



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 22/3/24

News

Photos and messages for Father Barry

We sent out a plea for messages and photos of Father Barry in his role as Rector of our parish. We have some lovely messages and photos of weddings and Christenings – but please feel free to keep sending them as we still have time to add them to our book.



Easter Eucharist

Our Easter Eucharist is on Thursday 28th March at 9:15am. This will be our last Eucharist with Father Barry, but he will be doing his Easter service at church if you would like a further opportunity to say goodbye. Our choir and our Year 6 will be leading some of the Eucharist, so their grownups will be given priority for attending the Eucharist, but if you would like to take your chances to see if there is any space, you would be very welcome.

P.E. days for next half term

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday	Monday, Thursday	Monday, Thursday	Wednesday, Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday (Swimming)	Thursday, Friday	Tuesday, Friday

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.74%	95.03%	96.72%	96.43%	95.29%	96.46%	93.92%
Whole School %	95.53%						

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 Lindisfarne and the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 5 who achieved 100% engagement!!!



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Dates for your diary...

- **25.3.24** Reception are having an Easter Egg Decorating Workshop, 9-10am, and parents are invited to attend!
- **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, and don't forget to give permission to Mrs Baird!
- **28.3.24** Easter Eucharist at 9:15am - 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. The menu has been shared on ESchools.
- **17.4.24** Year 6 are inviting their adults into school for a DT workshop.
- **22.4.24** The 5 Year Old Dental Survey has been postponed until the 22nd April, you will have been contacted if your child is involved, please don't worry if not.
- ***Just a reminder, we have our occasional day in the diary for Friday 24th May. Each school needs to choose a day for this and it's been on the calendar since September, but I know it's easy to lose track.

Things to remember...

- Thankyou from both Parochial and the People's Kitchen, for the amount of donations we've received today, you're all amazing!
- 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.