



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 16/2/24

News

Half Term!

Happy half term everyone! It's been a short but busy half term with lots of learning and some lovely updates on Twitter. We break up today and return – still in winter uniform – on Monday 26th February. This starts another short half term as we break up for an early Easter on Thursday 28th March. We will have our Easter Eucharist on this last day of term at 9:15am. Our Year 6's will be helping me with this service and Father Barry will be in attendance to deliver the Eucharist.



Light Leaders

We have begun to offer our children the opportunity to choose some of the content of our assemblies. For some time now, collective worship has ended on Fridays with prayers written or suggested by the children. This week we have had our first service written by a child. One of our Year 6 pupils created an excellent and informative presentation on how to treat people who stammer. I know the Year 6 class have lots more ideas of topics they feel should be shared and I look forward to helping them spread their messages.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.9%	94.9%	96.3%	96.5%	96.1%	93.0%	94.3%
Whole School %	95.4%						

Just a reminder, we will be sending letters each fortnight to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWALLERS this week! Our house points winners were Lindisfarne and the Times Table Rockstars engagement leaders were Year 5.



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Dates for your diary...

Our 'Mothering Sunday Photography Competition' is open for entries until Wednesday 6th March! See the email for more details. World Book Day will be on Friday 8th March.

Changes to P.E. days

You will remember that this year we have coaching sessions on a Monday from NUFC. We are trying to ensure that classes have opportunities to access this, which means changing P.E. days for some classes. Please see the below for your child's P.E. days in the next half term (Spring 2)

Reception: Tuesday for PE and Forest school on Wednesday

Year One: Thursday and Friday

Year Two: Wednesday and Thursday

Year Three: Monday (NUFC) and Thursday

Year Four: Monday (NUFC) and swimming on Wednesday

Year Five: Thursday and Friday

Year Six: Tuesday and Friday

Things to remember...

- Could Year 5 and 6 parents ensure they've given/withdrawn consent for the transition days at Whickham School?
- A reminder for Year 6 parents, that Robinwood souvenirs are available to purchase on ParentPay.
- I have 1 x Year 1 tote bag and 1 x Reception tote bag available to purchase, please get in touch if you'd like to buy either of these.
- Here is this week's lost property photo:



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.

Many thanks as always for your support – have a great weekend and remember we are here if you need us!

Mrs Walton and Mrs Baird

