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Our values are at the HEART of our school.

Weekly Bulletin 11: Friday 20 November 2026

Weekly Attendance:

Mars (Nursery)	Mars (Reception)	Jupiter	Venus	Earth	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
94.2%	92.1%	95.2%	100%	96.9%	99%	97.5%	93.4%

Whole School: 96.3%

Non-Uniform

Our non-uniform day in school is **Monday 23 November** for the following donations for our fayre:

EYFS & Key Stage 1 – chocolate and sweets
Key Stage 2 - bottles

We will also collect donations of any unwanted gifts such as toiletries, candles, gifts sets, nic-nacs etc, for our tombola stall. Please place all donations in the trolley in the Key Stage 1 bike shed. Thank you.
Let's hope we can all pull together and make our Christmas Fayre a success!

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will take place on the following dates and times:

- Early Years Performance: Tuesday 8 December – 9.30am
- Key Stage 2 Performance: Wednesday 9 December – 9.30am & 2.15pm
- Key Stage 1 Performance: Thursday 10 December – 9.30am & 2.15pm

Ticket allocation for each performance is as follows:

Early Years: 4 tickets per child
Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2: 2 tickets per child per performance

Tickets will be bookable via Google forms. This will go live on Tuesday 24 November.

Only adults named on the booking will be admitted. Mrs Hall will be on the entrance to check names. No exceptions will be made so please ensure you follow the guidance to avoid disappointment and refusal of entrance. Those who need to bring younger siblings will be asked to sit near to the entrance so if the child becomes too noisy then they can exit without any disturbance to the performance. Due to the space within the hall, buggies cannot be accommodated.
Refreshments will be on sale at the afternoon performance and raffle tickets at both.

Winter Weather

As the weather is changing, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor weather. Waterproof coats, trousers, hats and scarves are essential as children are outside for up to 45 minutes at lunchtime. Also, if your child is wearing waterproof winter boots or shoes, please ensure they bring their trainers to school daily to change into when inside. Thank you.

Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants

As you are aware, we are collecting blue tokens at Tesco to receive a grant for outdoor equipment for school. This was supposed to end at the end of November but Tesco have extended the deadline until 10 January 2027, giving us more time to collect.

When you next visit Tesco at Rowlands Gill or Whickham Front Street, please ensure you collect your tokens and vote. Tokens = funding!

Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations for Children in Need. We raised £177.65 towards this great cause.

Easyfundraising

Our FUNdraisers have asked me to remind me to sign up to easyfundraising a simple way to gain money for school as you shop.

Amazing news! **Washingwell Community Primary School - Whickham has received £26.66** this Donation Day!

A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't joined yet, all your online shopping for Black Friday and Christmas could raise **free donations for us - at no extra cost to you.**

Please sign up to support us on the easyfundraising app today, it'll take you two minutes and **we'll get an instant £2 donation when you join**:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/washingwellcps/2PV07R/2pae/U5SijpKB/Q326V/textcopy/26.66

Community

SEND Lego Club

Tuesday 17 November, 5.00 -6.00pm at Chowdene Family Hub. Children under 12 with additional needs – come along and join a Lego building session! Parents, carers and siblings welcome.

E-Bikes & E-scooters

Northumbria Police have asked that we circulate a leaflet to parents/carers which explains the law in relation to electric bikes and e-scooters. Please read attached leaflet.

Next week:

Monday 23 November 2026 – Non-uniform *donations for Christmas Fayre*

Tuesday 24 November 2026 – Whickham Christmas Light Switch-on at Church Green, 3.30pm

Friday 27 November 2026 – Earth Forest School session – pm

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Archibald	Mars	Tuesday 24 November 2026 - am	Mr Graham