



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 13/3/26

News

Easter Eucharist

Our Easter Eucharist will be held on Wednesday 1st April. This year will be extra special, as the children who have been taking the Entry to Communion sessions with Mrs MacCabe will be taking their first communion. Due to space, we are inviting parents of children from Y6 who have speaking parts in the Easter service, and parents of children taking first communion, to attend. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating our pupils on this big step towards joining the Christian family.

The School of Kindness

This week, we had a Kindness Workshop from Emily Hay from the charity 52 Lives (www.52-lives.org) and their School of Kindness. We learned about the science of kindness and the positive impact it has on our physical and mental health, and we made some Kindness Creations. We thought hard about the quote 'be the change that you want to see in the world' and decided that we can help to create the kind of world we want to live in. Emily felt our school had a beautiful, kind magic, which made us so proud!

Swimming Gala

Our swimming team made it through to the gala finals this week, at Haven Point in South Shields. The team were amazing! They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a brilliant encouragement to each other. We took 6th place overall, out of 12 schools, with our girls taking silver medals in both the medley and freestyle relays and one of our swimmers achieving second place in breaststroke. Well done everyone!

Stage 2 Absences

If your child is in Stage 2 for their absence, we must ask for medical evidence of any further absences. We completely appreciate that not all absences require a trip to the doctor, but the attendance team ask that they're taken anyway, as there may be another reason for the frequency of their illnesses. Evidence can be given as a screenshot of an appointment, a photograph of medication, or a letter from the doctor.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.95%	97.68%	96.95%	97.29%	97.59%	96.18%	96.51%
Whole School %	96.74%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's Wonderwall superstars! Our housepoint winners were Dunstanburgh and the TTRS trophy was given to Year 5, with 83%. Well done everyone!!





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

- **Tuesday 17th March** – Year 6 at Whickham School (don't need a packed lunch)
- **Friday 20th March** – Odd Socks Day (£1 donation on ParentPay for World Down Syndrome Day)
- **Monday 23rd March** – Y5 Bikeability (Monday-Thursday)
- **Friday 27th March** – No Irish Dancing
- **Monday 30th March** – Reception Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 31st March** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Easter Eucharist (parents of children with a speaking part, or parents of children being confirmed, are invited to join us)
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Foodbank Thursday
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Win your height in Easter eggs competition! (Tickets will go on sale next week)
- **Friday 3rd April** – Bank Holiday (school closed for Easter)

Things to remember...

- **Music Tuition:** Mrs Cuggy was going to make up her missed session in the Summer term but, due to Mrs Cuggy's personal circumstances, we have decided to refund this session instead.
- **Wish Lists:** If you bought your child a book from their Scholastic wish list and they haven't yet brought it home, it will have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery of it into 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)
- **I have attached:** the 'Odd Socks Day' poster, Grass Roots Easter Camp flyer

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.