



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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World Down Syndrome Day 21/3/25

Next Friday we will be marking World Down Syndrome day by wearing our funkiest socks and donating £1 on ParentPay. The money will be donated to Down Syndrome International, who this year are working towards improving systems of support for children and adults with Down Syndrome and their families. We hope children will join us by wearing their funky socks on a day when we celebrate individuality and take this opportunity to raise awareness of the ways that a person with Down Syndrome is special. <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks-campaign>



Belongings in School

We've noticed that children are bringing belongings into school, such as trading cards and lip balms, and they're causing a bit of a rumble. If your child needs a lip balm, please only send in one, ensure it has their name on, and is handed in to the class teacher. Children shouldn't be bringing anything else into school – any toys, personal belongings and trading cards etc. should remain at home, where they cannot be lost.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.56%	95.49%	97.46%	97.33%	97.67%	96.62%	98.27%
Whole School %	97.22%						

Celebrations

Our Wonderwall children were amazing this week, well done!

This week's house point winners were Lindisfarne and Years 6 won the TTRS trophy, yet again!!

We were so proud of every single one of our Year 6 children at Robinwood, but their group leaders have each chosen a 'Robinwood Champion.' Enjoy your sweets, they're very well deserved!





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

- **Wednesday 19th March** – ‘Supporting Literacy’ workshop. Please book your place with Mrs Baird.
- **Friday 21st March** – Deadline for buying a bunch of daffodils, and tickets for ‘Cupcakes with Mum’.
- **Tuesday 25th March** – Spring Sing for choir pupils, at the Glasshouse.
- **Wednesday 26th March** – Dance Festival. Please remember to get in touch with Mrs Baird re. transport arrangements, if you haven’t done so already.
- **Friday 28th March** – ‘Cupcakes with Mum,’ 3.30-5pm.

Things to remember...

- Side by Side Arts are running two workshops over the Easter holidays – I have attached their flyers.
- The Kelly Hendry School of Irish Dance are running Summer camps this year – I have attached their flyer.
- The Scholastic book fair has raised almost £750 for school to spend on books – Mrs Walton is so excited! We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who contributed, you always amaze us!
- Could we please gently remind you that choir starts at 8.20am on a Tuesday morning, as lots of children are arriving very late, and it interrupts Mrs Beasley’s lesson.
- Could Year 6 parents send in their leaver’s hoodie orders by the end of the day please?

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.