



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **95.8%**. Well done to Class 2 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	94.1%
Class 2	98.5%
Class 3	98.4%
Class 4	94.1%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	97.8%



## Harvest Festival

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our harvest festival this week. We hope that you enjoyed it. Our School Councillors did a marvellous job with their readings and the children did a great job with their harvest singing! We would like to thank everyone who attended for their kind donations to support the local foodbank so that they can top up their stocks with items that are needed but are not often donated. We raised a fantastic £145 in total.



## Y5/6 Tag Rugby CVL League

Our team have played 13 competitive matches (and some additional friendlies) over 3 weeks of competition at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club. Round 2 was played in wet and muddy conditions and the team did excellently to play with determination and not complain! Round 3 was played in fair weather and the team ended the league by recording 4 straight wins, including an outstanding 6-0 victory in their final match – much to the delight of their cheering parents! Although the team found some matches

tricky, the team finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> in the league with 6 wins and 7 losses. All the adults watching agreed how much the team had improved over the 3 weeks. Well done to Morgan (captain), James, Chester, Ben, Corinne, Calum, Olivia and William for your outstanding effort!

## EYFS Halloween Craft Sessions

A big thank you to all of the family members who attended our EYFS Halloween craft sessions this week. We hope that you enjoyed spending time with the children in school and that you enjoyed getting crafty!

## Team Event

Following our cross-country team event earlier in the term, we decided that we would have a little bit of fun on our last afternoon of a very long term. Children came together in their colour teams to take part in a few games of Halloween bingo. Team points were awarded for one line, two lines and a full house. Everyone had a great time and the results of the event were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Green Team
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yellow team
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blue Team
4 <sup>th</sup>	Red Team

This meant that our overall house team winners this half term were the **Green Team!**



## Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the **145** pupils who received their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term! Each child has earned 5 points for their team

## Autumn 2 Swimming

After the half term, **Year 5** will go swimming on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that children in **Year 5** have their kit (swimming costume, towel and swimming hat) in school on that day.

## Key Stage 1 Multi-skills Festival

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, children in Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in an intra-house Multi-skills Festival. As this festival is superhero themed, children are invited to come to school on that day dressed as a superhero!

## Extra-Curricular Activities Questionnaire

Thank you to all of those parents who responded to our questionnaire about extra-curricular activities. Your feedback was very useful in helping to guide our offer for the next half term including trying to ensure clubs for the same ages are spread across the week, a wider variety of sport activities and craft activities seemed to come out as a popular request.



## Remembrance

As we do each year, Wolsingham Primary School will be laying a poppy wreath at the remembrance service that takes place in the market place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November meeting at 10.30am. If your child will be attending the service and would like to lay the wreath on behalf of the school, please contact the school office. Poppy themed items will be available for the children to buy from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November priced at 50p, £1.50 or £2.00, as well as paper poppies that we suggest a donation of 50p for. If your child would like to bring some money to buy something, we would be grateful if you could send them with money in small denomination coins (10p, 20p, 50p and £1).

## Book Fair

The book fair is back! Our annual book fairs were always a huge success and holding it in November is the perfect opportunity to buy books as Christmas gifts. 60% of all sales is given back to the school in books. The book fair will be arriving at Wolsingham Primary on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and carers are welcome to come along with their children at the following times:

Book Fayre Opening Times	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am – 9.00am
	3.30pm – 4pm

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations for Reception to Year 6 will take place from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents should log into the **Arbor App** to book their preferred appointment time. We are offering a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher to update parents on their progress and current targets. We would be grateful if parents help us to stick to our 10 minute time slots and make an additional appointment with the class teacher, via the school office, if there is an issue which requires further discussion. Nursery will also be holding Stay and Play sessions which are 1 hour sessions when a parent can come into Nursery to play alongside their child, as well as speak to their child's key worker about their child's interests and what they could do to help them develop at home. Parents should have received an email with further details about how to book.

## Reporting Illness

Just a reminder to parents that when reporting a child's illness it is important that we know exactly what their illness or symptoms are – we are unable to accept 'unwell' as a reason for absence. Clarity of reporting also means that we are able to let any vulnerable members of our school community know of something that might affect them. Thank you for your help with this.

## 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!



## 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 £173.73 and there's still 33 days left.



## Tik Tok

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers about using Tik Tok safely. We would like to remind parents that Tik Tok has an age restriction of 13 and therefore should not be used by primary aged children.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist-2021.pdf>

## 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](mailto:lee@educationenterprise.co.uk) They'd love to see you at the Education Enterprise October Half Term Holiday Club!

## Dates for your diary...

School Closes	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
School Opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Key Stage 1 Superhero Multi-skills	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception 2025 Open Evening	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 4pm-5pm
Children in Need	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent Teacher Consultations	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov and Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Class 5 Assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 10.30am
School Closes	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
School Opens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
EYFS Pantomime Visit Consett Theatre	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Christmas Nativity	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am
KS1 Christmas Production – Prickly Hay	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm and 5pm
KS1 Christmas Production – Primary School Christmas Musical	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm and 5.30pm
Christmas Fair	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 3.45pm – 5.30pm
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Christmas Party	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December am
Key Stage 1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December pm
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December am
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December pm
School Closes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
School Opens	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January

S. Kitching  
Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

Class 1 – Theo  
Class 2 – Aoife  
Class 3 – Alfie  
Class 4 – Violet  
Class 5 – Anna  
Class 6 – James

## Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Lucy  
Class 2 – Jessica  
Class 3 – George S  
Class 4 – Lucas  
Class 5 – Matilda  
Class 6 – Darcy

## Top Spellers

Class 3 – Logan  
Class 4 – Finlay  
Class 5 – Ding Hao  
Class 6 – Bentley

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 188,500,120  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 91,958,067  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 – 72,034,242  
4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 27,062,972

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Woody Year 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bentley Year 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Ben Year 6

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Lillie Year 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Beau Year 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Isabella Year 6

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Olivia Year 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Logan Year 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Izak Year 3

## Highest Accuracy

1<sup>st</sup> – Logan Year 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia Year 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Izak Year 3