



Whalton Church of England Primary School News

Summer 1& 2 - May 2025 Newsletter

Lots of activities and events are planned for the rest of Summer 1 & 2, starting with a slight change of date to that advertised in our diary dates. Our Federation day will now be this **tomorrow** (16th) and not next Wednesday (21st May). Please read below for further information.

Federation Day

Our Eco Themed Federation day is taking place tomorrow (Friday). Buses have been booked to take our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to Longhorsley within the school day. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will remain at Whalton and be joined by their Longhorsley neighbours. So our youngest children will be altogether at Longhorsley and the oldest children altogether at Whalton. This is always a wonderful opportunity to make and see new and old friends - a real value to having two schools in the Federation. In July, we have another Federation day for the children. Further details to follow.



Please note, Longhorsley parents have been informed that we are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Whalton children will have school dinner as normal at Longhorsley

Walk to School Week 19th - 23rd May

The annual Walk to School week is on Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May and a **walking bus** is scheduled to start on **Tuesday 20th May** to collect children in the mornings at 8:40am from the Village Hall by School staff and walk them down to school. More details to follow.



Class Photos

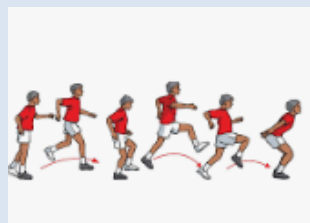
We also have our school photographer, Ivan Burns from Shutterbugz, in both schools on Monday 19th May to take the children's class photo. This is a school uniform day.



Year 4 Quad Event

Chantry Middle School is hosting a sporting event for Year 4 children on Friday 23rd May. At this event the children will take part in 4 events:

50M Sprint
400m Run
Howler Throw
Standing Triple Jump



We have booked a bus to take the children there and as the event finishes at 2.40pm, we would like to kindly ask parents to pick up your child from the Rugby Club car park to help. Please can you confirm using this [google form](#) that your child has permission to attend and will be picked up from the Rugby Club car park at 2.40pm.

After Half Term (School reopens on Monday 2nd June) – Summer 2 Activities and Events

Swimming for Summer 2:

From Tuesday 3rd June, all children will continue swimming at Ponteland Leisure Centre.

The children travel by coach and are dropped off and picked up at the Leisure Centre. Please can children avoid leggings as they are difficult to pull on after swimming, tracksuit bottoms are preferable - many thanks!



Class 2 - Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival at Whalton

Year 1 & Year 2 are hosting a Festival at School on Thursday 5th June in the morning.

The festival will see children from Cambo, Stamfordham and Ponteland Community schools coming to join us to take part in a range of Outdoor Adventurous Activities, including den building, orienteering and team building challenges and many more.



Children to come to school dressed in PE Kit and bring their water bottle.

Leavers Celebration for Years 4 & 6

The Year 4 and Year 6 children will be attending Newcastle Cathedral for their Leavers' Celebration on Tuesday 17th June with their Year 4 Federation Friends from Longhorsley.



Sports Day and Maypole Dancing 20th June:

The day's activities will begin at 9:15am with the children dancing round the Maypole on the school yard.



School's Sports Day will follow on the school field.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

Reminder Teacher Training Day - Monday 23rd June - School Closed.

A great opportunity for a long weekend!

Parents' Lunch:

This term, we invite parents of our Class 1, Reception and Year 1, children to join us for lunch on Tuesday 1st July at 12 noon. More details and a google form will be sent to you shortly to sign up.

Leavers and Transition Days:

Sadly, for our Y4 and Y6 children, next half term will be their final weeks with their Walton family - but we will make sure that it is their best!

Chantry Middle School and Ponteland High School are both having their transition days on Thursday 3rd July and Friday 4th July (hopefully you will have received information from the schools personally). This is where the children will go straight into their new schools and spend time getting to meet new friends and staff, familiarising themselves with their surroundings for these two days.

To this end, in line with our feeder Schools, we will also be having our transition days in school then too. This will be a chance for all children, including children new to Reception, to meet their new teachers and classrooms - further details to follow next half term. We hope this will be a useful time for all of our children, to best prepare them for a great start in September.

Summer 1& 2 Diary Dates to Note (Entries in Red are new):

May 2025		
Friday 16th May	Eco Federation Day (was Wednesday 21st May)	
Monday 19th May– Friday 23rd May	Walk to School Week	
Friday 23rd May	Year 4 Quad Event	Parents to pick up children at 2.40pm at the Rugby Club Car Park
June 2025		
Monday 2nd June	School reopens for Summer 2	
Monday 2 nd	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered in following 2 weeks	
Tuesday 3rd June	Swimming continues for Reception	Ponteland Leisure Centre
Thursday 5th June	Class 2 - Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival	Whalton Primary School
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check administered this week	
Tuesday 17th June	Newcastle Leaver Services 2025 at Newcastle Cathedral	
Friday 20th June	Maypole Dancing followed by Sports	9:15am school yard then on school field
Monday 23rd June	School closed to children - Teacher Training day.	
July 2025		
Tuesday 1st July	Summer dining – Class 1 parents	School 12:00noon
Thursday 3rd July Friday 4th July	Transition Days into Middle School/New Classes	School/Feeder School
Friday 4th July	Bale Fire – further details to follow	Whalton Village
Wednesday 9th July	Federation Day - venues and details tbc	
Friday 11th July	Pupil Reports out	
Monday 14th July	Years 4, 6 Leavers' Lunch - Children only	
Thursday 17th July	Pea Hunt and Party Day - children wear non-uniform	
Friday 18th July	Leavers Service End of school year	2:30pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church