



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Again, the children have been busy engaging in a wide range of exciting topics, working hard in their lessons, and participating in a range of events that showcase their enthusiasm and teamwork. We are also incredibly proud of their exemplary behaviour during several visits and events, representing our school values, demonstrating respect and kindness.

As the weather turns colder, we'd like to remind parents to ensure children come to school with warm coats, hats, and scarves etc. to stay comfortable during outdoor activities. With the changing conditions, we urge everyone to take extra care on their way to school, especially during frosty mornings or rainy days, to ensure a safe journey for all. (Please name all items of clothing.)

Kindest regards, **Mrs. S. Hawes**

### SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named below, in confidence.

**Mrs. S. Hawes** is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

**Mrs. J. Whitehill** and **Mrs S. Gunston** are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. **Mrs. V. Morrow** is the Safeguarding Governor.

### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>CLASS 2 &amp; 3 PERFORMANCE:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> December Doors open 1.30pm
<b>CLASS 2 &amp; 3 PERFORMANCE:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December Doors open 8.40am
<b>EARLY YEARS NATIVITY:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December Doors open 8.40am
<b>CAROLS AT TESCO:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>FESTIVE FUN DAY</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CAROLS ON THE GREEN:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm

Further detailed information will be sent nearer the time

**END OF TERM: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### CLASS TWO MAP SKILLS

Class 2 recently explored our picturesque village identifying physical and human features, using a map to guide them.



They carefully looked for symbols on the map to locate key landmarks and understand their surroundings.



### BIRTHDAY SWEET TREATS

We appreciate the kind gesture in wanting to bring sweet treats into school to share with classmates to celebrate birthdays. However, we are unable to accept any treats for sharing, due to dietary considerations and poverty proofing. Please save any treats for a gathering outside of school. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep everyone included.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11am, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day on the 11<sup>th</sup> month, school paused. Children and staff stopped what they were doing and duly respected the two-minute silence. Together we remembered and thanked those who had served, and are serving, in our Armed Forces. Children in Y5/6 visited St Peter's Church, and remembered the fallen service men at their gravesides. They then laid poppy crosses on the graves of Wolviston soldiers. Several children attended the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday, to watch Charlie and Everly carefully lay a poppy wreath on behalf of Wolviston Primary.

**Lest We Forget**



### WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that only water is sent in water bottles to school. If juice is brought, the bottle will be emptied and refilled with water.

This policy helps promote healthy habits and aligns with our school guidelines.

### SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please can all parents and carers supervise their children closely when dropping them off/picking them up.

We would appreciate your help in discouraging your child from running up and down the ramp, knocking on classroom and office windows.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are looking to expand our After School Club offer. Watch this space!

### DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

As much as I love dogs, I must remind all parents and carers that any animal must not be brought onto the school grounds, even if they are carried. This Trust Wide Policy helps us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for everyone.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all children celebrating their special day. We hope you have a lovely day with family and friends.



Class 1	Henry and William
Class 2	Louie
Class 3	Freddie, Elliot, Sienna, Aria, James and Reuben
Class 4	George, Robyn and Mila,

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 2024

Class 1 - YR	86.11%
Class 2 - Y1/2	84.33%
Class 3 - Y3/4	93.33%
Class 4 - Y5/6	91.67%
Whole School	91.50%

Attendance and punctuality are really important, children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential.

Once again our attendance is much lower than usual, this is due to several children having Chicken Pox and/or Gastroenteritis.

We monitor statutory attendance & categorise as follows:

Blue 100%      Green 96.1% - 99%  
Amber 93.1% - 96%      Red below 93%

## CLASS FOUR TRIP TO CAPTAIN COOK BIRTHPLACE

As part of their Explorers topic, Class 4 visited the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum in Middlesbrough.



The visit allowed them to demonstrate their knowledge of each of Captain Cook's voyages and explore artefacts linked to his life. The children took part in a workshop which explored how sustainable Cook's voyages were, taking into account the supplies they took and how their way of life compared to the way we live today.

At each point of their journey through the museum, the children were asked to consider if the way we live today or the way Captain Cook lived was more environmentally friendly.



**Captain Cook Birthplace Museum**

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note there will be **no** Night Owls session on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. **All children will need to be picked up at 4.10pm.**

**Late fines will apply**



## CLASS THREE TRIP TO HOPETOWN MUSEUM

Class 3 had a fantastic trip to Hopetown Museum in Darlington, where they explored fascinating exhibits about local railway history and engineering.



They took part in a learning walk around the museum where they learned lots about our local history. Children enjoyed the interactive activities and the Wagon Woods

We were so lucky to be the first members of the public to go on the Experiment Time Travel Ride - it was amazing!!!



**HOPETOWN**  
- DARLINGTON -

## FRIENDS OF WOLVISTON FESTIVE FUN DAY

Our amazing volunteers are busy preparing for all our upcoming events & festivities. Planning, sourcing raffle prizes and writing a christmas quiz, to keep parents busy while they wait for the productions to start.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for taking the time to attend your child's parent consultation meeting. It was a pleasure to share their progress with you and discuss the next steps in their learning journey.



Your support and involvement play such an important role in their growth, and we are grateful for your continued partnership. We look forward to working together to help your child reach their maximum potential; both socially and academically.

## PLAYGROUND SWING

Our new swing, purchased from our **24.4.24** fundraising event, is fully operational and managed by the 'Wolf Pack'. Children are thrilled and enjoying endless fun and excitement with this fantastic addition to our school site.



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Thanks to Niamh's Dad, Ian Dunn, and former parent Mr. McNicholas from the village, our light installation is now complete.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, your support showcases the amazing community spirit we're so lucky to have!

## WRAP AROUND CARE - STAFFING UPDATE

After many years of successfully leading After School Club, Miss Dodds has decided to step away from this role. From 1<sup>st</sup> December, Miss Hosie, who currently leads Breakfast Club with Mrs Henry, will extend her Wrap Around Care role. I would like to reassure parents and carers that both Miss Hosie and Mrs Henry hold relevant qualifications and have both completed all necessary training, including safeguarding, health and safety and food hygiene certificates.

On behalf of everyone, I'd like to pass on our huge thanks to Miss Dodds for all the care and support she has given to every child over the years. Miss Dodds is not leaving school, she will be continuing her TA role within school.



## CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

*The Christmas Chronicles*



**Please Note:** The movie chosen is rated PG, meaning parental guidance is suggested. While it is generally suitable for most children, it may contain some material that parents/carers may want to review beforehand.

## WELCOME TO WOLVISTON

We would like to warmly welcome Magnolia (Y3) and her family to Wolviston Primary School. We are excited to have you here and look forward to learning together. *Velkomst.*



## TUCK SHOP

We would like to thank all parents and carers who have so kindly and generously supported our tuck shop. Thanks to your contributions, we have raised £66.00 so far this year, which will be dedicated to supporting the orphanage in Myanmar. Donations will provide vital resources to help some of the most vulnerable children, making a real difference in their lives.



## YEAR 5/6 LEARNING TOGETHER SESSION

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended Class 4's Learning Together session. There was a variety of sewing skills on show and it was fantastic to see everyone working together so well.



Everyone was able to repair and decorate their T-shirt and it was a brilliant way for the children to end their Make Do and Mend topic.



## 'BULBS4KIDS' INITIATIVE

After registering for the [Bulbs4Kids](#) initiative, a fantastic program designed to inspire children to connect with nature by learning how to plant and care for flower bulbs, children across school have been busy in the school grounds. As they plant, nurture, and watch their flowers grow, children will learn about nature, patience, and the beauty of the plant lifecycle.



**Huge thanks** must go to our wonderful gardening volunteers, Maurice & Kenny who helped to prepare the ground for the planting activity. We look forward to seeing our garden come to life in the spring and to sharing more photos of the children's green-thumb efforts!



## MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check at home for any unreturned library books. If your child has any books that have not yet been returned, please send them back as soon as possible. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a well-stocked and organised library for all our children. Thank you!

## RESOURCES TO FURTHER SUPPORT BRITISH VALUES

We are pleased to share that a series of books has been purchased to support the teaching of British Values across the school. Each class has received 10 new books, focusing on the five key elements: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.



Thanks to the generous support of Friends of Wolviston, these resources are already being enjoyed by the children and making a positive impact.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY IN KS2 CLASSROOMS

Children in Y3-Y6 may have mentioned that two new interactive whiteboards have been installed in their KS2 classrooms. A larger screen has been added to the Y5/6 classroom to enhance learning in the larger space, and an additional screen is now available in the Y3/4 classroom to further support teaching and learning.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council members are really excited to announce our very own 'Bake Off' challenge, open to all children next month! Categories and further details will be shared soon. Please note, entries must be made by the children themselves, with minimal assistance from parents and carers. We can't wait to see the delicious creations!

