



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 20/2/26

News

Swimming Gala

A team of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Gateshead Schools Swimming gala this week; our school finished 5th out of 24 and the girls placed first and third in their medley and freestyle relays. We also had a gold medallist from Year 6 who managed to break a record in the 25m breaststroke!

Well done to the whole team, boys and girls. We were so proud of how they supported each other, tried their best and celebrated the achievements of friends from other schools. You were an asset to Parochial!

Valentine's Disco

Our Valentine's Day Disco was a brilliant success - the children had lots of fun dancing with their friends! Thank you to the team of volunteers who helped to organise and run the event, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, we raised over £500 for school!

Save the Date!

We have lots of events running between now and the end of the school year, but please do keep Saturday 4th July free and more information will follow soon. For all of those people who fulfil a motherly role to the children in our school, another date to make a note of, is Friday 13th March. There are lots of exciting things ahead!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.15%	97.23%	96.56%	96.81%	97.17%	95.83%	95.46%
Whole School %	96.18%						

Celebrations

Our Wonderwall winners have let their lights shine this week, we are so proud of you all!

The final housepoint winners of the half-term were Chillingham and the TTRS winners were Year 6.

Our 'Reading Together' cinema voucher was won by a lucky Year 4 child!

Well done to you all!



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

- **Monday 2nd March** – Start of Spring Term 2 (clubs resume from today)
- **Tuesday 3rd March** – That History Bloke in Year 3 delivering an Ancient Greeks workshop (payment to be made on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 4th March** – Y4 swimming cancelled (come to school in uniform)
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day and Horrid Henry Themed School Lunch (information attached)
- **Friday 6th March** – Year 4 to wear PE kits (basketball session with Newcastle Eagles)
- **Friday 13th March** – Mother's Day Events – **1 ticket per person, not per family** (after-school, no Irish Dancing)
- **Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th March** – Y5 Bikeability
- **Friday 27th March** – No Irish Dancing
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Break up for Easter

Things to remember...

- **I have attached:** information about World Book Day, the poster for the Wooden Spoon Competition and extra-curricular activities information.
- **Contacts:** if you have any contacts for events, please give me a ring!
- **Easyfundraising** - easyfundraising are running a February promotion, where every new supporter that signs up to support our cause when they shop, earns £2 for the school. Please scan the QR code if you can help and thanks to our existing supporters, who have raised almost £1000 for school.



- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec'25), Swimming (Jan-Feb '25) and Swimming (Mar-Apr '26)
- **Year 4:** On the first week back, PE kits will need to be worn on Thursday and Friday, not on Wednesday.

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