

**IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:**

- Year 1 will be walking to Whickham Library on Wednesday. If you could help with the trip, please get in contact with the school office.
  - REMINDER – *ASDA Cashpot for Schools*: If you have yet to do so, please download the Asda rewards app before **30<sup>th</sup> November** and select St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Whickham and Asda will donate money to the school.
  - REMINDER – Secondary admissions: An important reminder for all Year 6 parents/carers that all admissions must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October.
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**SAVE THE DATE - EXPLORE THE CURRICULUM:**

Our Autumn Term 'Explore the Curriculum' sessions will give you the chance to learn more about the learning going on in your child's classroom this term, to receive some guidance as to how you may help their ongoing learning and to celebrate their ongoing progress by looking at their school books together with them.

The dates for this term's 'Explore the Curriculum' sessions are as follows:

DATE	CLASS
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 9:15am	Y6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm	Y4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 9:15am	Reception
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm	Y2
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 9:15am	Y1
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 9:15am	Y3
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2:30pm	Y5

**SPORTS UPDATE:**

A huge well done to our Y5 and 6 tag rugby teams who competed against neighbouring schools in a tournament at Blaydon Leisure Centre this week. The school entered two teams into the competition, and both squads did wonderfully well – being edged out of the semi-final places by the narrowest of margins. All the pupils had a fantastic afternoon and represented the school admirably.

**WHOLE SCHOOL MASS:**

We will be celebrating our first whole school Mass of the year at 9:30am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's RC Church. All welcome.

**TERM DATES:**

Please be reminded that our half-term holiday will be from **28.10.24 to 1.11.24**.

Term Dates can be found on the school website: <https://stmaryswhickham.bwcet.com/parents/term-dates-school-day/>.

**ANTHONY NOLAN TRUST YOUNG HERO OF THE YEAR:**

A massive well done to Leland in Y4 who has been awarded the John Petchey Young Hero of the Year Award as part of the Anthony Nolan Trust's annual hero awards at the OXO Tower London. Leland, who many of you will know, bravely and successfully fought blood and bone cancer, received a stem cell

transplant thanks to an Anthony Nolan donor, and has – along with family and friends – raised significant awareness and money for the charity during and following his treatment.

We are all so proud of Leland and everything that he has accomplished. ITV Tyne Tees news, who have followed Leland's story, dropped in to school this week to report on his wonderful accolade, and you can see what Leland and his friends had to say about his incredible achievement [here](#).

You can learn more about the work of the Anthony Nolan Trust here: <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>.