



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 4/7/25

News

New Appointments

We are so pleased to tell you that we have appointed two Assistant Head Teachers from our staff team. Mrs Beasley and Mrs Hull will be taking up their roles as AHT from September. Mrs Beasley will take on responsibility for SEND and Mrs Hull will become Attainment lead. They will continue to have classroom roles but we are looking forward to seeing them in this strategic role. Congratulations to them both!

Improvements to School

The summer holidays will be a busy one in school! We will be having some units removed in KS2 to create a library, the 'wildlife' area from the field will be cleared and re-seeded, the school will be externally painted and we will be creating an intervention room! Our intervention room could do with some construction equipment if anyone has any? Also, we would like more greenery around school, but given that my office is a plant graveyard, we wondered if anyone had anything plastic/fake that might provide foliage we can't kill off? Anything anyone could give would be very much appreciated.

Summer Fair

Please pop in to our Summer Fair tomorrow, from 11am-2pm. There are lots of refreshments, games, and a raffle with fabulous prizes! If you've volunteered to help us set up, school will be open by 9am and if you're running a stall, I will be around at 10.30-10.45 to answer any questions you may have. See you there!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.42%	96.12%	96.97%	97.39%	97.48%	96.35%	97.81%
Whole School %	97.08%						

Celebrations

We are very proud of our Parochial superstars who were chosen for Wonderwall this week! Well done to Year 5 who claimed the TTRS trophy, and Lindisfarne who won our house points.



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

- **Monday 7th July** – Year 3 and Year 5 PE (PE kits please, Year 3 DON'T need PE kits on Wednesday!)
- **Tuesday 8th July** – Y3 Sewing Workshop (1.30-2.45pm)
- **Wednesday 9th July** – Transition Afternoon (all classes move up to their next classroom)
- **Friday 11th July** – End of Year Reports and Open Afternoon (bookable on ParentPay, in Parents' Evenings)
- **Monday 14th July** – Open Afternoon (bookable on ParentPay, in Parents' Evenings)
- **Tuesday 15th July** – Year 6 and Reception at Washington Wetlands (payable on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 16th July** – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (9.15am, max. 2 adults per child)
- **Thursday 17th July** – Break the Rules Day (more information to follow)
- **Friday 18th July** – Last day of term!

Things to remember...

- **Outstanding ParentPay Items:**
Reception – Washington Wetlands
Year 1 – Toys from the Past Workshop
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 3 – Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptians Workshops
Year 4 – Jarrow Hall, Romans Workshop and Swimming (from September)
Year 5 – Vikings Workshop
Year 6 – Beamish Museum and Washington Wetlands
- **Staff Gifts** – Please remember that we are so grateful that you choose to send your children to Parochial, and that gifts are not necessary. We feel very lucky to work in a school with such incredibly supportive parents and families and while we appreciate your generosity, we do not want anyone to feel that a gift is expected.
- As we're nearing the end of the academic year, it would be really helpful if all balances can be cleared on ParentPay please!
- Please could all school books be returned by the end of the year, we're missing lots of phonics books!
- I have attached a flyer about Gateshead West Uniform Scheme and their donation banks and the Sports Camps at Whickham School.

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.