



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 27/9/24



News

European Day of Languages

Today we have been celebrating the day of languages! We have invited Sarah from Klingslingo into school to provide workshops on the French words for food – we especially liked the idea of this theme – and some of the day our teachers will also work around this theme. The amazing school meals team at Gateshead are helping us celebrate with some French foods at lunchtime and some bunting. Please have a look at our Facebook group for photos of our day. If you haven't yet joined, make sure you answer the questions and say who your child is as we only accept relatives of our pupils into our group.



Parents' Evenings

We have brought our autumn parents' evening forward a little this year as we feel it's important for you to be able to get to know your child's teacher and talk about how they have coped with their transition to their year group. At the meeting, we will be able to chat about how they have settled in and how you can help at home. Our appointments are ten minutes long, but please be assured that if your child has special educational needs that require further discussion, we will be holding review meetings in November. Mrs. Baird has set up our appointment times on e-schools, so please head onto there to book. If you have any difficulty at all, please pop in and we can help you.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	98.43%	98.12%	98.43%	97.41%	98.43%	98.30%	99.07%
Whole School %	98.31%						

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – it was really tricky for our teachers to choose two people this week as we have had some lovely events and our children have made us really proud. We did our WonderWall assembly on Thursday this week due to the Day of Languages workshops and have left our housepoints for this week (we'll do the two accumulated weeks next Friday). Our TTRockstars winners were Year 5. Well done to everyone!





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

- Monday 30th September – Reception Vision Screening
- Parents' Evenings, 8th and 9th October (bookable on eESchools)
- Wednesday 23rd October – Paddington 2 Movie Nights (payable on ESchools)
- Friday 25th October – Harvest Festival. Although we won't be able to have a Eucharist, we will still have a service at 9:15am with prayers, readings and hymns. The Year 6 pupils and our school choir will be helping me with this, so for the sake of numbers in our hall, we will invite their grown-ups only please.
- Just so you have advance notice, here are the dates for our Christmas performances:
Reception and KS1 Nativity is on Friday 13th December at both 9:15am and 2:00pm in our school hall.
KS2 Carols and reading is on Wednesday 18th December at 2:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Things to remember...

- I have attached a flyer for Newcastle Eagles tickets available through Grassroots, and the details of Watergate Nature Club, who have session dates up until December.

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.