



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! A huge well done and thank you to the **102 children** who didn't miss a day of school this half term!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	96.11%
Class 2	100.0%
Class 3	98.4%
Class 4	98.57%
Class 5	96.67%
Class 6	97.69%



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all of your harvest donations (our domino rally was a success! Have a look on Facebook for the video) and those who came along to join us in our harvest celebration at the church – we hope that you enjoyed it. The children did a wonderful job with their singing, our team captains read very well and a song from the school choir was a lovely way to draw it to a close. To walk there and back our older children buddied up with one of our younger children and it was lovely to see them all enjoying their conversations and getting to know each other.

Halloween Discos

Thank you to all of the children who came along to our Halloween discos yesterday. We hope that they enjoyed it and had lots of fun. A big thank you to Mrs Dakers, Mrs Parsons and Friends of the School for organising them and to the teachers for staying to help out.

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!

Team Event

The children spent a great morning completing their house team challenge for this half term. Each team was tasked with creating a display of work about the 200th Anniversary of the modern railway. There were some super elements including model trains and train tracks, videos of poetry, a Chatterpix account from Robert Louis Stephenson, drawings and newspaper articles. Judging was extremely difficult and the results were as follows:

1 st	Green Team and Yellow Team
2 nd	Blue Team
3 rd	Red Team

As so much hard work went into this event, we decided to offer additional team points to individual children who produced excellent elements for their team's display and to those children who made a significant contribution which will be announced and team points awarded next half term. This meant that our overall house team winners this half term were the **Green Team!**



Bulb Planting

Class 3 were delighted to take part in a special community project to celebrate 200 years of the railway in Weardale. The children rolled up their sleeves and planted 200 bulbs to mark this historic occasion. Working together, they learned about the railway's importance to our local area and how planting helps make our environment more beautiful. Everyone is excited to see the flowers bloom in spring as a colourful reminder of this milestone year!

Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the **139** 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



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 9th 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 3rd 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 5th November. Parents and carers are welcome to come along with their children at the following times:

Book Fayre Opening Times	
Wed 5 th Nov – Fri 7 th Nov	8.30am – 9.00am
	3.30pm – 4pm

Year 6 Bikeability

Just a reminder that Bikeability for Year 6 children starts on Monday 3rd November. Children will need to bring their bikes to school each day and park them against the walls either side of the entrance to the school from the playground. Please do not put them in the bike shed as this delays the start of the sessions. Children will also need a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will be outside for the duration of the morning. Children must also have a cycling helmet to take part.

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!

Applying for a school place for next year

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for application for secondary school places is **31st October 2025** (secondary). Find out more: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.



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>

Cleaner Still 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 or via email at wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net

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.

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...

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 – Finn
- Class 3 – Alice
- Class 4 – Sophie
- Class 5 – Edward
- Class 6 – Lily-Rose

Class Dojo VIP

- Class 2 – Molly
- Class 3 – Alannah
- Class 4 – Ted
- Class 5 – Frankie
- Class 6 – William W

Top Spellers

- Class 3 – Holly
- Class 4 – Ted
- Class 5 – Matilda
- Class 6 – Olivia

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 5 – 115,589,175
- 2nd – Class 6 – 106,837,673
- 3rd – Class 4 – 33,471,940
- 4th – Class 3 – 21,274,921

Highest Earners

- 1st – Arthur – Year 3
- 2nd – Harris – Year 3
- 3rd – James – Year 3

Most Improved

- 1st – Willow – Year 5

Highest Earners

- 1st – George – Year 2
- 2nd – Holly – Year 2
- 3rd – Alannah – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Hallie – Year 1
- 2nd – Olivia – Year 1
- 3rd – Alannah – Year 1