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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	94.6%	100%	98.4%	97.8%	97.1%	100%	96.4%	97.7%
Whole School attendance %	98%							

News

Achievers' Assembly

Each Friday, we have our Achievers' Assembly which celebrates achievements both in and out of school. If your child has received certificates for swimming, dancing, karate etc or taken part in events, then we would love for them to share these successes with us. Just send in their certificates, medals etc on a Friday and we will make sure we all give them a huge well done!

This week's school achievers are...

Achievement for All

Jupiter: Sebastian Balmont-Brooks

Neptune: Layton Mountain

Venus: Evan Scattergood

Saturn: Hannah Armstrong

Earth: Megan Waugh

Mercury: Frank Pensom

Cross Country

Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to take part in trails to compete in the Cross Country team. Trials will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th September at lunchtime. All they need to do, is bring their trainers!

Cycle to School week

Cycle to School week will commence on **Monday 23 September** through to **Friday 27 September**. During this week, we encourage all children to either ride or scoot to school to gain points for their house.

Each morning, our House Captains will be stationed on the Key Stage 1 yard. On arrival at school, go to your relevant House Captain who will give you a sticker and merit point. Over the week, the points will be added up and the winning house announced in assembly on Friday 27 September.

Bikes must be left in the following designated areas:

Early years on the grass outside the entrance gate to the garden area;

Key Stage 1 in the bike shed on the yard;
Key Stage 2 on the grass inbetween the car park and Reading Den.

I wonder which House will win this month's challenge?

School Council

This year we are really focusing in on raising the profile of pupil voice across school, ensuring that children are heard and their opinions listened to so that we can continue to improve our school in all areas. To support with this, our School Council will be lead by Miss Johnson with the help of our School Ambassadors. The School Council will meet regularly and discuss a range of issues within school. We will keep you updated on their work across the year.

Our **School Ambassadors** are...



Our **School Councillors** are...

Jupiter Year 1: Ivy & Remy

Venus Year 2: Emmie & Evan

Earth Year 3: Parker & Erin

Neptune Year 4: Kyo & Farai

Saturn Year 5: La & Scarlett

Mercury Year 6: Frank & Isla

Parking

'Be cool, park away from school'

As you are aware, parking is very problematic around school and already this year we have had numerous complaints from residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. This morning, a parent parked in front of the garages meaning a resident could not get their car out for their hospital appointment. As you can imagine, this was upsetting for the resident.

Can I remind you that, for safety reasons, we ask that all parents park on Broom Lane and walk their children down either the pedestrian path at the back of the Aged Miner Cottages which leads directly into our school yard or down Bucks Hill View. Driving down Bucks Hill View during drop-off and pick-up times is extremely dangerous as children and parents are entering and exiting the school premises and the road and pavement is very restricted. Please think about the safety of all and park away from the school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

Sensory Aids

Whilst we recognise that fidget toys may be useful for some children, we ask toys from home are not brought into school. The decision as to whether a child needs a fidget toy in school will be decided by the class teacher and/or SENDCo and will be discussed with the parent first. If fidget toys are deemed as an effective strategy of support then, school will provide the appropriate toys. This is also the case for sensory ear defenders. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Homework

Homework has been issued this week to children in Year 1 to Year 6. Please read our Homework Policy which can be found on our school website <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/>

School Crossing Patrol

There will be no School Crossing Patrol on Broom Lane on the afternoons of Tuesday 17 September and Wednesday 25 September.

Reminders

Prospective Parents for Nursery/Reception 2025

If you know of parents who have children who will be starting either Reception or Nursery in September 2025, school tours can be arranged via our school website; www.washingwell.org.uk

Whickham School will be holding open evenings for Year 6 parents. Events will take place on the dates and times below. Please note that there are two separate events on each date which you can sign up for on the Whickham School website.

- Thursday 19 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm
- Tuesday 24 September at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Asda have a new Cashpot scheme which we would like you to sign up to. It is really simple, just follow the steps below. So far, our total is **£129.84** which is amazing after only one week so, keep donating!



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Tuesday 17 September 2024 - am	Mrs Bridger
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Tuesday 17 September 2024 - pm	Mrs Bridger
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Wednesday 18 September 2024 - am	Mrs Bridger
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Wednesday 18 September 2024 - pm	Mrs Bridger
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Thursday 19 September 2024 - pm	Ms White

A very busy week for training!

Tuesday 17 September 2024

Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

Monday 23 September 2024

Cycle to School week – House Challenge (information on next week's newsletter)

Wednesday 25 September 2024
Reception Vision Screening 9.00am

Wednesday 2 October 2024
Year 5 visit Whickham School – pm

Thursday 3 October 2024
National Poetry Day

Thursday 10 October 2024
World Mental Health Day

Monday 14 October 2024
Poetry week in school

Tuesday 15 October 2024
School photographs – individual and family groups

Tuesday 22 October 2024
Harvest Assembly 9.15pm – parents welcome (more information to follow)

Friday 25 October 2024
School closes for half term

Tuesday 5 November 2024
8.40am – school reopens to all pupils.

Wednesday 6 November 2024
Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

Monday 11 November 2024
Anti-bullying week in school

Monday 11 November & Tuesday 12 November 2024
Parent consultation evenings 3.00 -6.00pm

Friday 15 November 2024
Children in Need – more information to follow

Wednesday 20 November 2024
SEND review meetings

Monday 25 November 2024
Assessment week in school

Monday 2 December 2024
Polar Express day – more information to follow
Flu immunisations

Tuesday 3 December 2024
Year 6 visit Whickham School – pm

Monday 9 December 2024
Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 10 December 2024
Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Wednesday 11 December 2024
Music workshops - am

Thursday 12 December 2024

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Christmas performance – 9.30am and 2.15pm

Friday 13 December 2024

Neptune Christmas party 1.15pm

Monday 16 December 2024

Earth Christmas party 1.15pm

Tuesday 17 December 2024

Jupiter Christmas party 9.15am

Venus Christmas party 1.15pm

Wednesday 18 December 2024

Mars Christmas party 9.15am

Saturn Christmas party 1.15pm

Thursday 19 December 2024

Mercury Christmas party 1.15pm

Friday 20 December 2024

Carols around the Christmas tree 2.00pm – parents invited

School closes for Christmas holidays 3.20pm - No Whizz Kids after school session

Monday 6 January 2025

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

*A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to
Children's Services*