



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 6/2/26

News

Children's Mental Health Week

Today is Time to Talk Day, so we are having lots of positive conversations around our mental health. This marks the start of Children's Mental Health Week, during which we will take part in a virtual assembly from RISE. During the session, pupils will learn what mental health is in simple terms, think about places and people that help them feel safe, take part in a calming "quiet moment", share ideas on how to make others feel welcome, hear how small acts of kindness help everyone feel they belong. If you would like to get involved at home, you can find some ideas [here](#).

Valentine's Day

On Friday 13th February, the children can 'Wear what they love' to school. This might be their pyjamas, their football team kit, or their school uniform! There isn't any payment required, but please could Years 5 and 6 be mindful that they have PE and therefore their clothes and shoes must be appropriate for sport.

We have our 'Valentine's Day Disco' after school, until 4.45pm, and today is the last chance to buy a ticket!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March – there will be a chance to come in a read with your child and visit the book fair. We are also having a 'Wooden Spoon Competition' for anyone that would like to enter. Please see the letter attached, for all of the information you need for World Book Day.

Go Henry

We now have our school registered with 'Go Henry', an app designed to help children learn essential money skills. Please click the link below to learn more about 'Go Henry' and how registering can help our school. Parents can load money onto the GoHenry card as pocket money, gifts, or payment for chores, giving kids hands-on experience managing their own funds while maintaining parental oversight

[Build your child's Money Smarts and raise money for their school | GoHenry](#)

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.27%	97.61%	97.10%	97.35%	97.82%	96.50%	96.52%
Whole School %	96.75%						

Celebrations

Well done to the superstars chosen for Wonderwall this week!

Our house point winners were Warkworth and the TTRS trophy was won by Year 6 with 100%!

Congratulations everyone!





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

- **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February** – Unscripted Photography taking individual and sibling photographs (registration only)
- **Friday 13th February** – ‘Wear what you love’ and Valentine’s Disco (tickets available on ParentPay until the end of the day)
- **Friday 13th February** – No Irish Dancing
- **Tuesday 17th February** – Pancake Day (it will be the usual lunch choices, but dessert will be pancakes with a selection of toppings)
- **Wednesday 18th February** – Swimming Gala at Dunston Pool (all children competing need to be collected at 3.30pm from Dunston Pool)
- **Wednesday 18th February** – No swimming for Year 4 (still wear PE kits)
- **Friday 20th February** – Break up for February half-term

Things to remember...

- **Robinwood Souvenirs** - Robinwood souvenirs are available to purchase on ParentPay, the deadline for ordering a souvenir is Friday 20th February.
- **Robinwood Medication** – If you stated a medical condition on your child’s Robinwood form, please contact Mrs Baird with all of the relevant information, as soon as possible.
- **I have attached:** flyers for SEND sessions with the Toby Henderson Trust and the poster for Grass Roots gymnastic day at Parochial, this Sunday.
- **Permissions required:** Year 5 Bikeability forms
- **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 Romans Workshop

