



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 2/5/25

News

Welcome Back!

We can't believe that we've begun the final term of the school year! There are lots of things happening throughout the summer term, so please keep checking our Facebook page and reading our emails.

It's lovely seeing all the children playing together on the school field, let's hope the nice weather continues! If children could have suncream applied for school each day, bring a full water bottle and a sun hat, it will help us to keep them safe in the sun and allow us to have fun outside as much as we can.

Wig Walk

The school council have voted for another 'Wig Walk' this year – we love that our children choose to raise money for local charities and the wig walk is always so much fun. On Tuesday 17th June, we will walk from school to Chase Park, have a play in the park and lunch, then walk back to school - the children will be back for the end of the school day.

We will be walking 3 miles, and it would be great if the children could be sponsored to raise money for F.A.C.T. We have opened a sponsorship pot on ParentPay and we're very grateful for any donations that we receive. Obviously, the children's favourite part is the wigs and silly hats, we can't wait to see them! There may even be a surprise visit from Wiggy, the F.A.C.T. mascot!

If parents would like to pop and see us enroute, we will give you a wave!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.55%	95.48%	97.21	97.39%	97.74%	96.51%	97.97%
Whole School %	97.14%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to our first Wonderwall winners of the term – you've made us so proud!

The house point trophy was awarded to Lindisfarne this week, with Year 5 winning the TTRS trophy!

For this term, we are adjusting the way we calculate percentages for TTRS. Instead of taking the percentage of children who 'go on' TTRS we are measuring the number of correct answers the children do. If children answer 100+ questions correctly they will be included in the data for their class percentages. We feel that this change will ensure equity across the year groups.





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

- **Monday 5th May** – School closed for bank holiday.
- **Wednesday 7th May** – Reception and Year 6 whole class photos.
- **Friday 16th May** – Year 6 SATs treat (payment can be made on ParentPay and please remember to email lunch choices to Mrs Baird).
- **Wednesday 21st May** – ‘Ice Lolly Wednesday’ (payment can be made on ParentPay).
- **Thursday 22nd May** – School closed, inset day.
- **Friday 23rd May** – School closed, occasional day and beginning of half-term holidays.

Things to remember...

- If your child participated in the Dance Festival, please could their t-shirt, bracelets and anklets be returned to school.
- Upcoming Trips: Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum, Year 5 – School of Computing, Year 6 – SATs Treat.
- For those children with medical dietary requirements in school, an email has been sent to you with forms to complete and return to school. Please could completed forms be handed to Mrs Baird, as soon as possible.
- I have attached the posters for: Ice Lolly Wednesday, Gateshead West Uniform Scheme, Stage Coach drama group, Birtley Swimming Pool and upcoming Mental Health events with Gateshead Children’s and Young Peoples Primary Care.
- We can’t believe the time has arrived to ask for donations of raffle prizes for the Summer Fair! Thank you in advance to anyone who can support us by providing a raffle prize, we’re very grateful. Please could any donations be handed in to Mrs Baird, in the school office.
- We would also love donations of books, cuddly toys and your time!! If you’re able to help us set up our Summer Fair, or help us during the event, please let me know. The date of our Summer Fair is Saturday 5th July 2025.

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.