



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

*Let your light shine!*

## Newsletter 1/5/26

### News

#### Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

You will remember from our newsletter last week that we had our statutory church school inspection on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking forward to sharing our final report with you in around three weeks, once it has been validated, but we just wanted to say a big thank you to those parents who spoke to the inspector (apologies to those who were taken by surprise at the gate) and also to say how proud I was of our whole school community yesterday. It was a stressful but otherwise very positive process, and that is due to the wonderful people who are a part of our Parochial family.

#### Open Afternoons

There will be two opportunities for you at the end of the summer term to come in to see your child's work and spend time with them in their classroom. The two dates are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 1:15pm until 3:10pm. We try to keep the numbers of visitors to each classroom down to fifteen for each session, so you will need to book a slot. Bookings will be available from the 5<sup>th</sup> May on ESchools – please note, you will need to book a time slot on ESchools, but this is purely for booking purposes, you can arrive at anytime between . We will also be welcoming Maria Walker from the Gateshead Library Service, who will have a space in our hall to show parents all of the lovely work that the libraries do for children and also let you know about the summer reading project. She will be so pleased to see you if you pop over to chat.

### Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.60%	97.80%	96.99%	97.22%	97.53%	96.48%	96.57%
Whole School %	96.89%						

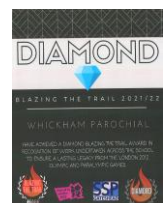
### Celebrations

Well done to our Wonderwall superstars this week, you're all amazing!

The winners of the house point trophy were Lindisfarne and Year 5 and 6 were joint winners of our TTRS trophy. Congratulations to you all!



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School  
Broadway,  
Whickham, NE16 5QW  
Telephone: 0191 4887867  
[whickhamparochialprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:whickhamparochialprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)





# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

*Let your light shine!*

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

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Local Elections (school open)
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs Week
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs Treat at Chase Park (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – ‘Cosy Day’ in aid of Dog’s Trust
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 6 at Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day (consent to be given to Mrs Baird)

## Things to remember...

- **Scratch Cards:** Hopefully a scratch card made its way home with your child this week! If you have any questions about the scratch card and how it works, please give me a call. We’re asking for any scratch cards, sold and unsold, to be returned to school no later than Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- **Meal Changes:** Wednesday lunch choices will be swapped to Tuesday this coming week, and Tuesday’s will be swapped to Wednesday (Week 3).
- **Permissions Required:**  
Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)  
Year 6 – Safety Works (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children), SATs Treat at Chase Park and Gibside’s Health and Wellbeing Day  
Choir – Summer Sing
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**  
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead and Captain Cook Museum  
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop  
Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec’25), Swimming (Jan-Feb ’25), Swimming (Mar-Apr ’26) and Swimming (Apr-May ’26)  
Year 5 – Eden Camp  
Year 6 – Safety Works
- **I have attached:** the latest flyer for Gateshead West Uniform Scheme and a swimming lesson discount promotion with Swim School.