



North Wheatley
CofE Primary

NORTH WHEATLEY NEWS

Believe Achieve Thrive



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New Head Teacher

I want to thank all our parents, staff and children for being so warm and welcoming this term; it has been a real pleasure working within such a supportive community, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and look forward to my final few weeks.

As we move forward, I'm delighted that the school will enter a new phase of stability and positivity under the leadership of our new Headteacher, who joins us in the Summer term. From her first visit, she recognised how special North Wheatley CE Primary is, and is deeply committed to ensuring every child feels safe, valued and known as an individual. As both a parent and educator, she understands the importance of strong home-school relationships, and she looks forward to meeting families, building connections and working closely with you all to ensure the very best for every child.



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Mrs Ruddlesdin

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Messages from Mr Marsh

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our teachers for the incredible work they do each day. No matter what challenges come their way, they continue to show remarkable resilience and unfailing commitment, always putting our children first. Their dedication makes our school a truly special place to learn and grow.

A big thank you as well to our wonderful teaching assistants, whose support, care and hard work make such a difference to our pupils and staff. We deeply appreciate all that you do.

I would also like to acknowledge the wider staff team who keep our school running smoothly behind the scenes. Thank you to Mr Everitt for providing excellent catering, Mr Rowland for maintaining our site with care, and Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Ryan in the office, whose organisation and efficiency help everything run seamlessly.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our governing body for their continued support and hands-on involvement in school life. Their commitment makes a real difference to the success of the school. We are also excited to learn the outcome of the recent parent governor nomination and look forward to welcoming a new governor to the team very soon.

School governors help set the strategic direction of the school, ensuring it is well-led and focused on providing the best possible education for all pupils. They hold the school leadership to account for educational performance, oversee the school's budget and resources, and help ensure policies, safeguarding, and statutory duties are met. Governors work as a team to support, challenge, and guide the school's long-term success.

Open The Book

This half term, our focus on compassion has been brought to life through a range of meaningful activities and stories. Open the Book visited school to share Bible stories about Jesus showing compassion—healing those who could not see, stand or speak, and feeding the 5,000 with just five loaves and two fish. In assemblies, Mr Marsh has continued this theme by exploring the story of the Good Samaritan and challenging pupils to think about what compassion looks like in everyday life. The children have responded brilliantly, offering thoughtful and practical ideas such as giving to charity, supporting food banks, cheering others up when they feel sad, helping someone who is hurt, and lending a hand with schoolwork. Their reflections show just how deeply they are embracing the value of compassion in our school community.

Church Services

We are delighted to share that we have two special church services coming up in the next few weeks. Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are looking forward to their Mother's Day Service, where they will celebrate and give thanks to the wonderful women who support and care for them. In addition, Emerald Class is excited to lead our Easter Service, reflecting on the themes of hope, new beginnings, and the joy of the season. We can't wait to welcome families to these meaningful events and share these moments together as a school community.



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World Book Day

For World Book Day on 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and we have a range of exciting reading activities and adventures planned throughout the day.

Our celebrations will continue into the week, with a special reading guest and a surprise treat on Friday to round everything off.

Sponsored Reading

We are also delighted to launch our Sponsored Reader event, giving families the chance to sponsor their child's reading to help us raise funds for new school books in partnership with the PTFA.

Donations can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/northwheatleyschoolptfa>, and we kindly ask that supporter's reference "Reading Challenge Sponsor" so contributions can be tracked correctly.



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Fund Raising

Our recent Fun Day was a huge success, with the pupil governors taking the lead as they cheerfully served ice cream to the whole school. They told us how much they enjoyed offering lots of different flavours with a range of toppings, and how smoothly and efficiently the whole event ran. It was an awesome experience that the children absolutely loved; the event helped raise valuable funds for the school garden and other upcoming projects!

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the coffee morning—it was a wonderful and highly successful event, filled with excellent discussion and a warm community atmosphere. We were delighted to welcome the fantastic Kerry Macadam, who shared valuable advice on SEND and provided helpful signposting to a range of support services. Kerry is hoping to run another session in the future, and we look forward to welcoming her back.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or questions, please feel free to contact Mr Marsh, who will be very happy to help.





Dates For The Diary

Events in bold are open to parents joining

03/03 – Premier Ed Curling Competition (Year 2)

05/03 – World Book Day

06/03 – Reading Adventure Day

9/03 – Science & Art Week

10/03 – Premier Ed Lacrosse

**12/03 – Church Mother's Day Service
(EYFS and Year 1 - 2pm start)**

16/03 - International Women's Day

19/03 – Library Bus

**19/03 – Parents Evening
(Information to follow)**

20/03 – World Poetry Day

20/03 - Red Nose Day!

24/03 – Football Match against Gateford Park

25/03 – 5-year-olds Dental Check

**26/03 – Church Easter Service
(Emerald Class - 2pm start)**

Safeguarding

Advice on any aspect of Child Protection and Safeguarding may be sought from the safeguarding team: C Marsh (Designated Safeguarding Lead); A Moden (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or R Spencer (Safeguarding Governor). If you have concerns about a family or child, please do speak to us. You can now do so using our safeguarding email:

safeguarding@northwheatley.notts.sch.uk

Alternatively consult the MASH via:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>

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