Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 6/11/26

News

Parent Survey – Autumn 2026

We sent out a parent survey last night, to gauge how everything has been during your child's first half-term back at school. We appreciate each and every response and will share the results with you once we have compiled them. The deadline for submitting your survey, is Friday 13th November. Thank you in advance!

Dogs at School

We are big animal lovers at Whickham Parochial, but we do have lots of children with allergies and phobias to animals, particularly dogs. We understand that parents like to walk their dogs to collect their children from school, but please can you stay outside of the black school gates, if you have a dog with you, to ensure that our children aren't nervous upon entering or leaving the school premises. Thank you!

Menu Changes

On Thursday 12th November, it's 'National School Meals' week and to celebrate, the school catering team are having a 'Local Roast Dinner.' I have attached the menu, but please note that this will replace the usual main meal and vegetarian option on that day. The week after, Thursday 19th November, we will be having the mince instead of the chicken dinner.

Reminders

A reminders email was sent out yesterday, alongside a document full of Christmas information – please take a look to ensure you don't miss anything!

Santa's Grotto

Santa Claus is returning to Whickham Parochial during our Christmas Fair. If your child would like to visit Santa Claus, please pop into the school office to purchase a ticket – places are limited, so be quick!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.43%	97.50%	97.94%	97.18%	97.50%	97.62%	95.81%
Whole School %	97.29%						

Celebrations

Well done to our children chosen for Wonderwall this week, you've made us very proud!!

Year 5 were the winners of our TTRS trophy and Alnwick won the house points. Super work everyone!



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

- **Sunday 8th November –** Remembrance Parade at St Mary's
- **Monday 9th November** – Choir today instead of Tuesday 10th November
- **Tuesday 10th November** – No Choir
- **Wednesday 11th November –** Remembrance Day in School
- **Thursday 12th November –** Sports Hall Athletics (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 13th November –** Children in Need (non-uniform and children can wear spots, dots, or Pudsey Bear memorabilia)
- **Monday 16th November –** World Diabetes Awareness Day (normal uniform, but children can wear blue accessories)
- **Tuesday 17th November –** No Choir
- **Thursday 19th November –** No Drama
- **Friday 20th November –** Flu immunisations (you must consent online)
  KS2 Author Visit (letter attached regarding pre-purchases of the book)
- **Friday 27th November –** Non-uniform for donations for the school fair (KS1 – sweets and chocolate, KS2 – bottles). Please contact Mrs Baird if you're available to label the tombola this afternoon!
- **Saturday 28th November –** Christmas Fair, 11am-1pm (please contact Mrs Baird if you can volunteer)

Things to remember…

- **I have attached**: Santa's Grotto poster, Charlotte Tilbury advent calendar raffle, a list of the raffle prizes, FACT's Christmas appeal poster, KS2 author visit letter, the Christmas reminders poster, the 'Local Roast' menu and the Children in Need poster
- **Reminders**: If you have time to complete our parent survey, we would be very appreciative for any feedback.
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
  Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
  Year 4 – Northumberland Zoo and Swimming (September-October and November-December)
  Year 6 – Robinwood Deposit
- **Plea:** If you have any books/reading material (comics, annuals, Guinness Book of Records) you'd be willing to donate for our book shelters on the KS1 and KS2 yards, we would be very thankful!

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