



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **97.4%**. Well done to Class 4 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	92.78%
Class 2	96.47%
Class 3	95.79%
Class 4	98.06%
Class 5	94.67%
Class 6	91.85%

Resilience

In our whole school assembly this week, we talked about resilience, how it is important to keep going when something happens, find a way to sort out a problem and to be able to bounce back, not letting the little things upset us or stop us from moving on. In school we believe that resilience is so important and that as adults it is important that we don't move all of the obstacles in life out of the way for children. It is so important that they learn to deal with and solve problems themselves so that they can grow into resilient adults.

Class 5 Assembly

A huge well done to Class 5 who are also our Pride Not Prejudice action group and presented their assembly on the topic of anti-bullying and the power for good. They reminded us and our visitors that bullying is the **intentional, repeated**, and aggressive behaviour that causes harm, distress, or fear to another person **over time** and that we should all try to be upstanders. A big thank you to all those who came along to support the children.

Adam Bushnell

A huge thank you to Adam Bushnell, who delivered a fantastic workshop for Class 5 this morning, linked to their work on the *Titanium* music video. The children created their own storyboards based on imagined supernatural events around the school, each connected to a unique superpower. These ideas will now inspire their independent writing next week, as they develop their own suspense stories. It was a truly inspiring session. This afternoon, the children in Class 4 were thrilled to welcome author Adam Bushnell into class for a creative storytelling workshop. Building on their work on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the pupils planned their own tales about stepping through a magical portal into another world. In their imagined lands, they discovered mysterious castles and encountered powerful wizards and witches, letting their imaginations run wild. A highlight of the session was a visit from Jet the tortoise, who happily wandered around the classroom and inspired the children to use rich adjectives in their descriptions. The excitement reached new heights when pupils had the chance to gently hold Jet at the end of the workshop. To bring their ideas to life even further, the children used AI tools to explore a 360-degree view of an imaginary landscape - complete with strawberry rain and dinosaurs roaming the mountains. It was a wonderfully inspiring afternoon that sparked creativity, curiosity, and lots of enthusiastic writing.

KS1 Railway Visit

Our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Weardale Railway on Friday afternoon, to celebrate the railway's 200-year anniversary. The pupils were thrilled to ride the historic train and spent the journey eagerly spotting wildlife, and features of the landscape through the windows.

Reminder – School will be closed to pupils on Friday 28th November.

Just a reminder to parents that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 28th November as there is a professional development day for staff. The school will be open to children again on Monday 1st December.



Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have responded to our parental questionnaire the feedback is very useful. We will leave this item on the newsletter for another couple of weeks in case anyone still wishes to take part. [Parental Questionnaire 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Communication via Apps

Following our last Ofsted and the feedback we received from parents about communication, as a school we considered the use of apps such as Class Dojo to share with parents what their child was doing in school on a daily basis as suggested by parents in our follow up questionnaire. As a staff and Governing Board, we discussed this at length and in particular the impact of introducing such an app on the time it would take away from teaching the children, which is our primary aim, and staff workload. We share what the children are learning and doing in school as much as possible via our Parent Curriculum Overviews, our weekly newsletter, Arbor, Facebook and via the class pages of our website.

Family Friday

Family Fridays (Y1 – Y6) are an opportunity for parents to come into school to learn and take part in activities alongside their child. Following feedback from those who have joined us for a Family Friday, we decided that we would have a mixture of learning and activities. The next Family Friday will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 5th December (2.15pm – 3.15pm)** and will give parents the opportunity to take part in a Christmas craft with their child. Nursery and Reception parents have an opportunity to join their child in school for our EYFS Christmas Craft sessions and should have already received a communication about this via email and already signed up to a session. 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 28th November. Please note these sessions are for adults only.

[Family Friday Event - Friday 5th December – Fill in form](#)

Wolsingham Churches Together 2025 – Christmas Trail

A message from Francine to... Red, Yellow, Blue and Green House Teams...your team needs your support!



Next week pupils will be bringing home their Christmas Trail leaflet, so why not take part in the Christmas Trail which will be a team event at Wolsingham Primary School. Every child who completes the trail and returns their sheet to school will earn their team 10 points and every child who gets all of the answers correct will earn their team 50 points. Which team will be this year's Christmas Trail Event Champions? Good luck!!



Parental Controls

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers about parental controls and using them to limit children's access to inappropriate content on the internet, on apps and on games consoles. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Dates for your diary...

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
Nursery Christmas Craft Sessions with parents	Thursday 11 th December
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
Reception Christmas Craft Session with parents	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

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Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Olivia
Class 2 – Lucy
Class 3 – Tamzin
Class 4 – Macey
Class 5 – Jaxsyn
Class 6 – Joe

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Teddy
Class 2 – Theo
Class 3 – Charlie
Class 4 – Izak
Class 5 – Summer
Class 6 – Calum

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Holly
Class 4 – Ted
Class 5 – Maverick
Class 6 – Olivia

Shed Score League

1st – Class 5 – 87,167,142
2nd – Class 4 – 28,304,748
3rd – Class 6 – 15,463,615
4th – Class 3 – 8,375,967

Highest Earners

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

Most Improved

1st – Beau – Year 5
2nd – Frankie – Year 4
3rd – Laurence – Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – Lucy – Year 1
2nd – Aoife – Year 2
3rd – Albie – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

1st – Alannah Year 2
2nd – Amelia – Year 2
3rd – Orla – Year 2