



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 16/10/26

News

Free School Meals

There have been significant changes to the entitlement of free school meals this year. If your child is newly eligible for free school meals, please look out for the email sent yesterday, as certain terms and conditions do apply. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, I would strongly encourage you to apply, through the Gateshead Council website.

Harvest Festival

Our Year 6 class will be leading our Harvest Festival this year, where we will give thanks to God for our provision of food. The service will start at approximately 9.15am and last for around half an hour. Parents with children in the choir, or a speaking part, are very welcome to join us!

Christmas Fair

Can you help? I have attached a poster outlining what we need for this year's Christmas Fair. If you're able to help us at all, we'd be very grateful! We're looking for volunteers to label tombolas on Friday 27th November, volunteers to help set-up and take down on Saturday 28th November, and volunteers to help us run the fair on the day. We're also looking for donations, and they can be handed in to the school office at any time between now and then! It's an excellent time for a Christmas clear out!!

Parochial's Glow Party!

We'd just like to thank the Friends of Whickham Parochial and our volunteers for the Glow Party this afternoon, we're really looking forward to it! These events couldn't be possible without the help and support of our volunteers and staff, so thank you!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.97%	97.71%	98.28%	97.03%	97.76%	97.40%	97.04%
Whole School %	97.59%						

Celebrations

This week's Wonderwall superstars have been letting their lights shine!!!

This week's house point winners were Dunstanburgh and the TTRS was won by Year 5.

Congratulations!!!



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

- **Sunday 18th October** – Grass Roots Gym Day at Parochial (poster attached)
- **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October** – Parents' Evening Appointments (to be booked on ESchools)
- **Friday 23rd October** – Foodbank Friday for Harvest and Harvest Festival (parents of children in the choir and with speaking parts, are invited to join us – please note, this is a maximum of 2 parents per family)
- **Monday 26th-Friday 30th October** – October Half-Term Holiday (return to school on Monday 2nd November)

Things to remember...

- **I have attached:** FACT's Christmas Appeal poster, People's Kitchen Wishlist, Newcastle Eagles promotion
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Bookings went live this morning for our next block of extra-curricular activities, beginning week commencing Monday 2nd November. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis and booking methods are outlined in the timetable of the attachment.
- **Reminders:**
Could parents of the **school council**, please let us know if their child can participate in the St Mary's Remembrance Parade, on Sunday 8th November?
If you're a parent of a child in **Reception** and would like to be added to the class WhatsApp group, please send over the best contact name and number to Mrs Baird.
- **Year 6** – Robinwood deposit is due by Friday 23rd October, for us to confirm numbers. Please can all Robinwood forms be returned as soon as possible, thank you!
- **Calling any handy parents!** If anyone is able to help us fix up our Reception mud kitchen, or has the capacity to build us one, please get in touch!
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (September-October)
Year 6 – Robinwood Deposit

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.