



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 27/6/25

News

Volunteers

We are so grateful to our volunteers who have come in to support reading in school this year; they've contributed massively to the children's progress. Two of our wonderful volunteers, Mrs Ewen and Mrs Smith, have completed their Teaching Assistant training and will be joining us as staff members from September. If you, or a family member, would be interested in volunteering within school, please contact Mrs Baird.

Car Park

As you're aware, our car park gates are closed on a morning and afternoon, to stop people from cutting across the staff car park – this isn't to be awkward, it's to prevent accidents, as children (and parents) were running in front of moving vehicles. We have a pedestrian entrance that leads from the pedestrian gate, around past the pre-school and then to the main entrance – this is how all children should enter and leave school. Our staff park their cars safely in school, but parents and children are climbing over the fence with scooters and bikes and damaging our vehicles. We appreciate your support in avoiding this, as we would prefer not to take further action regarding any damage that occurs.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our club providers have asked that children arrive, on time, for their morning clubs. Clubs start at 7.50am prompt. We understand that you have paid for these morning sessions, but it does disrupt the rest of the lesson for the other children and it helps to prevent injury when children don't miss the warm-up. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.49%	96.37%	97.03%	97.34%	97.55%	96.29%	97.85%
Whole School %	97.13%						

Celebrations

Well done to the fantastic children who were chosen for Wonderwall this week! The TTRS trophy was won by Year 5, with so many children achieving 100% (pictured below). The housepoint winners were Warkworth! Congratulations Parochial superstars!



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

- **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July** – Whickham School and Emmanuel transition days
- **Tuesday 1st July** – Newcastle Eagles 'Science of Basketball' session for Years 3 and 4 (children come to school in their PE kits)
- **Wednesday 2nd July** – Year 2's Forest School is postponed until Thursday 10th July
- **Wednesday 2nd July** – Newcastle Rugby Foundation Tournament, for those children in Years 3 and 4 who have asked to attend
- **Thursday 3rd July** – Pedestrian Training for Year 3
- **Friday 4th July** – Non-uniform day for donations for the Summer Fair (sweets – KS1 and bottles – KS2, if you can please!)
- **Saturday 5th July** – Summer Fair, 11am-2pm, we'd love to see you there!

Things to remember...

- **Chatterbooks** won't be on Tuesday 1st July.
- **Tennis** is cancelled on Wednesday 2nd July.
- This is another **plea for tissues** please!
- Please return all sold and unsold **raffle tickets** to the school office, by Wednesday 2nd July please!
- **ParentPay Items** – Jarrow Hall and Swimming (Y4), That History Bloke (Y3), Washington Wetlands (Reception and Y6). Please remember to give consent to Mrs Baird, if your child is in receipt of FSM, so their place can be funded by the school.
- **Chase Park** have made activity packs for children – we've had a sneak preview of them and they're lovely! Please contact Chase Park for how to purchase one, they'd be a great way to fill a day during the Summer holidays.
- I have attached flyers for Gateshead Libraries 'Summer Reading Challenge,' Waterstones Reading Challenge and HAF Summer Camps.

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.

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