



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 8/3/24

News

World Book Day success!

We have had the most fantastic day for World Book Day. Our visiting author and illustrator, Faye Hanson, has spent time with each class and worked with them on her beautiful book "The Wonder". We were so grateful that so many of our children had an adult come and visit the book fair with them – we know this is difficult to arrange, but it is so much appreciated by our staff and your children, so many thanks! Please take a look through Twitter (@parochialschool) for lots of photos.



Afternoon Tea Winner

Our Mothering Sunday photograph competition had some really beautiful and heartwarming entries – many thanks for sending them! The winner, chosen by our judge wins an afternoon tea for himself and his mum. Happy Mothers' Day for anyone in our Parochial family who fulfils this role in our children's lives.

Small Nag...

As you know, I love dogs and would happily have a school full of them, but our policy on dogs is that they don't come onto the school yard – either carried or on leads. The reason for this is to safeguard our children, partly so that there is absolutely no risk of them being bitten, and partly because some of our children are frightened of dogs, and we really need school to be a safe place for them. I think you know that I would very much enjoy spending time getting to know all the Parochial furbabies, but I need to prioritise our children, so please leave any four legged friends at home!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.02%	95.11%	96.52%	96.59%	95.34%	96.31%	94.49%
Whole School %	95.63%						

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 are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to the winners of our World Book Day costume competition! We also celebrated our Robinwood supporters prize winners – the Year 6 children who went above and beyond to support their team mates on their residential visit last week.



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Dates for your diary...

- **13.3.24** Year 1 are going for an afternoon of Multiskills at Whickham School and Sports College – please send them in P.E. Kit.
- We will be enjoying Science Week next week – look out for photos on Twitter (@parochialschool)
- **19.3.24** Dance Festival – we look forward to seeing the members of our Monday after school dance club perform at the Glasshouse.
- **20.3.24** Year 6 will be spending the afternoon carrying out an enterprise task as part of the transition programme at Whickham School and Sports College.
- **19.3.24 and 20.3.24** Parents' Evening – please make sure you have booked on e-schools.
- **26.3.24** Spring Sing – we look forward to seeing the members of our choir perform at the Glasshouse.
- **28.3.24** Easter Eucharist and a chance to say goodbye to Father Barry.

Things to remember...

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.