



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 24/4/26

News

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

All Church of England schools are subject to an inspection that is additional to Ofsted which focuses on the way in which our Christian nature helps our school community to flourish. We are overdue for a visit and very much hoping that they would come before July – and they are! We are pleased to tell you that our school will be inspected on Wednesday 29th April. The inspector will spend the day with us and explore what it means to be part of our Church of England setting. They will see lessons, talk to staff and governors, talk to groups of children and look at books and documentation. It will be a busy day, but we are looking forward to it!

Logos Unlimited

Our uniform provider, Logos Unlimited, have moved premises and therefore their unit in Swalwell is closed. Their new address is:

Unit C, Block 320
Mayoral Way
Team Valley Trading Estate
Gateshead, NE11 0RT

Parent Survey 2026

Thank you to those who have already completed our Parent Survey for 2026. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible, before Friday 22nd May. Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/H3za3qovFG7NUA4A9>

Thank you in advance!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.48%	97.82%	96.88%	97.18%	97.49%	96.42%	96.55%
Whole School %	96.84%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to the children chosen for Wonderwall this week, we're very proud of you! The winners of the house point trophy were Dunstanburgh and Year 5 won the TTRS trophy. Well done!





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

- **Wednesday 29th April** – SIAMS Inspection (Y6 SATs Booster is cancelled)
- **Thursday 30th April** – Reception at Hall Hill Farm (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Monday 4th May** – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **Thursday 7th May** – Local Elections (school open)
- **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May** – SATs Week
- **Friday 15th May** – Year 6 SATs Treat at Chase Park (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Thursday 21st May** – Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
- **Friday 22nd May** – ‘Cosy Day’ in aid of Dog’s Trust
- **Friday 22nd May** – Year 6 at Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)

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), SATs Treat at Chase Park and Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day
 - Choir – Summer Sing
- **Year 6:** If you haven’t done so already, please can Mrs Beasley have your child’s first day at school photo, and a baby photo. Please note – Because of the SIAMS inspection now happening, SATs Booster has had to be cancelled on Wednesday 29th April.
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
 - Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead and Captain Cook Museum
 - Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop
 - Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec’25), Swimming (Jan-Feb ’25), Swimming (Mar-Apr ’26) and Swimming (Apr-May ’26)
 - Year 5 – Eden Camp
 - Year 6 – Safety Works
- **I have attached:** a promotion by the Newcastle Eagles, an ‘Alternative Flower Show’ flyer, and a letter to parents from the SIAMS School Inspection team.