



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **97.8%**. Well done to Class 2 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	92.78%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	98.95%
Class 4	96.77%
Class 5	97.67%
Class 6	96.54%

Our School Values

This term our assemblies have begun by looking at each of our School Values. We have already talked about Respect, Friendship and Equality and this week we talked about Courage. The children learned that courage doesn't mean we never feel scared—it means we face our fears and try anyway. Together, we can all find the courage to soar!

Parking

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and should not be used to drop children off or pick children up from Breakfast Club and After School Club. We would also like to ask parents who park on Lydgate Lane to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children. We have been made aware that cars are being parked on both sides of the road leaving no space for cars to drive down Lydgate Lane. We would also like to ask that parents consider carefully whether their parking hinders parents and children walking safely to and from the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Birthday Treats

It is lovely that some of our parents like to send a treat into school for their child's class when it is their birthday, however as a school we must ensure that we carefully monitor this as we have children in school with severe allergies. Therefore, if you would like to send something into school, please ensure that it is bought from a shop with clear ingredients and preparation information detailed on the packaging. No items should contain nuts or traces of nuts. Individual cakes or small packets of sweets are easier for the class teacher to distribute and if whole cakes are sent in, then they should be cut into portions prior to being sent into school.

Halloween Disco

Children from Reception to Year 6 should have brought home a letter this week about the Halloween Discos taking place on Thursday 23rd October. The Reception & KS1 disco will take place from 3.45pm (children attending will stay at school supervised by the teacher until the disco starts) until 4.45pm (please collect children promptly from the main entrance) and the KS2 disco will take place from 5pm until 6pm. Tickets include the cost of a hotdog and drink and can be purchased by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter along with £3 per ticket in cash back to school.

Class 6 Assembly

Class 6's assembly will take place on **Wednesday 8th October at 10.30am**. Parents/carers of children in Class 6 are very welcome to join us for the assembly and afterwards for coffee. We'd love to see you there!

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 £12.85 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 01388527457. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th October.

Family Friday

Family Fridays are an opportunity for parents to come into school to learn and take part in activities alongside their child. The next Family Friday will take place on the morning of **Friday 17th October (9.30am – 10.30am)** and will give parents the opportunity to join their child to learn more about phonics and spelling in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Reading and Comprehension skills in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). As we have limited space when all of the children are in the class, we would be grateful if any interested parents could let us know of their intention to come along by completing the online form using the link below, so that we can think about how we would accommodate both children and adults in some of our classes. The deadline for registering your interest in attending is Friday 10th October. Please note these sessions are for adults only.

<https://forms.office.com/e/W8VrHyV6k9>

Reception 2026 Open Evening

Have you got a child who is due to start school in 2026? 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 12th November from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!



The following website provides useful information for parents and carers about children using mobile phones safely. Click on the following link to find **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>

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason. If your child is well enough to come school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let us know. For more information and support, please use the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice.

Dates for your diary...

Year 2 Kurling and Boccia Festival	Monday 6 th October
Class 6 Assembly	Wednesday 8 th October 10.30am
Cauliflower Card Deadline	Friday 10 th October
Family Friday	Friday 17 th October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 22 nd October 2pm
Halloween Dress Up Day	Thursday 23 rd October
Reception & KS1 Halloween Disco	Thursday 23 rd October 3.45pm – 4.45pm
KS2 Halloween Disco	Thursday 23 rd October 5pm – 6pm
School Closes	Friday 24 th October
School Opens	Monday 3 rd November

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 2 – Hallie
Class 3 – Reuben
Class 4 – Mollie
Class 5 – Matilda
Class 6 – Ding Hao

Class Dojo VIP

Class 2 – Olivia
Class 3 – Holly
Class 4 – Joshua
Class 5 – Ruby H.
Class 6 – Ella

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Holly
Class 4 – Joshua
Class 5 – Matilda
Class 6 – Zac

Shed Score League

1st – Class 5 – 55,817,028
2nd – Class 4 – 31,800,892
3rd – Class 6 – 29,317,103
4th – Class 3 – 10,556,580

Highest Earners

1st – Joshua – Year 3
2nd – Arthur – Year 3
3rd – Zac – Year 5

Most Improved

1st – Alexandra – Year 6
2nd – Willow – Year 5
3rd – Ruby Year 5
& Caroline Year 4

Highest Earners

1st – George – Year 2
2nd – Frankie – Year 1
3rd – Molly – Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Olivia – Year 1
2nd – Lucia – Year 1
3rd – Leo – Year 1