



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 21/11/25

### News

#### Parochial Performers

Parochial Performers was amazing! We saw dancers, musicians, actors and actresses, and every one of them was fantastic. Thank you to our lovely parent volunteers and the staff who supported, and to Mrs Cuggy, Craig, Kaylie, Angela and Mrs Beasley, for getting the children performance ready.

Parochial Performers raised just over £400 for the school, maybe we should buy a new, reliable sound system?!

#### Santa's Grotto

Santa Claus is coming to town and will be visiting us at our Christmas Fair, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs Baird, in the school office. Tickets cost £3.50 per child and include a gift.

#### Christmas Dates

The next few weeks are one of the most exciting, but busiest times, of the school year. I have attached the dates poster that was shared a couple of weeks ago, so hopefully this will help. Remember, all of our dates are also on the calendar, on the school website and you can contact Mrs Baird anytime for information, or to ask questions.

#### Cold Weather

As the temperature drops, please can children have a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves in school with them everyday. If the weather is wet/snowy, children can come to school in wellies and bring their school shoes in a bag. Please only send children with wellies if the weather is particularly bad, as you can appreciate that it takes up quite a lot of the school day getting children changed.

### Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	93.43%	97.82%	97.51%	98.21%	98.24%	96.58%	97.15%
Whole School %	96.99%						

### Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's Wonderwall superstars!

Year 5 won the TTRS trophy, with 93% and Bamburgh were our house point winners. Well done everyone!



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

- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Years 2, 3 and 4 ‘Experience Christmas’ at Fellside Methodist (children need a waterproof coat)
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Raffle ticket deadline
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day (Rec and KS1 – sweet/chocolate donations, KS2 – bottle donations, for the tombolas at the Christmas Fair)
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Fair (11am-2pm)
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – KS2 at the Consett Empire pantomime
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Year 6 DT afternoon (parents are invited into school to help their child make a stocking)

## Things to remember...

- **Permissions Required** – KS2 Consett Empire, Reception and KS1 Gibside Christmas Trail, Year 5 Whickham School transition days
- **Footprints** – Could you send Mrs Baird a photo of your child with their grandparent/grandparents please, along with a quote of why they love them? Thank you!
- **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, Christmas Fair information, KS2 pantomime and KS1 Gibside letters, the Christmas Dates poster and a suggested clothing list for Reception and KS1’s visit to Gibside.

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.