



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 8/5/26

News

Outdoor provision

Over the last week we have had some additions to our outdoor provision. A KS1 and KS2 mud kitchen have been added to our two yards and we have been so pleased with how well used they are already! We'd like to thank our amazing Friends and anyone who has contributed to their events for funding these lovely resources. If anyone has any mixing bowls, utensils etc that they don't mind donating for the children to use in the mud kitchens, we'd be so grateful.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 11th to Sunday 17th May is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year is action – for ourselves, for others and for all. We are in no doubt that an increasing number of children, young people and adults are struggling with mental health in recent years, and we want to remind you that you are not alone. The charity RISE are hosting two free webinars designed to help adults feel more confident talking about mental health with children, and we have attached a PDF of the information for you. If there is anything we can do to help, or if you just need to talk, we are here for you. You can find lots of help online [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#) and also on our website [Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School - Mental Health and Wellbeing](#), but sometimes a chat hits the spot a bit better. Please don't hesitate to get in touch and make sure that while you are looking after your children's mental health, you take care of yourselves too.



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.56%	97.82%	97.02%	97.21%	97.22%	96.42%	96.50%
Whole School %	96.82%						

Celebrations

Our Wonderwall superstars have let their lights shine this week!
This week's housepoint winners were Chillingham and the TTRS trophy was won by Year 5.
Well done everyone!





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

- **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May** – SATs Week
- **Friday 15th May** – Year 6 SATs Treat at Chase Park (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Thursday 21st May** – Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
- **Friday 22nd May** – ‘Cosy Day’ in aid of Dog’s Trust
- **Friday 22nd May** – Year 6 at Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)

Things to remember...

- **Administration of Medication:** If your child requires medication during the school day, medication must be handed to the school office and an administration of medication form filled in. We administer medication at lunch time. If your child has medication to be administered 4 times per day, we ask that they’re given a dose before school, a dose after school and a dose before bed. Medication is to be collected from the school office at the end of the day.
- **Scratch Cards:** Hopefully a scratch card made its way home with your child last week! If you have any questions about the scratch card and how it works, please give me a call. We’re asking for any scratch cards, sold and unsold, to be returned to school no later than Monday 1st June.
- **Permissions Required:**
Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
Year 6 – Safety Works (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children), SATs Treat at Chase Park and Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day
Choir – Summer Sing (please remember to let us know if your child will be returning on the bus, or if they’ll be collected by you after the event)
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead and Captain Cook Museum
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec’25), Swimming (Jan-Feb ’25), Swimming (Mar-Apr ’26) and Swimming (Apr-May ’26)
Year 5 – Eden Camp
Year 6 – Safety Works