

Dear Parents/Carers

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at Whixall C.E. Primary School in all that we strive to do each day.

Well done to Peregrine Class who represented our school amazingly on their visit to Liverpool.

PE

Monday – Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Dragonfly Class (Reception)
Robin (Year 3)

Tuesday – Skylark Class (Year 1), Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2),
Peregrine (Year 6) - Year 5 are attending a golf festival)

Wednesday – Robin Class (Year 3), Red Kite (Year 4)

Tennis sessions for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6—children to wear PE Kits to school please.

Thursday— Skylark Class (Year 1), Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2),
Peregrine (Years 5 and 6)

Friday – Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Dragonfly Class (Reception) Red
Kite Class (Year 4)

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits please.

Please note that swimming has now finished for Robin and Peregrine Classes.

Swimming will take place for all other classes in the Summer Term.

Dates

Monday 23rd February	Children return to school Chinese New Year activities
Tuesday 24th February	Golf Festival for children in Year 5
Wednesday 25th February	Tennis sessions for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Consultations
Thursday 26th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—see separate note
Wednesday 11th March	Robin and Red Kite Class visit.
Saturday 21st March	Clive Cross Country

If you are concerned about someone's safety

In an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101.
To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring our **First Point of Contact team** on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the **Emergency Social Work Duty Team** on 0345 678 9040.

Disco

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the disco—and thank you to the staff for giving up their time to help. Particular thanks to Mrs Williams for all of her hard work in putting the music together. We raised £340 which we will be using to buy new books for the class book areas.

Items in school

Could we please request that the children do not bring pencil cases and their own items of stationary into school please.

We would also appreciate it if the children only wear a watch and earring studs to school if they wish to.

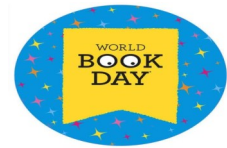
We really appreciate everyone's support.

Quiz Night

Our grateful thanks to the Dicken Arms for allowing us to raise funds through one of their Quiz Nights. Please find a flyer attached.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for the event, then we would be very grateful. Please send any donated prizes into the school office. Many thanks for your support.

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

Children are very welcome to wear something that they would feel comfortable reading in—such as pyjamas etc.

If possible, we would also like the children to bring into school their favourite book **(please label with your child's name)**.

Please also find attached a flyer for a 'Book Bake off' competition if you would like to take part.

As part of World Book Day, we will also be doing a book swap. If your child has up to two books that they would like to bring into school on 5th March to swap, then they would be most welcome to.

Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use—if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising—if they are then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Whixall School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase—a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.



**WHIXALL C E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**



QUIZ NIGHT

**AT THE DICKIN ARMS,
LOPPINGTON SY4 5SR**



**SUNDAY 22ND MARCH
FIRST QUESTION @ 7.00PM**

**£5 PER HEAD, TEAMS OF 4
TO INCLUDE NIBBLES**

**LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES TO
BE WON, INCLUDING RAFFLE**



CBeebies Parenting and Apps

CBeebies Parenting is full of useful information from creative activities, recipes and information about the CBeebies apps.

CBeebies apps are free to download with no in-app purchases. Their apps include:

Playtime Island - Fun Games for Kids App. This app includes 40 free games.

CBeebies Learn - Early Years Learning App. This app includes games and videos and is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Get Creative - Open-ended Creative Activities App. This app is free and includes lots of drawing and painting activities.

Storytime - Reading Stories App. This app includes interactive story books.

You can find out more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting>

Children's Commissioner launches new guide for parents and carers

The Children's Commissioner has released a new guide to help you in managing your child's digital life. The guide was written with direct involvement from children.

It includes advice on setting boundaries such as no devices in the bedroom and how to chat to your child. You can find the guide here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online.

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Cross Country Events

Races for children in Key Stage 2

Dates - Thursday 5th March @ S.S.V & or Thursday 19th March @ Attingham Park*

Arrival - 4pm

Time - Races will start promptly at 4.30pm - Last race 5.30pm

Location - 5th March @ Shrewsbury Sports Village SY1 4RQ

19th March @ Attingham Park SY4 4TP*

Individual races for Y3 – Y6 (separate Boy/Girl races). Distances between 1000m -2000m in accordance with guidance from England Athletics

Race order
Year 3 girls
Year 3 boys
Year 4 girls
Year 4 boys
Year 5 girls
Year 5 boys
Year 6 girls / boys

Note all competitors required to pay a £1 donation per runner for Attingham park event - As part of contribution to National Trust

Entry forms must be completed by 12th February please follow the link below to complete the entry form:

[Engage Event - Key stage 2 Afterschool Cross County – Fill in form](#)

Adults will need to transport the children to and from the event and remain with them.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF
Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

junior parkrun

Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds
walk, skip, run, volunteer, spectate - it's up to you!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to help bring junior parkrun to
Jubilee Park, Whitchurch

Interested in being involved?

We'd love to hear from you, send an email to:
sally.mcdonald@parkrun.com

