



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 19/12/25

News

Virtual Christmas Card

Our school choir entered the Gateshead Music Service's virtual Christmas card event and we've just been emailed the final product – it's fantastic! The music service have pulled together the entries from school choirs across Gateshead, and compiled them into one beautiful version of 'Somewhere only we know,' by Keane. You can watch it here:

[Music Hub Christmas Card 23 | Celebrate Musical Spirit — Gateshead Music Hub](#)

Thank you to Mrs Beasley and our school choir!

Wreath Festival

Our Footprints group won 2nd place at Fellside Church's 'Wreath Festival' this weekend! The wreath was made up of images of our grandparents and reasons why we love them, to fit the theme of 'Celebrating the past and present.' Thank you to all of the families who went along to the event and supported our school!

Thank you also, to Fellside Church for hosting another wonderful, festive event.

Return to School

Clubs will resume, as normal, from the first day back to school – Monday 5th January. The only club which will start the following week, is Choir.

The school menu will be Week 1.

The People's Kitchen and Save the Children

Thank you so much for the donations to the People's Kitchen this morning! As always, our families have been extremely generous and your contributions will help fight hunger and loneliness of locals in need, particularly at such a difficult time of year. Thank you.

We have also raised **£218** for Save the Children, during Christmas jumper day today. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated, your money goes towards helping children in the UK and the rest of the world, to stay safe, happy and healthy and change their future for good.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	92.96%	97.36%	97.04%	97.11%	96.94%	96.60%	96.55%
Whole School %	96.37%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to our final Wonderwall superstars of 2025!!!

The weekly house point trophy went to Alnwick and the termly house point winners were Lindisfarne – well done everyone!

Our 'Reading Together' winner was Emily in Year 3 – enjoy the cinema! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who continue to support a love of reading at home.





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

- **Monday 5th January** – First day of the Spring term, clubs resume (except Choir)
- **Wednesday 7th January** – Year 6 Robinwood and SATs meeting at 5pm
- **Friday 9th January** - Year 1 at Beamish Museum (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)

Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required** – Year 5 Whickham School transition days, Year 1 Beamish
- **Reduced Uniform** – We have some reduced price uniform for sale, please see the ESchools message from last week!
- **Year 6** – If CGP revision books have been brought home, please could you let Mrs Baird know that you've received them and that you'll return them when the SATs are finished.
- **Outstanding Payment Items on ParentPay** –
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead, **Year 4** – Swimming Nov-Dec '25

Thank you...

Thank you from each and every one of us at Parochial, for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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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