



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **97.2%**. Well done to Class 5 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	93.2%
Class 2	97.89%
Class 3	91.67%
Class 4	95.86%
Class 5	99.67%
Class 6	98.24%



Class 5 Visit to Vindolanda

Class 5 visited Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum as part of their history work on Roman Britain. They enjoyed exploring the ruins of the town and the fort and learnt lots about the Roman soldiers lived. They saw lots of interesting artefacts that archaeologists have discovered at the site over the years, including shoes, tools, boxing gloves and coins. At the Roman Army museum, they had a lesson from a holographic teacher in the Roman classroom, where they learnt to speak some Latin phrases and used Roman numerals. They explored the museum

learning about the different roles in the army, the weapons they used and what they wore. Everyone had a go on the interactive bow and arrow to see if they would be strong enough to be an archer. They watched a film that illustrated how tough it would have been for the soldiers living on Hadrian's Wall nearly 2000 years ago.

Reception 2027 Open Evening

Have you got a child who is due to start school in 2027? 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 4th November from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!

Class 6 Assembly

Class 6's assembly will take place on **Wednesday 14th October at 10.30am**. Parents/carers of children in Class 6 are very welcome to join us for the assembly and afterwards for coffee. We'd love to see you there!



Cauliflower Cards

Friends of the School are taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas Project fundraising event again this year. The children have been busy creating their Christmas card designs which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper

and mugs. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the mugs are great for gifts! Their designs will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and all of the instructions to order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs etc. are on the piece of paper that comes along with your child's design. If you would like to place an order, please make sure that you have ordered your cards online before returning the design back to the class teacher by **Tuesday 20th October**. Thank you.

Early Maths Meeting for Reception Parents

A huge thank you to all those Reception parents who came along to our information meeting about Early Maths. These first steps into learning to read are extremely important for children to get the best foundations for their maths. We hope that you found the session useful and know how to support your child at home. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Just a reminder for parents using the wrap around care facilities about drop off and collection points. The gate on Lydgate Lane should be used for children coming onto the school grounds in the morning to be dropped off at the main entrance from the KS2 playground – the car park should not be used for dropping children off at breakfast club. Children should be collected from After School Club via the KS1 door onto the KS1 playground. Thank you.

Thanks for the Harvest Service

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.

Healthy Snacks

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.



Roblox

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers of children who use Roblox. The link provides a privacy and safety checklist for Roblox. <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). 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 6 Assembly – Class 6 Parents Welcome	Wednesday 14 th October 10.30am
KS1 Kurling and Boccia Intra-school Festival	Wednesday 14 th October
Cauliflower Card Deadline	Tuesday 20 th October
School Closes	Friday 23 rd October
School Opens	Monday 2 nd November
Reception 2027 Open Evening	Wednesday 4 th November 4.30pm – 5.30pm

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 – Logan
Class 2 – Reggie
Class 3 – Theo
Class 4 – Albie
Class 5 – Caroline
Class 6 – Georgia

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Phoebe
Class 2 – Hudson C
Class 3 – Lucy
Class 4 – Jessica
Class 5 – Cora
Class 6 – Finlay

Top Spellers

Class 3 – George
Class 4 – Jessica
Class 5 – Harris
Class 6 – Daniel

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 141,659,431
2nd – Class 5 – 62,216,317
3rd – Class 4 – 39,880,497
4th – Class 3 – 28,690,486

Highest Earners

1st – Jessica – Year 3
2nd – Aoife – Year 4
3rd – Phoebe – Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Cole – Year 3
2nd – Freya S – Year 4

Highest Earners

1st – Frankie – Year 2
2nd – Ellie – Year 2
3rd – Eli – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

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