



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 20/3/26

### News

#### Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day events were a hit! Our KS1 children had a dance class with their grown-ups, run by Heather at Dance Fuse. The group learnt a dance to Meghan Trainor's 'Mom' and it was so sweet – make sure you check out the video on FB!

AACE Entertainment then led a 'Bongo Bingo' style event, which was absolutely brilliant! There were lots of prizes, lots of dancing and lots of Coco Pops!! Both events raised roughly £200 for school.

Thank you to the Friends and all of our volunteers, we couldn't manage these events without you.

#### Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to Odd Socks Day today, we've raised **£152** for World Down Syndrome Day. The theme of World Down Syndrome Day this year, is 'Together Against Loneliness,' as those with Down Syndrome, and their families, often feel more lonely than others. By taking part in 'Odd Socks Day,' your donations will help Down Syndrome International to create a more inclusive society for people with Down Syndrome.

#### Snacks

As part of a national scheme, KS1 receive fruit each day for their break time snack. Unfortunately, the scheme doesn't extend to KS2. If your child is in KS2 and would like to bring a snack for break time, they're very welcome to do so, we just ask that their snack is healthy, nutritious and nut-free.

#### Inset Day Reminder

School is closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, for an inset day.



### Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.14%	97.73%	96.89%	97.21%	97.35%	96.27%	96.51%
Whole School %	96.73%						

### Celebrations

Our Wonderwall winners have impressed us so much this week, we're very proud of you!

Year 5 won the TTRS trophy with 90% and Bamburgh were our housepoint winners.

Congratulations everyone!





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

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Y5 Bikeability (Monday-Thursday)
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 at Whickham School (permission to be given to Mrs Baird)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – No Irish Dancing
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Booster is cancelled (staff meeting)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Parent Workshop (1.30-3pm)
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Whole School Parents' Evening (available to book on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Year 6 Booster is cancelled (parents' evening)
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Easter Eucharist (parents of children with a speaking part, or parents of children being confirmed, are invited to join us)
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Foodbank Thursday
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Win your height in Easter eggs competition! (Tickets available on ParentPay)
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Bank Holiday (school closed for Easter)

## Things to remember...

- **Bikeability:** Year 5 will need their bikes and helmets in school from Monday-Thursday next week. Bikes should be taken home each night ideally but, where this isn't possible, bikes can be left at school at your own risk.
- **Permissions Required:**  
Year 3 - Whickham School
- **Year 6:** Please take note of the cancelled SATs Booster sessions, above. Can you please send through your leaver's hoodie order by the end of the day, and baby and first day of school photos, before we break up for Easter. Thank you!
- **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)

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