



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 17/5/24

### News

#### A Very Proud Week!

This week our Year 6 children have been showing their English and maths skills by completing their Key Stage 2 statutory tests (SATs). This always means there's a bit of upheaval in school, as we use a lot of rooms and our timetables have been disrupted. Nevertheless, all of our children and staff have been amazing. Staff have worked so hard to keep the children's spirits up and ensure that they are reassured and reminded of how fantastic they are throughout the testing period – and the children have looked after each other too! The level of care and consideration given across school during the week has made me so proud and reminded me that SATs really are just a number – the real strength of our lovely school is our focus on nurturing and preparing some very special young people.



### Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95%	95.5%	96.31%	96.2%	95.69%	96.75%	94.57%
Whole School %	95.73%						

Just a reminder, we will be sending letters using our new assessment system "A-Star", to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

### Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – they have made us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other.

Our housepoint winners were Warkworth again this week!





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## Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – That History Bloke delivering an Ancient Egyptians workshop in Year 3 (£5.50 on ParentPay).
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Reception and Year 6 class photos. Unscripted will also take the class photos for the academic calendars (Year 2's will be taken on a different day).
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 2 at the Captain Cook Museum (£15 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 6 at the George Stephenson Museum (£12 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 'Elemental' movie night (£3 on ParentPay)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May is also Foodbank Friday!
- \*\*\*Just a reminder, we have our occasional day in the diary for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Each school needs to choose a day for this and it's been on the calendar since September, but I know it's easy to lose track.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June is our Sports Day!!

## Things to remember...

- On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Year 4 need shorts and a t-shirt please for their swimming lesson please.
- We could really use your help, where possible, for the following:
  1. Volunteers for the Summer Fair
  2. Goalkeepers for the Summer Fair
  3. Raffle prizes for the Summer Fair
  4. Teddy donations for the Teddy Tombola
  5. Book donations for the second-hand book stall
- If anyone knows of a garden clearance company, please get in touch!
- Please remember that payment for trips and workshops on ParentPay, is taken as consent for your child attending; if you are struggling to make payment, then please get in touch with the school office.

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.