



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 23/10/26

News

A Message from Mr Warren

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so incredibly welcome and for helping me feel part of the Parochial family from the very beginning. It has been a fantastic first half term, and I have been continually impressed by all that the children have achieved, both academically and personally. Their enthusiasm for learning, positive attitudes and wonderful personalities shine through each day, and I feel enormously proud and privileged to be part of such a special school community. Thank you also to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was a pleasure to see so many families in school, and I greatly valued the opportunity to meet and chat with you, celebrate the children's successes, and share in the progress they have made since the start of the year. I wish you all a happy, restful half-term break and hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together.

Harvest Festival and the People's Kitchen

Thank you to our Year 6 class for leading our Harvest Festival this morning, and to the children in the choir, who sang so beautifully. Thank you to the parents who came along to participate, and to everyone who donated items for our People's Kitchen Harvest collection – it's wonderful to be part of a school community that is so charitable.

Thank you!

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped with the Glow Party last week – the children (and the staff!) had such a great afternoon! The event raised over £600 and this will be used to purchase some new equipment for the school play yards.

Half-Term Highlights

We have had such an action packed first half-term and everyone has settled in fabulously to their new classes, especially Reception, who feel like they've been here forever! We have put together a little poster to show you what have been the 'Half-Term Highlights' for each class so far, along with a 'What's Next?' page, to see all of the exciting things we have coming up in the run up to Christmas.

Raffle Ticket Prices

Just as an FYI, the raffle tickets are now £1 each, which is £5 per book. Please remember, you don't have to buy a full book!!

After-School Clubs

Please can we remind parents that children only need one quick, healthy, nut-free snack for before their after-school club – children are bringing packed lunches, multiple snacks and it's wasting lots of time. Thank you!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.69%	97.70%	98.29%	96.98%	97.88%	97.57%	96.23%
Whole School %	97.48%						

Celebrations

Due to the Harvest Festival, there aren't any Wonderwall winners this week, but Year 5 did win the TTRs trophy – again!!! Our house point trophy was awarded to Warkworth – well done everyone!

We also awarded our 'Reading Together' winner with their Waterstones voucher – happy shopping!





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

- **Tuesday 3rd November** - Year 6 Science Lesson at Whickham School (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Wednesday 4th November** - Year 6 at Nissan (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Monday 9th November** – Choir today instead of Tuesday 10th November
- **Wednesday 11th November** – Remembrance Day in School
- **Thursday 12th November** – Sports Hall Athletics (selected pupils only)
- **Tuesday 17th November** – No choir
- **Thursday 19th November** – No drama

Things to remember...

- **I have attached:** Dance Fuse flyers, Half-Term Highlights poster
- **Reminders:**
Could parents of the **school council**, please let us know if their child can participate in the St Mary's Remembrance Parade, on Sunday 8th November?
- **Year 6** – Robinwood deposit is due today, for us to confirm numbers. Please can all Robinwood forms be returned as soon as possible, thank you!
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 4 – Northumberland Zoo and Swimming (September-October and November-December)
Year 6 – Robinwood Deposit