



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

2nd September 2025

Dear parent/carers

Year 6 Trip to The Victoria Tunnel
Tuesday 30th September 2026 9:15-15:00

Year Six will be learning about life during the industrial revolution. and as part of their learning, we have arranged a visit to Beamish Open Air Museum. This will give them the opportunity to attend a workshop to find out about this period of time in the North East. The children will also have time to tour the museum and visit the sweet shop.

We will be traveling by coach to the venue, leaving school at 9:15 for arrival at and will leave the venue at 10am, intending to be back by 3pm. As we will be at the museum during lunch, your child will need a packed lunch and a drink which they will eat in a designated area at the school. The children need to wear their **school uniform** on the visit. However, Beamish can be exposed to weather, so children **need to wear closed-toe shoes or trainers, need to wear warm washable jackets/coats**

We are aware that many of our Parochial families have Beamish membership cards, we have made enquiries with the museum about whether these are valid for school trips. I am afraid the annual pass is not valid for group visits due to the insurance arrangements that the museum in place about parents not being present to look after the children whilst they visit the Museum with the school. The museum has assured us that they are not making a surplus through the school trips that they provide.

With this said, school trips are a memorable and engaging way to learn, but they are quite expensive. We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. This is payable on ParentPay. Receipt of payment will be taken as permission to attend the trip. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please contact the school office to give your permission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks

Mrs Beasley