

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to share with you how hard the children have been working, showing great enthusiasm for learning. It's been wonderful to see them actively participating in a range of activities. We are so proud of their efforts and the positive attitudes they've displayed throughout the half-term.

With some help from Mrs Gunston, our School Council have kindly organised a Pumpkin Trail for the half term break. Children will bring home a letter detailing how to take part. We look forward to receiving completed trails on our return.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing everyone after the break.

Kindest regards, Mrs. S. Hawes



HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous and kind donations to support the great, and necessary work of our local Foodbank.



Wolviston Primary School donated 183.2kg of much needed supplies. Thank you! Joseph, Everly, Edward & Robyn were warmly welcomed by the foodbank staff and volunteers.



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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for secondary school Year 7 intake closes on **31st October '24.** Late applications will be considered after those received on time. Details can be found on SBC website



YR-Y6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

SAVE THE DATE

Face to Face Appointment	Telephone Call
Tuesday 12 th November	Wednesday 13 th November

Staff look forward to celebrating the success of your child's learning journey, sharing ways in which you can further support and answering any questions.

Alliance Psychology will be in attendance on 12th November to offer advice and support regarding family mental health.

A letter, detailing how to book an appointment, will be sent out to parents and carers when we return after the break. For further information please follow this link.

EARLY YEARS - LEARNING TOGETHER

Early Years children welcomed their parents and carers into school for a spook-tastic Learning Together Workshop. There were lots of exciting Halloween themed activities to try and a spooky Maths trail outside too. Everyone had lots of fun- thank you for coming and allowing the children to share their learning with you.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Children throughout school made a very special effort and came back to school dressed in some weird and wonderful costumes for the annual Halloween Disco. Huge thanks must go to Friends of Wolviston and all the staff for organising such a wonderful event.





GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our girls football team who competed against other local schools. It was great to see them playing with such passion and enthusiasm.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Georgia
Daniel, Elisa
Ezmaé, Sofi
Willow
Anna, Ellie,

JEWELLERY

On the grounds of Health and Safety we do **not** allow children to wear items of jewellery in school. This includes earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets.

Children who inadvertently wear jewellery will be asked to remove it and give it to their teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

Watches may be worn by children in Key Stage 2.



ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents, and carers continue to work together to teach children about online dangers.

Governors and school leaders have shown their commitment to protecting and safeguarding your children by teaching them how to act safely when using the internet.

Through our subscription to National College and National Online Safety, we are able to offer all parents and carers **free** access to a range of resources which include short courses, online videos and weekly guides covering a range of topics.

We encourage all parents and carers to follow the link below to access helpful information.



National Online Safety

You can access National Online Safety via any device. To download the app, please go to: <u>Apple</u> or <u>Android</u>.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Class 2 attended a multi-sports festival at Durham Uni' Queens Campus.



CLASS TWO - TRIP TO BEAMISH

As part of our "School Day" topic, Class 2 visited Beamish Museum, and we are thrilled to share that the children had a wonderful time! They stepped back in time to experience what

school life was like in the past, taking part in activities that helped them understand how education has changed over time. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, engaging with hands-on

exhibits, role-playing in a traditional classroom setting, and exploring the museum's rich history. It was a fantastic learning experience, and they came away with lots of new knowledge and memories.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 2024

Class 1 - YR	95.97%
Class 2 - Y1/2	95.60%
Class 3 - Y3/4	94.66%
Class 4 - Y5/6	96.47%
Whole School	95.74%

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

Our attendance is lower than usual this month due to several cases of **Chicken Pox** and **Gastroenteritis**.

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows: Blue 100% Green 96.1% - 99% Amber 93.1% - 96% Red below 93%

TERM DATES

Half Term Holiday: 28th Oct' – 1st November '24

> SCHOOL REOPENS Monday 4th November



Y6 SATS MEETING

This year Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) for Y6 children will take place 12th - 15th May 2025 Children must not be absent

during SATs week. A meeting has been held for Y6 parents and carers to share information regarding the SATS assessment process. We hope we were able to provide reassurance, as we shared examples of SATs papers and explained the mark scheme.

Well done to Everly who finished in $28^{\rm th}$ place in the Tees Valley cross country finals.