



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 2/4/26

News

Mrs Saint

We wanted to share with you the news that, after twenty-eight years at our school, Mrs Saint has decided to retire at May half term. We are so pleased for her and hope that she will enjoy family time, holidays and a bit more freedom, but we are so sad to lose her. She is a talented and valued member of staff, who has worked hard and improved outcomes for our children through three different headteachers and so many changes. She has been such a good friend to us all! We all hope that she will keep in touch and wish her well for the future.

Easter Eucharist and Communion

Our Easter service this year was extra special – not only did we welcome Father James into school, which is a treat for us after so long without a rector – but we also celebrated with a group of children who took their first communion. They had been working with Mrs MacCabe to prepare for this special event for a few weeks, and had made the decision to take this next step to be a committed part of the Christian family. We were honoured to share this special event with them.



'Win your height in Easter eggs' Competition

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for the 'Win your height in Easter egg' competition today. The winners were announced in Wonderwall this morning and they were extremely pleased with their tower of eggs! The competition was so well received, we raised just about £450 for the school. Thank you!

Foodbank Collection

The People's Kitchen loaded up their van with super generous donations from the families of Whickham Parochial today. We are very grateful for your continued support of the foodbank, so thank you!



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Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.40%	97.77%	96.94%	97.30%	97.39%	96.34%	96.54%
Whole School %	96.82%						

Celebrations

Our teachers decided to put all of our incredible children on Wonderwall this week – well done everyone! Chillingham were the Spring term winners and Warkworth were the weekly housepoint winners. Lovely Robyn in Year 6 was the lucky winner of our Reading Together voucher – enjoy the cinema!

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

- **Thursday 30th April** – Reception at Hall Hill Farm (permission to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Monday 4th May** – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **Monday 11th-Thursday 14th May** – SATs Week
- **Friday 15th May** – Year 6 Picnic in the Park
- **Friday 22nd May** – Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
- **Friday 22nd May** – ‘Cosy Day’ in aid of Dogs Trust (more information to follow)

Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required:**
Reception – Hall Hill Farm
Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
Year 6 – Safety Works (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
- **Year 6:** Don't forget to send over your child's baby photo and first day of school photo, by the time we break up for Easter please!
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec'25), Swimming (Jan-Feb '25) and Swimming (Mar-Apr '26)

We hope you all have a restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back for our final term of the year!