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Our average attendance so far this year is **97.4%**. Well done to Class 3 who are our *Awesome Attenders* this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	98%
Class 2	97.89%
Class 3	98.33%
Class 4	95.86%
Class 5	97.67%
Class 6	98.32%

Many thanks to Tow Law Pharmacy for kindly operating a pop-up flu vaccination clinic for staff today.

A huge thank you to all those Reception parents who came along to our information meeting about Read Write Inc. These first steps into learning to read are extremely important for children to become 'readers' as quickly as possible and we need your help to support them with this. We hope that you found the session useful and know how to support your child at home with their first steps into reading. Thank you for your support.

On Thursday 1st October Mrs Dakers will be holding an information meeting for Reception parents. The purpose of this meeting is to explain how maths is taught in Reception class so parents know how to support their child with developing key skills in maths that will help them throughout their time in primary school. We hope to see you there.

Wolsingham Parish Church invite you to come and join them to give thanks for the harvest and the seasons on **Sunday, October 4th at 4pm** followed by coffee/tea/ juice etc. This will be a short family, friendly service of music, harvest hymns and story led by Francine & Carole. Come and find out what happens to the scarecrow who has a head full of straw and cheerful thoughts. If you want you can bring a picture of a scarecrow for us to see. The retiring collection (cash or card) after the service will be in aid of the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Our children in Key Stage 1 are provided with free fruit for snack at breaktime. As children move into Key Stage 2, they no longer receive free fruit. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that snacks children bring to school to eat at breaktime should be healthy and should consist of fruit, plain biscuits, a cereal bar (not containing nuts or chocolate) or crackers. Crisps, sweets and chocolate are not considered as healthy snacks and children will be asked to put them back in their bags to take home.



The following website provides useful information for parents and carers about children using mobile phones safely. Click on the following link to find out more: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the school office and we will arrange an informal chat about the role with some of our current Governors so that you can find out more about the role and what it involves. Nomination forms will be attached to the school newsletter email in a few weeks.

Cleaner Required

Another 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

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...

Class 5 Visit to Vindolanda	Tuesday 29 th September
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 1 st October
Early Maths Workshop for Reception Parents	Thursday 1 st October – 5pm
Class 6 Assembly – Class 6 Parents Welcome	Wednesday 14 th October 10.30am
KS1 Kurling and Boccia Intra-school Festival	Wednesday 14 th October
School Closes	Friday 23 rd October
School Opens	Monday 2 nd November

S. Kitching

Headteacher

School Holiday and Term Dates 2026/27

Holiday	Closing Date	School Opens
Summer Break	Friday 17 th July 2026	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Christmas Break	Friday 18 th December 2026	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Spring Half-Term	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Easter Break	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day	Friday 30 th April 2027	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Summer Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer Break	Friday 16 th July 2027	TBC

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Chester
Class 2 – Tienna
Class 3 – Molly
Class 4 – Holly
Class 5 – Freya
Class 6 – Charlie



Top Spellers

Class 3 – George
Class 4 – Jessica
Class 5 – Sophia
Class 6 – Lincoln

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 130,325,411
2nd – Class 5 – 69,069,316
3rd – Class 4 – 22,438,934
4th – Class 3 – 15,649,010

Highest Earners

1st – Aoife – Year 3
2nd – Joshua – Year 4
3rd – Finlay – Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Freya S – Year 4

Highest Earners

1st – George – Year 2
2nd – Hallie – Year 2
3rd – Arthur – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

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