



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 8/10/26

News

Harvest Festival

We will be having a Harvest Festival on Friday 23rd October, to give thanks to God for our crops and the food available to us. Unfortunately, Father James won't be able to do a Eucharist service this year, but our Year 6 class will be running the assembly.

If your child is in the choir, or has a speaking part, you are very welcome to join us. We will aim for the assembly to start at 9.15am and it should last for roughly half an hour.

Staff Car Park

Please can we remind parents to use the pedestrian walkway to and from school, instead of cutting across the staff car park. Even if the gates are open, it is essential that families stick to the pedestrian walkway, to keep them safe and to prevent damage to staff property. Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas Fair

I know the mention of Christmas sounds obscene so soon, but our Christmas Fair is rapidly approaching! Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 28th November, from 11am-2pm. If you are free to volunteer, please get in touch with Mrs Baird, even if you can only help with certain parts of the day. We're also asking for donations of nik-naks for the Secret Santa stall, teddies, Christmas gift bags and wrapping paper and Christmas elf toys – these items can be handed into the school office. Thank you so much in advance!!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.57%	97.96%	98.21%	95.56%	95.74%	97.84%	95.79%
Whole School %	96.94%						

Celebrations

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



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

- **Monday 12th October** – Year 4 at Northumberland Zoo (payment to be made on ParentPay and consent to be given to Mrs Baird for FSM children)
- **Tuesday 13th October** – Cross-Country at Gateshead Stadium (selected Year 4 and Year 6 pupils only)
- **Thursday 15th October** – Sportshall Athletics at Gateshead Stadium (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 16th October** – Tag Rugby Festival at Winlaton Rugby Club (selected pupils only)
Glow Party (more information to follow) and **no Irish Dancing**
- **Sunday 18th October** – Grass Roots Gym Day at Parochial (poster attached)
- **Friday 23rd October** – Foodbank Friday for Harvest and Harvest Festival (parents of children in the choir and with speaking parts, are invited to join us – please note, this is a maximum of 2 parents per family)

Things to remember...

- **I have attached:** FACT's Christmas Appeal poster, Parochial's Glow Party poster, Grass Roots Gymnastic Day poster, People's Kitchen requests, Newcastle Eagles promotion and Y4 Northumberland Zoo trip letter
- **Reminders:**
Could parents of children in the **choir**, please let us know if their child is able to sing at the St Mary's Christmas Fair, on Saturday 21st November?
Could parents of the **school council**, please let us know if their child can participate in the St Mary's Remembrance Parade, on Sunday 8th November?
If you're a parent of a child in **Reception** and would like to be added to the class WhatsApp group, please send over the best contact name and number to Mrs Baird.
- **Year 6** – Deposit is due by Friday 23rd October, for us to confirm numbers. Please can all Robinwood forms be returned as soon as possible, thank you!
- **Calling any handy parents!** If anyone is able to help us fix up our Reception mud kitchen, or has the capacity to build us one, please get in touch!
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (September-October) and Northumberland Zoo
- **Thank you** to everyone who attended the PTA's AGM on Wednesday night, your support is really appreciated by both the school, and the PTA! Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events, we have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead! If you didn't make the meeting but would like to get involved with our PTA, please let Mrs Baird know, we'd love to chat with you!