



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **95.6%**. Well done to Class 3 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	94.1%
Class 2	98.8%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.1%
Class 5	98.2%
Class 6	96%

Class 6 Assembly

Well done to Year 6 who presented their class assembly this week. They told us all about the types of grammar that they will be learning across Year 6 and came up with some excellent ways to help remember some tricky things to remember. Our Year 6 family and friends did a marvellous job answering questions about what they had learnt during the assembly. A huge thank you for coming along to support the children.

Class 5 Visit to Binchester Roman Fort

Class 5 walked in the footsteps of Roman soldiers through the remains of a commanding officer's house and learnt about the importance of Roman bathhouses on their visit this week. Inside they managed to see one of the most intact hypocaust, or underfloor, heating systems in Britain. They also had the chance to see what it was like being an archaeologist and piece together clues to discover what life would have been like living there in Roman times.



Class 4 Visit to The Hancock Museum

Class 4 had a wonderful day at the Hancock Museum last Friday. Here's what a few children had to say about their day:

"I liked being able to hold and touch the replica artefacts - my favourite was hold the sword from the Bronze Age." Frankie

"I really liked the elk skeleton and thinking about ways people used the parts of the animal to help them survive." Josh

"I liked exploring the museum in the afternoon and seeing all the different animals in their habitats." Darcie

"I really enjoyed being a Stone Age explorer and searching for objects around the museum that gave us information about how people lived." Mollie

The crystals, dinosaurs and Ancient Egyptian exhibitions were also a great hit, not forgetting the gift shop of course!



Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will take place at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's Church on Wednesday 23rd October at 2pm. The children will be singing some lovely harvest songs including a couple of 'oldie but goodies' and children from each class will be performing some readings and poems. Parents and friends are welcome to join us and we hope that you will also join in with the singing. Once again this year, we would like to support the local foodbank by making a monetary donation so that they can top up their stocks with items that are needed but are not often donated. As you enter the church, there will be a collection plate to leave your donations to a worthy cause. If you are unable to come along and would like to donate, please drop donations into the school office.



Autumn Walk

Our Autumn Walks take place next week – KS1 on Tuesday 22nd October and KS2 Thursday 24th October – whatever the weather! Children and staff will take to the Wolsingham countryside to enjoy the area of outstanding natural beauty in which they live. Please could you ensure that your child has **wellingtons or boots and a warm waterproof coat** on that day. If you would like to come along to join one of the walks which will happen in the afternoon, please let the school office know.

Halloween Dress Up Day

Friday 25th October is Halloween Dress Up Day. We are inviting all of our children to come to school on that day in their Halloween costumes – remember costumes don't have to be bought. We love to see the creativity in homemade costumes!

Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places are now open. Applications close at midnight on 15th January 2025 (primary) and 31st 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 6th November from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!



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 £165.08 and there's still 43 days left.

Triple P Online in Durham

Triple P Online in Durham has just been launched. This gives families access to free e-learning style programmes - Triple P Online for Baby and Triple P Online 0-12 years.

[Positive parenting courses in County Durham | Free Triple P | Triple P \(triplep-parenting.uk.net\)](#)

These programmes can be used by families independently, or with the support of a worker. To get a code to access the programme, parents need to complete a form which can be accessed via the link above. This gives the programme organisers some basic details so that they can contact you and ensure it's the right programme for you and offer any other programmes or support that you may like to know about.



Laptops

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers about talking to their children about using a laptop safely.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/laptops>

October Half Term Holiday Club

October half term is fast approaching and it's almost time for our October Half Term Holiday Club. The Education Enterprise team has been working tirelessly to create a program that combines fun, teamwork and learning. Whether you are returning or joining them for the first time, they have prepared a diverse range of activities and games that can cater a range of interests and age groups. Their holiday club is not just an opportunity for fun and games; it's a chance to grow, learn and meet new people. Expect a range of activities including football, multi-sports, dodgeball, laser tag, den building, gymnastics and dance. For 2024 they have a completely new booking system for all of their holiday clubs. **All bookings and payments are now taken directly through their website <http://educationenterprise.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>**

Here you will be able to see all of the holiday clubs happening during this academic year. They will still be offering their sibling discount. Any questions regarding booking and payment please email: lee@educationenterprise.co.uk They'd love to see you at the Education Enterprise October Half Term Holiday Club!

Dates for your diary...

Nursery Parent Halloween Craft Sessions	Monday 21 st October
KS1 Autumn Walk	Tuesday 22 nd October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 23 rd October 2pm
KS2 Autumn Walk	Thursday 24 th October
Reception Parent Halloween Craft Sessions	Thursday 24 th October
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 25 th October
School Closes	Friday 25 th October
School Opens	Monday 4 th November
Key Stage 1 Superhero Multiskills	Tuesday 5 th November
Reception 2025 Open Evening	Wednesday 6 th November 4pm-5pm
Parent Teacher Consultations	Mon 18 th Nov and Tues 19 th Nov
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Tues 19 th Nov and Wed 20 th Nov
Class 5 Assembly	Wednesday 27 th November 10.30am
School Closes	Thursday 28 th November
School Opens	Monday 2 nd December

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Arthur
- Class 2 – Harley
- Class 3 – Freya S.
- Class 4 – Frankie
- Class 5 – Alex
- Class 6 – Amelia

Class Dojo VIP

- Class 1 – Albie
- Class 2 – Alannah
- Class 3 – James
- Class 4 – Charlie
- Class 5 – Ding Hao
- Class 6 – Morgan

Top Spellers

- Class 3 – Joshua
- Class 4 – Maverick
- Class 5 – Woody
- Class 6 – Bentley

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 6 – 117,263,379
- 2nd – Class 4 – 46,390,432
- 3rd – Class 3 – 46,264,736
- 4th – Class 5 – 37,108,639

Highest Earners

- 1st – Bentley Year 6
- 2nd – Corinne Year 6
- 3rd – Leon Year 6

Most Improved

- 1st – Beau Year 6
- 2nd – Corinne Year 6
- 3rd – Darcy Year 6

Highest Earners

- 1st – Amelia Year 1
- 2nd – Aoife Year 1
- 3rd – Alice Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – George R Year 2
- 2nd – Alice Year 1
- 3rd – Jessica Year 1