



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **95.9%**. Well done to Class 5 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

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Class 1	95.29%
Class 2	95.29%
Class 3	96.5%
Class 4	91.52%
Class 5	95.88%
Class 6	92.4%

Violin Assembly

In our whole school assembly this week, our violinists performed for us. They did a marvelous job and played some well-known songs that we could join in with. Well done to all who performed, we were very impressed with your skills and how they are coming along!

Reception Grab a Grown-Up

Thank you to all of those Reception parents who came along this week to join our Grab a Grown-Up session. We hope that you had lots of fun joining in the sporty activities with the children.



EYFS Visit to Tynemouth

On Wednesday Nursery and Reception class went on a visit to Tynemouth Aquarium and the beach. Luckily, the weather stayed dry and they had great fun! In the aquarium the children got to feel a sea urchin and a starfish. They then explored the aquarium and all of the different types of fish including sting rays, clown fish, turtles, seahorses and a giant octopus. After lunch they walked down to the beach, where they had so much fun splashing in the sea, collecting shells and building sandcastles.

Year 6 Visit to Lightwater Valley

Year 6 had an absolutely fabulous time at Lightwater Valley today. They fully utilised every minute and went on most of the rides, ate doughnuts, crepes and sweets galore! They thoroughly enjoyed their day and we were very proud of all of them some for facing their fears and all for being extremely well behaved and responsible.

Sports Days

Just a reminder that our EYFS Sports Day is due to take place (weather permitting) on Thursday 10th July at 10.30am. Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to come along to support their child. EYFS will meet you on the school field where parents usually stand either side of the track to watch the children. Our Key Stage 1 Sports Day is due to take place on Friday 11th July (weather permitting) starting at 10.30am. Year 1 and 2 children will make their way out to the school field and we encourage parents to follow the children around the carousel. Our Key Stage 2 Sports Day is due to take place on Friday 11th July (weather permitting) starting at 1.30pm. Children in Years 3 - 6 will make their way out to the school field. Again, we encourage parents to follow the children around the carousel before gathering at the hedge next to Lydgate Lane for the final sprinting race. As this is a team event, it is helpful if the children can wear their PE T-shirt in their team colour if they have one and children will also need their water bottle in school. We also ask that parents do not encourage the children to leave their class group as time is very tight for this event. Keep your fingers crossed for some more dry days!

Mrs Redfern Memorial Competition

This week, each child should have come home with a competition entry form for our Mrs Redfern Memorial Competition to win a £125 voucher for Stockeld Park, Wetherby. Where's Nigel? – the children need to find Nigel in the Where's Wally style picture and put a circle around him. Entries need to be completed and returned to their class teacher by Thursday 18th July. All of the correct entries will be put into a draw and the winner will be announced at our end of year Celebration Assembly at St. Mary and St. Stephen's Church on Friday 18th July.



Your feedback from our parental questionnaire informs our school development plans and future initiatives. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete it using the QR code.

Uniform and PE Kit

Before the holiday and before parents go out to buy new school uniform, we would like to remind parents of our expectation of school uniform and PE kit.

The Wolsingham Primary School Uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black school trousers (**NOT** jogging trousers or leggings)/ tailored shorts/ skirt/ pinafore dress
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with the school logo
- Black shoes (**NOT** trainers or boots)

Boots may be worn to come to school in the winter months, however children must change into their black school shoes whilst in school.

For indoor and summer outdoor PE, our PE kit is as follows:

- White or plain team colour Tee Shirt
- Black / Navy / Burgundy shorts
- Trainers

Please note: Colourful sportswear and football kits are **NOT** allowed.

For winter outdoor PE only, our PE kit is as follows:

- Black or Navy Tracksuits and trainers

Please note that all children must have their PE kit in school and we suggest that children bring it into school at the beginning of a half term and take it home at the end of the half term. Please can we also remind parents that all children **MUST** have a water bottle in school every day. We will contact parents where children are not wearing the correct uniform or PE kit to request that this be rectified.

Jewellery

A reminder that for health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and wrist watches. Parents should note that if they intend to have a child's ears pierced this needs to be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow time for ears to heal.

Hair Accessories

This year we have updated our Uniform Policy to include information about hair accessories. Please see the extract from our policy below:

All hair accessories should be for the sole purpose of tying long hair away from the face to enable pupils to see clearly, concentrate on their learning in the classroom and for health and safety reasons during PE activities. Hair accessories are deemed to be items such as hair bobbles, hair clips and headbands. All hair accessories should be red, maroon or black in colour and should coordinate with the school uniform. Staff may ask pupils to remove any items which are worn on the head or in the hair which are not specifically for the purpose of keeping long hair away from the face; do not compliment the school uniform and/or are causing pupils to be distracted from their learning.

Cleaner Required

A vacancy for a cleaner has become available within the school. The hours are 9 ¼ hours per week (3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Wednesday; 3.30pm – 5.15pm Thursday; 3.30pm – 5.00pm Friday), Grade 1 pt3 £12.45 per hour. We would be grateful if you could pass on the information to anyone who may be interested. For more information, please contact the school office. Closing date Wednesday 9th July.

Lunchtime Supervisor Required

A vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor has become available within the school. The hours are 7.5 hours per week (11.45pm – 1.15pm Monday to Friday), Grade 1 pt3 £12.45 per hour. We would be grateful if you could pass on the information to anyone who may be interested. For more information, please contact the school office. Closing date Wednesday 9th July.

Wolsingham Show 2025

Arts & Crafts – Saturday September 6th

Horticultural – Sunday September 7th

Your child should have come home with the advanced juvenile schedule for both the **Arts & Crafts** and **Horticultural** sections of the show. Hopefully this gives you plenty of time to decide what to enter and collect any materials you may need. The full schedule for adults and juveniles is available on the show website. Children who attend Wolsingham Primary School will be entitled to a Free Entrance Wristband for the Saturday of the show. If your child enters either Arts & Crafts or Horticulture, then the adult bringing them can purchase up to 2 tickets for £7 per person (to be ordered when returning entry form). Please note that the First Aid charge is per family / per section. More information regarding Family Ticket packages can be found at www.wolsinghamshow.co.uk

Dates for your diary...

Reception 2025 Stay and Play Session	Tuesday 8 th July 9.30am
Year 6 Transition – Wolsingham School	Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 9 th July
EYFS Sports Day	Thursday 10 th July 10.30am
Year 6 Transition – St. John's and Teesdale	Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th July
Class 1 Pirate Day	Friday 11 th July
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 11 th July 10.30am
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 11 th July 1.30pm
Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood	Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th July
End of Year Celebration Assembly	Friday 18 th July 10.30am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 18 th July 2pm
School Closes	Friday 18 th July
School Reopens	Wednesday 3 rd September

S. Kitching

Headteacher

School Holiday and Term Dates 2025/26

Holiday	Closing Date	School Opens
Summer Break	Friday 18 th July 2025	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 24 th October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025
PD Day	Thursday 27 th November 2025	Monday 1 st December 2025
Christmas Break	Friday 19 th December 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring Half-Term	Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Easter Break	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Summer Half-Term	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer Break	Friday 17 th July 2026	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Scarlett
Class 2 – Phoebe
Class 3 – James
Class 4 – Edward
Class 5 – Ding Hao
Class 6 –

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Florence
Class 2 – Aoife
Class 3 – Alfie
Class 4 – Finlay
Class 5 – Calum
Class 6 –

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Ted
Class 4 – Maverick
Class 5 – Calum
Class 6 – Bentley

Shed Score League

1st – Class 4 – 77,042,936
2nd – Class 5 – 65,513,008
3rd – Class 6 – 43,136,856
4th – Class 3 – 15,955,951

Highest Earners

1st – Maverick Year 4
2nd – Finlay Year 4
3rd – Oliver Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Charlotte Year 4
2nd – Joe Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – Charlie Year 1
2nd – Cole Year 1
3rd – George Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Freya S Year 2
2nd – Logan Year 2
3rd – Amelia Year 1