



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **98.0%**. Well done to Class 2 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	90.0%
Class 2	100.0%
Class 3	99.47%
Class 4	96.77%
Class 5	98.33%
Class 6	98.46%

Our School Values

This term our assemblies have begun by looking at each of our School Values. We have already talked about Respect, Friendship, Equality, Courage, Determination and this week we talked about Aspiration. The children learned that aspirations are our hopes and dreams of achieving something – if we have clear aspirations, it can help us to achieve our goal.



Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will take place at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's Church on Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm. The children will be singing some lovely harvest songs and our team captains will be performing some readings and poems. Parents and friends are welcome to join us. Once again this year, we would like to support the local foodbank, however this year we would also like to try to create our own domino rally out of boxes of cereal! Therefore, we would be grateful if children could bring a donation of a box of cereal into school on Wednesday 22nd October.

Halloween Dress Up Day

Thursday 23rd 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! Please ensure that your child has a coat in school and suitable footwear for playing outside.

Bikes in the Bike Shed

We have noticed that we have quite a few new and sometimes expensive bikes being stored in our bike shed on a daily basis. We would like to remind parents that our bike shed is not locked during the day and children who leave bikes in the bike shed do so at their own risk. We accept no responsibility for bikes or scooters being stolen or damaged whilst on school property.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations for Reception to Year 6 will take place from **Monday 10th** and **Tuesday 11th November**. 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.

Key Stage 1 Multi-skills Festival

On Tuesday 4th 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!

Family Friday

Thank you to those parents who joined us for Family Friday today. We hope that you enjoyed joining your child's class to find out more about phonics and spelling in Key Stage 1 and reading skills in Key Stage 2. It was lovely to see the number of parents joining us increase and to talk to you afterwards about what you found interesting.

Absence

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that if at all possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. However, if your child does have a medical appointment in school hours a copy of the appointment message or letter should be sent to the school office prior to the appointment.

We would also like to bring to parents' attention that we are aware of children being reported as unwell when in fact they are on holiday or having the day or afternoon off school to do something else instead. We would ask parents to be honest with us as this often puts children in a very difficult position when they feel they are not able to tell the truth which results in them telling members of staff anyway or telling their friends who are quick to let us know where they are. Medical evidence will be requested for illness reported immediately prior to or following a planned term time leave of absence. Not only do we believe that it is important that children are not missing their education, but we have a safeguarding responsibility to know where the children are.

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!



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>

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...

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
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 3 rd – Thursday 6 th November
Key Stage 1 Superhero Multi-skills	Tuesday 4 th November
Book Fair	Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th November
Parent Teacher Consultations	Mon 10 th Nov and Tues 11 th Nov
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Mon 10 th Nov and Thurs 13 th Nov
Year 5 Bikeability	Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th November
Class 5 Assembly	Wednesday 19 th November 10.30am
School Closes	Thursday 27 th November
School Opens	Monday 1 st December
EYFS Pantomime Visit	Thursday 4 th December

Family Friday	Friday 5 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 5 th December
EYFS Christmas Nativity – Born in Bethlehem	Tuesday 9 th December 10.30am
KS1 Christmas Production – Christmas with the Aliens	Wednesday 10 th December 2.30pm and 5pm
KS2 Christmas Production – Children of the World	Thursday 11 th December 2.30pm and 5.30pm
Christmas Fair	Friday 12 th December 3.45pm – 5.30pm
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 16 th December
EYFS Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 th December am
Key Stage 1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 th December pm
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	Thursday 18 th December am
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party	Thursday 18 th December pm
School Closes	Friday 19 th December
School Opens	Monday 5 th January

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 2 – Molly
Class 3 – Aoife
Class 4 – Freya
Class 5 – Charley
Class 6 – Rafe

Class Dojo VIP

Class 2 – Scarlett
Class 3 – Amelia
Class 4 – Tom CW
Class 5 – Sophia
Class 6 – Olivia

Top Spellers

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

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 104,072,491
2nd – Class 4 – 42,516,149
3rd – Class 5 – 38,352,362
4th – Class 3 – 11,731,875

Highest Earners

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

Most Improved

1st – Willow – Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – George – Year 2
2nd – Harley – Year 2
3rd – Lucia – Year 1

Highest Accuracy

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