



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 20/12/24

### News

#### A Christmas Thank You

We wanted to thank you for all of the wonderful cards, gifts and donations you've given to us this Christmas, we are astounded by your generosity! We also wanted to thank you for the huge amount of donations given to the People's Kitchen for their Christmas appeal – we're very proud of the compassion and spirit of giving our children display. Finally, Whickham Parochial would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2025!

#### Friends of Whickham Parochial

The lovely Gillian Burdis has stepped into role as Chair of the Friends of Whickham Parochial! We are very grateful to Gillian for offering to fulfil this role and we're very excited for what lies ahead! Thank you also, to those parents who have offered to support/continue to support the Friends in other roles too, you're all amazing!

#### Save the Children

We will be sending a cheque to Save the Children for £116 today – thank you to everyone has donated, this will make such a difference to those children facing war, hunger and poverty. Please don't worry if you've forgotten to donate, it will be available on ParentPay for the rest of the day.

### Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.05%	96.55%	96.99%	97.55%	97.80%	97.11%	96.56%
Whole School %	97.09%						

### Celebrations

Congratulations to our final set of Wonderwall pupils of 2024 – we are very proud of you all. Dunstanburgh took the termly housepoints and Bamburgh won the weekly housepoints. Our TTRockstars engagement trophy went to Year 5. Well done to everyone!





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

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Inset day, school is closed for pupils.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – all clubs resume, please note, there aren't any clubs running on the first week back.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – No Irish Dancing.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – support for parents of children struggling with anxiety. You can book a space by contacting Mrs Baird.

## Things to remember...

- I have attached the Friends update for the Autumn Term 2024.
- Gateshead West Uniform Scheme have their final event of the year, this Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please see the flyer attached.
- Our uniform remains the same when we come back in January, up until the Easter holidays.
- PE days also remain the same after Christmas.
- Booking for clubs after Christmas are also now available. The timetable is attached, along with a covering letter including some important information.
- Don't forget to use the Easyfundraising app for your online shopping at big stores including Amazon, Etsy, M&S, to name a few. Those parents who have been using it have so far raised over £400 for school! Many thanks if you have been using the app, and if you would like to start and are unsure how, just click the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whickham-pce-prisch> or scan the QR code:



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.