



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love

Newsletter 15/3/24

News

Science Week

Our children have very much enjoyed their science experiments and investigations this week. If you would like to continue this at home, there are lots of online activities that can be done to encourage budding scientists and some of them can be found here: [Science Fun at Home - Primary Science Teaching Trust \(psstt.org.uk\)](https://www.psstt.org.uk) Please take a look through Twitter (@parochialschool) for lots of photos.



Volunteers

We have been blown away by our amazing volunteers who, over the last couple of weeks, have started working in our school to support pupils with their reading and to help out our teachers. Every staff member who has walked past or overheard their sessions, has come to me to express how brilliant these adults are – we are so lucky to have them in school! Many thanks to them for their time and care with our children.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.07%	95.09%	96.52%	96.64%	95.24%	96.41%	94.38%
Whole School %	95.66%						

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 are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – they have made us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other. Our housepoint winners were Warkworth and the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 5 who achieved 100% engagement!!!





Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love

Dates for your diary...

- **19.3.24** Dance Festival – we look forward to seeing the members of our Monday after school dance club perform at the Glasshouse - tickets are still available if you wish to purchase more!
- **20.3.24** Year 6 will be spending the afternoon carrying out an enterprise task as part of the transition programme at Whickham School and Sports College.
- **19.3.24 and 20.3.24** Parents' Evening – please make sure you have booked on e-schools.
- Reception are having an Easter Egg Decorating Workshop on **Monday 25th March**, 9-10am, and parents are invited to attend!
- Foodbank Friday is **Friday 22nd March**, as it's Good Friday the following week, so school is closed.
- **26.3.24** Spring Sing – we look forward to seeing the members of our choir perform at the Glasshouse.
- **27.3.24** Year 6 will be attending a sport event at Whickham School and Sports College based on support for SATS - SATs Su'Sport' afternoon (apologies – the pun wasn't mine!!). They will need to be in P.E. kit please.
- **28.3.24** Easter Eucharist and a chance to say goodbye to Father Barry.
- On **Thursday 28th March**, we have an Easter themed menu – there won't be a jacket potato option, just a main and veggie. I'll share the menu on ESchools.

Things to remember...

It's nearing the financial year end, so we're doing our best to get our affairs in order! Please could you help us by ensuring your school dinner money, clubs, trips, music tuition and swimming fees, are all up to date on ParentPay. Thankyou!

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.

Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School
Broadway,
Whickham, NE16 5QW
Telephone: 0191 4887867
whickhamparochialprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

