



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 17/01/25

### News

#### Anxiety Workshop

We were thrilled to see so many families at our parent workshop on anxiety this week. We hope the strategies shared by our guest speaker, Karen Richardson, are helpful to yourselves and your children. It would be lovely to hear from you if you have any feedback. Our next parent workshop will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm – 7pm. The focus will be ‘Supporting your child through specific literacy difficulties’. This could include children pre-diagnosis or with a confirmed dyslexia diagnosis; or children who are struggling with spelling patterns in their reading and writing, or with their understanding of what they read. Please book your spot with Mrs Baird.

#### Friends of Whickham Parochial

We are pleased to announce that we have officially ‘voted’ Gillian Burdis in as our new Chair of the Friends of Whickham Parochial (our school PTA)! We also have a fantastic team of volunteers who will support Gillian with fundraising and events, and we’d like to thank them all for their time and commitment to our school. Gillian has written a letter to introduce herself to you all, please see attached.



### Attendance

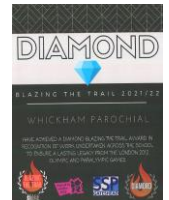
Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.23%	96.58%	97.12%	97.25%	97.96%	97.05%	98.02%
Whole School %	97.32%						

### Celebrations

Congratulations to our WonderWall pupils this week, they’ve been absolute superstars! Warkworth were the winners of our housepoints and our TTRockstars engagement trophy went to Year 5, this week with 100%. Well done to everyone!



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

- Reception and Year 6 have their heights and weights check on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – please see Tuesday's email from Mrs Baird.
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 at Whickham School to watch 'Footloose.' Please email Mrs Baird your consent.
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Y6 at Whickham School for a French lesson. Please email Mrs Baird your consent.
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – children's photographs with Unscripted Photography (more information will follow).

## Things to remember...

- We have two spaces in Guitar, starting after the February half-term break. If your child is in Year 3, 4,5 or 6 and would like to join, please contact Mrs Baird.
- We are slowly moving through the big jobs that need to be completed in school; this includes **painting the exterior of the school** and **repairing the stage** on the KS2 yard. If anyone has any contacts for these types of work, please let us know!
- Please can children remember to bring their **water bottles** into school each day? It helps reduce plastic waste and stops the spread of germs.
- Grass Roots run a **gymnastics club** at our school on a Tuesday evening, 5-6.30pm. Please see the flyer attached.
- Gateshead West Uniform Scheme accept **donations of branded uniform** – as our Uniform Exchange is currently full, please feel free to drop off any unwanted uniform at the donation station in Whickham Library.
- 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.



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