



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 27/3/26

News

'Win Your Height in Easter Eggs' Competition

This is just a reminder to buy your tickets on ParentPay, for our annual 'Win Your Height in Easter Eggs' competition! The deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday 1st April and the winners will be given their tower of eggs on Thursday 2nd April – good luck everyone!

Inset Days 26-27

Staff will be in school on Tuesday 1st September 2026 for an inset day and children will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. We will provisionally book Monday 4th January 2027 as an inset too, but please note that this is a provisional date and will be confirmed by the new headteacher.

Foodbank Friday (Thursday this half-term!)

We will be collecting donations for the People's Kitchen on Thursday 2nd April and the collection will be picked up before lunchtime. If you are able, and willing, to donate to the food bank, I have attached an up-to-date wish list of items they're in need of. Thank you so much in advance!



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.33%	97.70%	96.89%	97.30%	97.32%	96.38%	96.53%
Whole School %	96.78%						

Celebrations

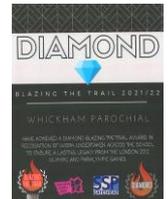
Congratulations to our Wonderwall winners for this week!

Year 5 won the TTRS trophy again and Lindisfarne won the the house point trophy.

Well done to you all!



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

- **Friday 27th March** – No Irish Dancing
- **Friday 27th March** – Year 4 Parent Workshop (1.30-3pm)
- **Monday 30th March** – Reception Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 31st March** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Year 6 Booster is cancelled (parents' evening)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Easter Eucharist (parents of children with a speaking part, or parents of children being confirmed, are invited to join us)
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Foodbank Thursday
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Win your height in Easter eggs competition! (Tickets available on ParentPay)
- **Friday 3rd April** – Bank Holiday (school closed for Easter)

Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required:**
Reception – Hall Hill Farm
Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
Year 6 – Safety Works (FSM children only, payment will be taken as consent for other children)
- **I have attached:** the People's Kitchen wishlist, Grass Roots Easter Camp flyer, Hall Hill Farm letter, Captain Cook Museum letter, Y6 Safety Works letter, extra-curricular activities information, 'Win your height in Easter eggs' poster and the Year 6 Puberty talk booklet
- **Year 6:** Don't forget to send over your child's baby photo and first day of school photo, by the time we break up for Easter please! We've been made aware that the Puberty talk booklet wouldn't open, so I have saved it as a PDF and attached it to the newsletter – sorry about that!
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead
Year 3 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (Nov-Dec'25), Swimming (Jan-Feb '25) and Swimming (Mar-Apr '26)
- **BBC:** I have attached a flyer from the makers of 'The Dog House' on BBC, about casting for a new programme called, 'Will you be my friend?' They're looking for children who, 'Shine at home but struggles socially around other kids.'

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