.
- As temperatures are getting warmer (although we don’t want to jinx it), please remember to send your child in with their water bottle, every day.
- Upcoming Trips: Reception – Hall Hill Farm, Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum. Both are payable on ParentPay.
- Outstanding payment items on ParentPay: Beamish Museum – Year 6, Great Fire of Gateshead – Year 2, Swimming – Year 4 (from September), Toys from the Past – Year 1, Vikings – Year 5, Ancient Greece – Year 3, Romans – Year 4. We would be very grateful if these items could be paid off ASAP.

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.