Whittingham C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham C of E Primary School,

As we move further into November, it's lovely to see the children continuing to settle into their learning, support one another and enjoy the many opportunities school life brings. There is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, including a number of special events as we begin our preparations for Christmas.

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey – Headteacher

A Calm Start to the Day – Our Free Breakfast Club

We are delighted to offer a free breakfast club that provides a calm, welcoming start to the school day, particularly for children who sometimes find mornings a little tricky. It offers a relaxed and supportive environment where children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast, settle in at their own pace and take part in quiet, low-key activities before the school day begins.

This club will start from January 2027.

Free places are available for children in **Reception to Year 6;** children do not need to be on the SEND register. If you feel your child would benefit from a free place, please speak in confidence to Mrs Athey.

The club runs on Mondays to Thursdays from 8.00am, and can be taken up for all or some of those days.

Paid places are also available at a cost of ***£4 per session,*** which includes a nutritious breakfast.

Nursery paid places may also be available; please contact the school office for further details.

Due to the nature of the provision, places are limited and must be booked in advance.



Contacting School – Important Information

Mrs Young is not in the office on Fridays, and Mrs Athey checks messages. Please make any changes to end-of-day arrangements by telephone or email **before 12 noon.**

If emailing, please make sure you receive a reply confirming we have received your message.

We have updated our phone system and the answer machine message is now pre-recorded and will give you the extension number for our system, rather than the old message.

After an initial teething problem, where messages weren't being picked up, this has now been rectified. Thank you for your continued support.

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Dates for Your Diary

- **Thursday 19th November** – Flu immunisations.
- **Thursdays from 19th November** – Y6 Maths booster, 3.15–4.15pm.
- **Tuesday 24th November** – Babes in the Wood session.
- **Saturday 28th November** – PTA Christmas Fayre, 10am–2pm.
- **Tuesday 8th December** – EYFS/Class 1 Nativity – see poster for details.
- **Thursday 10th December** – Christmas lunch and parties. Wear own choice of clothes.
- **Tuesday 15th December** – Babes in the Wood session.
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Rock Steady Concert.
- **Thursday 17th December** – Rota Kids Recycling Day.
- **Friday 18th December** – KS2 Carol Service and school breaks up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm.
- **Tuesday 5th January** – School reopens for the spring term.

Please also see the school website for exact timings.

Kindness ★ Collaboration ★ Courage | "Go and do the same." – Luke 10:25–37