



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Sport's Day

Our sports day will be held on the morning of Friday 7th June between 9:15am and 11:30am. We are changing the format from the traditional races to a carousel of competitive activities. All classes will move around the carousel with their teacher and, in their housepoint teams, take part in the competition which will be scored. We intend for this to take place on the field and have worked out a system whereby parents and grown-ups observe from a spectator ring and can move around to watch their children. We have our fingers crossed that this goes ahead on the field, but the unusual amount of rain we have had this year, has taken its toll and our grass is turning brown from sitting in very wet soil. Hopefully these lovely days will help it to recover. If we cannot go ahead with the event on our field, we can make it work for us on the two yards, but in that case it would not be feasible to invite parents and grown-ups. We will be able to make this decision for you by half term.



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.92%	94.75%	96.53%	96.22%	95.53%	96.72%	94.39%
Whole School %	95.59%						

Just a reminder, we will be sending letters using our new assessment system "A-Star", to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – they have made us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other. Our housepoint winners were Warkworth and the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 4 and Reception won the Numbots robot.





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Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 14th May – Choir is cancelled as it is the Year 6 SATs.
- Friday 17th May – Year 6 SATs treat to the cinema and Pizza Express.
- Friday 17th May – Family Fitness Event (£5 per family on ParentPay).
- Tuesday 21st May – That History Bloke delivering an Ancient Egyptians workshop in Year 3 (£5.50 on ParentPay).
- Wednesday 22nd May – Reception and Year 6 class photos, plus the photos for our academic year calendars.
- Wednesday 22nd May – Year 2 at the Captain Cook Museum (£15 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23rd May – Year 6 at the George Stephenson Museum (£12 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23rd May – 'Elemental' movie night (£3 on ParentPay).
- ***Just a reminder, we have our occasional day in the diary for Friday 24th May. Each school needs to choose a day for this and it's been on the calendar since September, but I know it's easy to lose track.
- Sunday 2nd June – The deadline for ordering a Year 6 Leaver's Bear or an academic year calendar.

Things to remember...

- Could all Dance Festival t-shirts please be returned to school, so far, we've only had 7 handed back in!
- Are you able to donate a raffle prize, or your time, to volunteer at our Summer Fair? If so, please speak with Mrs Baird!
- We are so very thankful for everything you do to help our school and the charities we support! We have been inspired by your generosity and therefore, on Monday 27th May, we have offered to serve as volunteers at the People's Kitchen because we care about our community! We're looking forward to witnessing and sharing, firsthand, how much of an impact Whickham Parochial parents and children have on the lives of those who are struggling.

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.