



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Intra-house Cross Country Competition

Yesterday, we held our intra-house cross country competition where all of the children competed to earn points for their house team. They did an amazing job and it was wonderful to see children showing determination and perseverance to complete the track. Thank you to Mrs Ross and Mr Salmon who came along to help walk the children to the event.

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Overall
1 <sup>st</sup>	Green	Blue	Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red	Yellow	Blue
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blue	Green	Yellow
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yellow	Red	Red

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 1	Albie Megahy Holly Wilson	Noah Armstrong Aoife Pearce	George Scown Phoebe Neale
Year 2	Ted Barber Freya Small	James Wire Freya Hudson	Oban Megahy Evelyn Alliston-Godding
Year 3	Jaxsyn Wilson Olivia Cuthill	Thomas Elliott Frankie Fearn	Tom Carter-Ward Darcy Telford
Year 4	Finlay Sriwiang Charlotte Donnelly	Georgia Ashton Maverick Alleyne	Harris Nuzzo Emmi Sanderson
Year 5	Calum Goodfellow Olivia Mays	Roman Scott Chloe	Rafe Blackman Alexandra Scown
Year 6	Morgan Sriwiang Karmen Scott	Chester Mathwin Darcy Fearn	Ben Elliott Isabella Johnson

## Year 2 Kurling and Boccia Festival

Year 2 took part in a Kurling and Boccia festival this week at Wolsingham School. They worked hard in their teams and thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

## Rugby CVL

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team started their CVL league this week at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club. Across 4 matches, they achieved 1 win, 1 draw and 2 loses. A tricky start, but excellent teamwork and all the children said they enjoyed the matches. Well done to Morgan (captain), Ben, Chester, Corinne, James, William, Calum and Olivia for their efforts. Good luck to the team in Week 2.

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know that we have successfully appointed a new caretaker who will take over from Mr Stephenson when he retires next week. Mr Salmon will be our new caretaker from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and we would like to welcome him to the Wolsingham Primary team.

## Attendance

As you will know, children's attendance at school is high on the DfE's agenda. We have had a significant number of term time absences due to holidays already this year which leaves our attendance so far this year at 95%. We would like to reinforce the importance of children not missing school and the huge impact that missing any time can have on the progress they make. By law, Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The associated guidance states the need or desire for a holiday or leave for the purpose of leisure or recreation would not normally be considered exceptional. Guidelines, policies and procedures from DfE and Durham County Council related to attendance have become more stringent. We have attached the Leave of Absence FAQs created by the local authority to the email with this week's newsletter for your information. Please note that our Leave

of Absence forms have changed and the new version is available from the school website or the school office.

## Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places are now open. Applications close at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (primary) and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 (secondary). Find out more: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. We will be holding an Open Event for any parents of children due to start primary school in September 2025 later in the half term. Please keep an eye out for more details and encourage anyone you know with children of Nursery age to come along to have a look around and find out more about our school.

## Reception 2025 Open Evening

Have you got a child who is due to start school in 2025? We are holding an open evening for prospective parents to come along, have a look around our school, spend time in the Reception classroom and speak to our Early Years staff. The event will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!



## Cauliflower Cards

Friends of the School are taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas Project fundraising event again this year. The children have been busy creating their Christmas card designs which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper and mugs.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the mugs are great for gifts! Their designs will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and all of the instructions to order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs etc. are on the piece of paper that comes along with your child's design. If you would like to place an order, please make sure that you have ordered your cards online before returning the design back to the class teacher by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.



## Asda Cashpot for Schools

A huge thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda app and chosen to support our school cashpot. The total is currently at £140.10 and there's still 58 days left.



## Roblox

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers of children who use Roblox. The link provides a privacy and safety checklist for Roblox. <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

## Dates for your diary...

Class 4 Visit to the Hancock Museum	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
KS2 Cross Country Competition	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Class 6 Assembly	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30am
Year 6 Elysium Shakespeare Workshop	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Nursery Parent Halloween Craft Sessions	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2pm
Autumn Walk	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Reception Parent Halloween Craft Sessions	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
School Closes	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
School Opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November

*S. Kitching*

Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Lucia
- Class 2 – Noah
- Class 3 – Freya H.
- Class 4 – Izak
- Class 5 – Calum
- Class 6 – Corinne

## Class Dojo VIP

- Class 1 – Olivia
- Class 2 – George
- Class 3 – India-Rose
- Class 4 – Violet
- Class 5 – Ding Hao
- Class 6 – Bentley

## Top Spellers

- Class 3 – Joshua
- Class 4 – Tom CW
- Class 5 – Jakson
- Class 6 – James

## Shed Score League

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 113,358,858
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 3 – 71,575,214
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 4 – 36,483,334
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 31,521,641

## Highest Earners

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Bentley Year 6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maverick Year 4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Corinne Year 6

## Most Improved

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Joe Year 5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amelia Year 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – William W Year 5

## Highest Earners

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lucas Year 3
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ted Year 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Olivia Year 3

## Highest Accuracy

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mollie Year 3
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ted Year 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Olivia Year 3