



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love

Newsletter 1/3/24

News

Father Barry

You may have heard that our lovely Father Barry Abbott, of St Mary's the Virgin in Whickham, is retiring at Easter. Parochial has been the parish school of St Mary's for over three hundred years so our relationship with Father Barry has been very close. We are so sad to see Barry go, but very excited for him to have this opportunity to retire and enjoy time with family and have some adventures.

Father Barry's last service will be on Easter Sunday (31st March) and it would be so lovely if you wanted to join us in attending to say a fond farewell. We wish Father Barry and his family every happiness in the future.



World Book Day

Just another reminder that World Book Day is rapidly approaching – it's officially on March 7th but we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March. All children will get their book voucher and we are inviting our grown-ups in to share a book and look at our book fair (if you click on 8th March on our calendar it will remind you of the timetable [Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School - Calendar](#)). We have the lovely author Faye Hanson in to do workshops with each class, and children have an option of dressing up as a book character or coming in non-uniform. We will be giving a prize per class for original and creative costumes.

Robinwood

Our Year 6 children have been fantastic at Robinwood – the teachers have been really proud of their courage, team spirit and good manners. They have had a brilliant time but we've missed them lots! For lots of lovely photos, please check our out Twitter page (@parochialschool) – there's a link on the home page of our website.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.03%	94.94%	96.37%	96.50%	95.12%	96.13%	94.36%
Whole School %	95.50%						

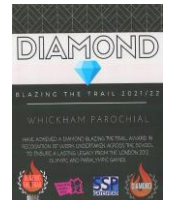
Just a reminder, we will be sending letters each fortnight to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWALLERS this week! As our Year 6 monitors are away, we have rolled the housepoints over to next week.



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Dates for your diary...

Our Mothers' Sunday Photography Competition deadline is rapidly approaching! Remember to submit your entries to be in with a chance of winning Afternoon Tea for 2!

Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March – don't forget to book your appointment on ESchools!

The Unscripted Photography gallery will close on March 8th, remember to make your orders before then to avoid incurring additional charges!

Things to remember...

- Next week will be **Week 2** on the school menu, then the following weeks will be back to normal.
- If your child received a **Dental Survey** letter, please could you ensure consent forms are returned to us by Monday?
- I will be placing the **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies** order next week, please remember to send me your child's chosen size and initials by Monday.
- Please could we ensure that all **snacks** are healthy and nut-free, we have several children in school with severe nut allergies, so school **must** be a nut-free environment!
- We understand that Monday meant children couldn't attend their after-school clubs as usual; we will be taking the price of their missed session from the next payment block after Easter.

Many thanks as always for your support – have a great weekend and remember we are here if you need us!

Mrs Walton and Mrs Baird

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.