



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 13/2/26

News

School Council Charity Days

Our wonderful school council have worked with their classes to choose two charities to focus on this year and two ways to raise money. We will have a cosy pyjama day in aid of Dogs' Trust on Friday 22nd May, where pupils will bring in £1, and a Break the Rules Day in aid of the RSPCA on Friday 3rd July, where pupils will pay to break a variety of rules. More information will come out nearer the time, but it helps to have dates in the diary!

Spare Clothes

With this very wet weather, the children are getting wet feet and legs during break and lunch times. Could you possibly send children with a spares bag for their peg, containing socks, trousers/joggers and shoes, where possible? We don't have these items in school and the children are feeling uncomfortable in their wet clothes. We do try and keep them out of the puddles!

Extra-Curricular Activities

In case you missed it, the bookings for clubs after half-term went live on Wednesday. The clubs will begin on the first day back after half-term, Monday 2nd March and run right up until the Easter holidays. Please ensure your child is booked onto a club before you send them, as we can't guarantee there'll be a space. I have attached the information again, for reference, as there are different booking options for Year 6 children.

Lost Key

If you have lost a Yale key on a couple of keyrings, give me a ring and let me know, as I've been given one in the office!

Attendance

| Year Group | Reception | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Weekly % | 94.36% | 97.68% | 96.95% | 97.29% | 97.84% | 96.43% | 96.58% |
| Whole School % | 96.74% | | | | | | |

Celebrations

Congratulations to the children on Wonderwall this week, you're all amazing!

This week's TTRS winners were Year 5 and Year 6 with 100% each and the house point trophy went to Warkworth.



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

- **Friday 13th February** – No Irish Dancing
- **Tuesday 17th February** – Pancake Day (it will be the usual lunch choices, but dessert will be pancakes with a selection of toppings)
- **Wednesday 18th February** – Swimming Gala at Dunston Pool (all children competing need to be collected at 3.30pm from Dunston Pool)
- **Wednesday 18th February** – No swimming for Year 4 (still wear PE kits)
- **Friday 20th February** – Break up for February half-term

Things to remember...

- **Robinwood Souvenirs** - Robinwood souvenirs are available to purchase on ParentPay, the deadline for ordering a souvenir is Friday 20th February.
- **Robinwood Medication** – Could Mrs Baird please have all medication for Robinwood, by Monday 2nd March.
- **I have attached:** a flyer for the upcoming Newcastle Eagles game, information about World Book Day, the poster for the Wooden Spoon Competition, a flyer for events running at Gateshead Libraries over the February half-term, this week's lost property photo and an update from the Friends.
- **Contacts:** if you have any contacts with food vans, candyfloss/popcorn machines, or any other useful contacts for events, please drop me a message!
- **Easyfundraising** - easyfundraising are running a February promotion, where every new supporter that signs up to support our cause when they shop, earns £2 for the school. Please can the QR code if you can help and thanks to our existing supporters, who have raised almost £1000 for school.
- **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)

