



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 23/10/25

News

Harvest Festival

Thank you to our grown ups for coming and sharing in our Harvest Festival today – the children were wonderful and made us very proud! Another great big thank you is to everyone who contributed to our People's Kitchen donation, the collection was incredible and the foodbank were so grateful. Thank you.



Glow Party

Thank you to the Friends of Whickham Parochial and the volunteers who helped with our 'Glow Party' last night. The children had so much fun, as did we! If you're interested in joining the PTA in any capacity, please do let us know, or scan the QR code attached.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair have been sent home with your child. Please return all raffle tickets, sold and unsold, by Wednesday 26th November. There are fabulous prizes to be won!

PE Days

After half-term, there are some changes to our PE days, only until Christmas:

Reception – Tuesday and Wednesday (forest school)

Year 1 – Thursday and Friday

Year 2 – Thursday and Friday

Year 3 – Thursday and Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 5 – Monday and Friday

Year 6 – Monday and Friday

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	92.88%	97.70%	98.04%	98.47%	98.47%	96.69%	97.21%
Whole School %	97.07%						

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

- **Friday 24th October** – Inset Day – we are closed to children.
- **Thursday 6th November** – Pedestrian Training for Year 3 (consent forms to be handed to Mrs Baird)
- **Tuesday 11th November** – Remembrance in school
- **Thursday 13th November** – Pedestrian Training for Year 3
- **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need (more information to follow)
- **Monday 17th November** – Chore Week for Thiago (more information to follow)
- **Wednesday 19th November** – Parochial Performers
- **Thursday 20th November** – Pedestrian Training for Year 3
- **Wednesday 26th November** – Deadline for returning raffle tickets
- **Saturday 29th November** – Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm

Things to remember...

- **Parochial Performers** – Wednesday 19th November, 5.30-7pm. If your child is interested in taking part, please let me know ASAP. If your child is in choir, violin, keyboard, guitar, drama, or Irish Dancing, please let me know if they'll be performing.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities** - Bookings for clubs after half-term are now available - I have attached the overview to the newsletter. Please remember, clubs resume the day we return to school (3rd November), but there aren't any clubs on the final week of term (15th-19th December). For KS1 music tuition, parents need to select 'KS1 Music Tuition Nov-Dec 25,' as they miss a week due to their Nativity.
- **Christmas Fair – Can you help?**
Donations – raffle prizes, gift bags and tissue paper
Volunteer – label the tombolas (Friday 28th November, 1.15pm), set-up (Saturday 29th November, 9am-11am), run a stall (Saturday 29th November, any slot between 11am and 2pm), clear up (Saturday 29th November, 2pm)
- **I have attached:** Parochial Performers poster, the Autumn Term 2 extra-curricular activities information, Time Theatre's pantomime (our Drama club provider) and the Friends of Whickham Parochial QR code.
- **Christmas Photo Shoot** – Please see the email sent yesterday and let me know if you'd be interested!