



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 19/6/26

News

FSM Review

There will be changes to the eligibility of children entitled to free school meals, coming into effect in September. I have attached the guidance we've received from Gateshead Council, and we strongly urge families to apply over the Summer, if you think this could apply to you.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is rapidly approaching and we're still struggling for volunteers and donations. Could you please contact Mrs Baird or Gillian Kennedy, if you're able to help us with set-up, running a stall, or clear-up? We're also still on the lookout for donations of loose change (any value), nail varnish, soft toys, nik-naks and raffle prizes. Please could they be given to Mrs Baird? Thank you!!

Football Tournament

The football tournament was brilliant, thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the event! Our children were an asset to you all, they displayed fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit. Our football and Little Kickers coach, Dale, was so impressed with the standard of football shown throughout the school – well done everyone!

The event raised £305.70, which will hopefully pay for the sand to fill our wonderful new sandpits!

Sports Day

Please can children just wear their PE kits/white tee on Sports Day, as they'll all be given a coloured sticker for the front of their tops. This saves people buying new tops and the confusion of who is in which team!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.73%	97.43%	96.66%	97.03%	96.08%	96.80%	96.69%
Whole School %	96.49%						

Celebrations

Well done to our Wonderwall superstars this week, for letting their lights shine! We are very proud of you all. This week's TTRS winners were 6 and the house point winners were Alnwick. Congratulations!





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

- **Monday 22nd June** – Rock Kidz (children can come to school dressed in their best rock costumes!)
- **Tuesday 23rd June** – Sports Day
- **Wednesday 24th June** – Year 3 Parent Workshop (1.30-2.45pm)
- **Friday 26th June** – Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 26th June** – Non-uniform day for the Summer Fair (KS1 chocolate/sweet donations, KS2 bottle donations please!)
- **Wednesday 1st July** – Year 3 at the Centre for Life (payment to be made on ParentPay, consent to be given to Mrs Baird for FSM children)
- **Friday 3rd July** – Break the Rules Day (non-uniform, payment can be made on ParentPay for which rules your child will break)
- **Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July** – Open Afternoons (places to be booked on ESchools)
- **Friday 10th July** – Year 6 at Nissan

Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required:**
Year 3 – Centre for Life (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
Year 6 – Nissan
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
Reception - WWT
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop, Centre for Life
Year 4 – Swimming payments are outstanding for the whole year
Year 6 - WWT
- **Guitar students:** Guitar will be on Friday 26th June, instead of Monday 22nd June.
- **Paperwork to be returned:**
Year 2 – KS2 User Agreements (attached in case it's gone missing)
Year 4 – HTCA for Year 5 (attached in case it's gone missing)
- **Break the Rules Day:** Children can wear non-uniform!