



Whalton Church of England Primary School News

Autumn 2 - November 2024 Newsletter

The rest of Autumn 2 has an exciting array of events and activities planned therefore we thought it would be a good idea to send out a newsletter!

Font Alliance Logo Competition

Thank you to all of the children who entered the competition to design the Font Alliance Logo; they were all very good. The Governors from our Resources Committee chose three designs from Whalton to go up against entries from the other 7 schools - watch this space for the winning logo - fingers crossed! Huge congratulations to Ruby, Emily and Darcy, whose designs are all through to the next round!

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought one of the poppy items. Thanks have been received for collecting £90.38 to help with their Annual Appeal.

Football Sessions - Thursday Lunchtimes

Now that we have the real possibility of playing against other schools within the Font Alliance, Mr Chambers will be starting up a Football Lunchtime Club every Thursday lunchtime for children from Years 3 to 6 to practise and fine tune their football skills and prowess! Please [sign up here](#) if your child is interested. The club will begin next Thursday 28th November.



Multi-Skills Club

A Multi-skills lunchtime Club with Mr Brown will also take place for Reception, Year 1 & 2 children on Mondays at 12.30pm. Whoever would like to go along to the club on Mondays are more than welcome. Just let Mr Brown know.

All Age Worship - Friday 29th November at 9.15am

We have an All Age Worship at Church next Friday for those of you who would like to join our Service with Reverend Elaine.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service is at St Mary Magdalene's Church on Thursday 5th December at 9:15am. All Welcome.



Parent Workshop - Maths - Thursday 5th December 10 - 10.30am

We are inviting you to come along to join us in a crash course in Mastering number at Reception and Key stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) so you can be on 'the bus' with your children. For instance, do you know your bar models from your rekenrek?

We have just started a new additional programme with these year groups and would like to share our knowledge and findings so far so we can work together to support our children to be the very best they can be in their maths from an early age!

Santa Dash - Friday 6th December

We will be taking part in this national fun run event again! Children are invited to wear Santa Hats for the occasion and wellies or trainers, weather dependent, as they run around our school field!



School Games Live Christmas Special via Zoom!! - Friday 13th December

We will also be taking part in this live sporting event -organised by County Durham Sport .

The session is split up into 3 x 15-minute active fitness sessions from 10:30am - all classes will be involved, via screen, so please can children come in their PE kits on this day.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: A TRIAL

Every year, we try to take the children to see a live performance as part of our school offer. This year we have managed to get tickets to see 'Little Red Riding Hood: A Trial', at Alnwick Playhouse on Monday 16th December with our Federation Friends from Longhorsley.

We kindly request a voluntary contribution of £12 per child which covers the ticket and a contribution towards the bus.

To confirm accurate numbers with Alnwick Playhouse, please can you complete this [google form](#) as soon as possible.



Christmas Performance – Whalton Village Hall

A reminder that our Christmas Performance of Straw and Order will be performed at Whalton Village Hall, on Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Please note there will be no swimming on this day.

Due to the increase of costs for the hire of the Village Hall, there will be a charge of £5.00 for a family ticket - this covers both performances and is open to everyone who wishes to attend.

To book your family ticket please complete this [google form](#).

Nursery Parents – Reception places:

A message from Northumberland County Council:

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind parents of Nursery children who will be transitioning into reception in September 2025 that the portal for applying for reception places is now open.

Please remind parents, where relevant, that if their child is currently attending a school nursery, they must still apply for a reception place, even if their preferred choice is at the same school. If parents do not apply for the child's place in reception, they may not get a place at their preferred chosen school.

We have been told that you must complete an application for your child even if they are currently going through the EHCP needs assessment process. If they already have an EHCP, they should speak to their EHCP Co-ordinator about this.

Applications **MUST** also be made for a reception place, even if parents intend to defer their child's place.

For parents to apply for a reception place they need to log into/create an account on the Northumberland admissions portal https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en If parents are having any difficulty in applying, they should contact schools' admissions on schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by phone on 01670 624889.

Autumn 2 Diary Dates to Note (Entries in Red are new):



November 2024	
All Age Worship - All Welcome	Friday 29th November @ St Mary's Church
December 2024	
Christingle Service - St Mary Magdalene's Church ALL WELCOME	Thursday 5th December 9:15am
Parent Workshop - Maths - In School after Christingle Service.	Thursday 5th December
Santa Dash - remember Santa Hat!	Friday 6th December
Christmas Experience - children only	Tuesday 10th December
School Games Live Christmas Special via Zoom.	Friday 13th December
Alnwick Playhouse: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: A TRIAL	Monday 16th December (Morning)
Christmas Performance DRESS REHEARSAL - Whalton Village Hall PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM THE VILLAGE HALL	Monday 16 th December AT 3:20pm
Christmas Performance - Whalton Village Hall	Tuesday 17th December 2:00pm
Christmas Performance - Whalton Village Hall	Tuesday 17th December 6:00pm
Christmas Jumper Day for RE Ambassadors chosen charities	Thursday 19th December
Christmas Lunch for children	Thursday 19th December
Carols in the Village - by the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall (or in St Mary Magdalene's Church) weather dependent	Thursday 19th December 2:30pm
Christmas Party - non-uniform day for children Break up for Christmas	Friday 20th December