



Newsletter 18/10/24

News

Harvest

It is our Harvest Festival on Friday 25th October, at 9:15am. If your child has a speaking part, or is singing in the choir, then we would love to welcome their adults into school to watch (max. 2 adults per family).

We will also be collecting items for the People’s Kitchen on Foodbank Friday. We’re very proud of our Parochial family, for their consistent generosity and support of local charities, and we’re excited to see the donations next week!



Secret Garden

During the October half-term, we are having an area of wasteland converted into a ‘Secret Garden,’ on our school field. We are very thankful to Lescost, for offering to purchase and plant hedgerow around the area, to give it a ‘Secret Garden’ feel, and also help with our drainage. The area is going to have a forest hut and a story-telling chair initially, until we raise enough funds to add in some extra bits and pieces. Our hope is that the area can be used for outdoor learning, but also as a quiet space for those children who like to get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy playground/field. We will send lots of photos!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	98.54%	97.40%	98.38%	98.28%	98.43%	98.39%	98.18%
Whole School %	98.24%						

Celebrations

We are very proud of our WonderWall winners this week! Our TTRockstars winners were Year 5, with an amazing 100%!!! Our housepoint winners were Lindisfarne. Well done to everyone!





Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

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

- Friday 18th October – No Irish Dancing
- Wednesday 23rd October – Paddington 2 Movie Nights (bookings have now closed)
- Wednesday 23rd October – Y2 at Whickham School PM (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- Friday 25th October – Foodbank Friday (please see their wish list attached)
- Just so you have advance notice, here are the dates for our Christmas performances:
Reception and KS1 Nativity is on Friday 13th December at both 9:15am and 2:00pm in our school hall.
KS2 Carols and reading is on Wednesday 18th December at 2:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Things to remember...

- I have attached information for Wreath Making, a 'Living with Neurodiversity' flyer and our Daisy Chain Workshop.
- Could Year 2 parents please give consent for their child to do a sporting event, at Whickham School, on Tuesday?
- Parochial Performers – please ensure you have given consent, if you've received an email from Mrs Baird. If your child is performing, please send Mrs Baird the name of their song, the artist and email the track (so we have the correct version).
Tickets are now available to book on ParentPay.
- We have several outstanding payments: Toys from the Past (Y1), Great Fire of Gateshead (Y2), Vikings (Y5), Beamish (Y6) and Swimming (Y4).

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.