



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **96.5%**. Well done to Class 6 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	92.11%
Class 2	97.78%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	96.77%
Class 5	95.0%
Class 6	99.63%

Y5/6 Athletics Finals

Some of our Year 5/6 Athletics team made it through to the county finals which took place earlier this week at the Riverside Stadium in Chester-le-Street. The competed in the howler throw and shot putt events. Our finalists all did a brilliant job at representing our school. A massive well done and congratulations has to go to Charlotte who won gold!

EYFS Visit to Butterfly World

On Tuesday EYFS had a fantastic time on their trip to Butterfly World and Preston Park. They got to hold a caterpillar and a chrysalis and saw lots of butterflies flying around. They saw the huge fish in the pond and got to feed them and some of the children noticed the birds hiding among the plants. They also saw a lizard, some meerkats and got to touch a snake's skin. After lunch they thoroughly enjoyed playing the park. The sun was shining and they all enjoyed exploring the different play things. Everyone had a great time and there were lots of things to do.



Aspire To Be – Careers Week

This week, we celebrated our Aspire to Be Careers Week, encouraging children to think about their future aspirations and the many exciting careers available to them. The week began with an assembly on aspiration, and children explored careers that help the environment through a display featuring roles such as environmental scientists and wildlife rangers. Class 4 took part in a STEM engineering challenge, designing and building paper bridges, while Class 6 stepped into the role of architects to redesign their classroom. Classes also enjoyed reading autobiographies of people with inspiring careers. A highlight of the week was welcoming parents who shared their experiences as a nurse, a midwife and a paramedic. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to them for giving their time to inspire our children and answer their thoughtful questions. Throughout the week, children reflected on their own interests, strengths and ambitions, thinking about what they might aspire to be in the future.

Key Stage 1 Visit to Locomotion

The KS1 children had a fantastic day exploring the fascinating Locomotion this week. During their visit, they discovered lots of different types of trains from throughout history and learned about how rail travel has changed over the years. They also found out that the word *locomotion* means the ability to move or travel from one place to another, helping them understand why trains played such an important role in transporting people and goods including why the seaside became so popular in the Victorian era. One of the highlights of the day was climbing aboard a real steam engine, where they were given a guided tour. They learned where the coal and water were stored before a journey began and discovered how a steam engine works. It was an exciting and memorable day full of hands-on learning, curiosity and discovery, bringing their learning about transport to life!



School Council Sponsored Events – Messy Fun Run

Well done to the School Council who along with Miss Stoker, organised a Messy Fun Run to raise money for their chosen charity this year. Hopefully, all of the children had a great time getting sprayed with water pistol and hose pipes whilst completing their run and making their way through the obstacles before sliding along on the slip and slide. A huge thank you to all those who have already paid their sponsor money. If it can be collected and paid in by Friday 10th July please, we will let you know the grant total in next week's newsletter.

Sports Days

Just a reminder that our EYFS Sports Day is due to take place (weather permitting) on Thursday 9th 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 10th 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 10th 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 but not scorching days!

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 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.

Dates for your diary...

Reception 2026 Stay and Play Session – Group A and B	Tuesday 7 th July - 9.30am
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 8 th July
Year 6 Visit to Lightwater Valley	Thursday 9 th July
Year 4/5 Visit to Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art	Thursday 9 th July
EYFS Sports Day	Thursday 9 th July – 10.30am
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 10 th July – 10.30am
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 10 th July – 1.30pm
Y5/6 Residential Visit to Robinwood	Mon 13 th July – Wed 15 th July
KS2 Ultimate Frisbee	Wednesday 15 th July
End of Year Celebration Assembly	Friday 17 th July – 10am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 17 th July – 2.30pm
School Closes	Friday 17 th July
School Re-opens	Wednesday 2 nd September

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Lucas+Paul
Class 2 – Eli
Class 3 – Alice
Class 4 – Mia
Class 5 – Ruby H
Class 6 – Ella

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Hudson C
Class 2 – George
Class 3 – Cole
Class 4 – Arthur
Class 5 – Willow
Class 6 – Olivia

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Jessica
Class 4 – Freya H
Class 5 – Maverick
Class 6 – Olivia

Shed Score League

1st – Class 5 – 88,674,926
2nd – Class 6 – 74,821,357
3rd – Class 4 – 43,329,846
4th – Class 3 – 12,763,735

Highest Earners

1st – Woody – Year 3
2nd – Olivia – Year 6
3rd – Daniel – Year 5

Most Improved

1st – Mollie – Year 4
2nd – Woody – Year 5
3rd – Olivia & Rafe – Year 6

Highest Earners

1st – Phoebe – Year 2
2nd – George – Year 1
3rd – Jessica – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

1st – Olivia & Lucy - Year 1,
Evie – Year 2
2nd – Greyson – Year 1
3rd – George - Year 1