



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 14/11/25

News

Chore Week for Thiago

As you will know, our school sponsors a little boy from El Salvador. He is called Thiago and he is now six years old, turning seven on 18th December. Our sponsorship helps towards medical appointments and advice, and will include Thiago in projects to help his schoolwork, keep him safe and steer him towards a successful and happy lifestyle as he grows. For the last few years we have paid for his sponsorship using money raised during our annual Chore Week. We would be so grateful if, for the week beginning 17th November, you would encourage your child to do chores to complete the form we have included in our weekly email, and if you could add a monetary value to each chore, your child will be able to see that they are making a difference to the life of a little boy who needs their help. As an extra incentive, we will add a bit of competition and attach the total amount of chores competed to points for the housepoint charts. An editable version of the chore chart is available at the bottom of this page on our website: [Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School - Embedding our Values](https://www.whickhamparochialprimaryschool.org.uk/Embedding-our-Values)

Children in Need

We had so much fun in school today, supporting the 'Children in Need' charity, who fund support for children and young people struggling with challenges in their everyday lives. The children looked amazing in their spots and Pudsey bear ears and, as a school, we managed to raise £226 for this fantastic cause. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Santa's Grotto

We are very excited to have Father Christmas visit us again at our Christmas Fair! Tickets cost £3.50 per child and are available on a first come first served basis, from the school office. Siblings can visit Father Christmas together, but will need to purchase a ticket each. Please note, tickets can't be reserved and Mrs Baird will only accept cash.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	91.38%	97.94%	96.53%	97.23%	97.13%	96.66%	95.92%
Whole School %	96.11%						

Celebrations

Well done to those children who were chosen for our Wonderwall assembly today, you're all fantastic! The housepoint trophy was given to Warkworth this week, and the TTRS trophy was handed to Year 5! Congratulations to you all!





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

- **Wednesday 19th November** – Parochial Performers
- **Saturday 22nd November** – Choir singing at St Mary's church (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Tuesday 25th November** – Years 2, 3 and 4 'Experience Christmas' at Fellside Methodist (children need a waterproof coat)
- **Wednesday 26th November** – Raffle ticket deadline
- **Friday 28th November** – Non-uniform day (Rec and KS1 – sweet/chocolate donations, KS2 – bottle donations, for the tombolas at the Christmas Fair)
- **Saturday 29th November** – Christmas Fair (11am-2pm)

Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required** – KS2 Consett Empire, Reception and KS1 Gibside Christmas Trail
- **Paperwork Required** – Year 6's Robinwood forms
- **Outstanding Payment Items on ParentPay** –
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead, **Year 4** – Swimming Nov-Dec '25
- **I have attached:** Santa's Grotto Poster, Chore Week information, Christmas Fair information.

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.