

Dear Parents and Carers,

This month our thoughts turned to those whose lives have been devastated, due to war. Through assemblies and in class discussion we have supported our children to understand what is happening in Ukraine, and the impact that war can have on families. Our focus has been how we can help and, not surprisingly, our children have shown great maturity and compassion. The generosity of our small school community is second to none as we have been inundated with so many requested items. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Your kind donations are already on their way to those who are suffering and have made their way to Poland. Amongst the items we have placed anonymous notes, poems and pictures, all written and drawn by our children. We thought by doing so, we could share and pass on our heartfelt Wolviston spirit.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Wong (Archie's Mum) and Mrs Baker (George, Stanley, and Beatrice's Mum) who have helped us to organise this campaign.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those who are affected by the devastating situation in Ukraine.



Mrs Hawes.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Class 1: Niamh

Class 2: Rose

Class 4: Luca, Isaac, Max and William



ABSENCE

Sadly, numerous children have been quite poorly over the last few weeks, many having to be sent home from school.

This has included those who have tested positive for COVID-19, some without symptoms. Unfortunately, due to GDPR, we are prevented from telling parents and carers which children are affected. We appreciate that this is not ideal, especially when Covid safety measures have relaxed, and many regulations have ended. You can read the latest guidance here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance)

Chicken Pox, Scarlett Fever, sickness and headaches have also been reported. We wish all our children a very speedy recovery and recommend that parents let each other know.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022-2023

I am pleased to share term dates for next academic year. **Please Note: School is open for all users on 1st Sept '22**

Autumn Term 2022		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Thursday 1 Sep' 2022	Friday 21 Oct' 2022
Half term holiday	Monday 24 Oct' 2022	Friday 28 Oct' 2022
Second half term	Tuesday 1 Nov' 2022	Tuesday 20 Dec' 2022
Christmas holidays	Wednesday 21 Dec' 2022	Tuesday 3 Jan' 2023
Spring Term 2023		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Wednesday 4 Jan 2023	Thursday 16 Feb 2023
Half term holiday	Monday 20 Feb 2023	Friday 24 Feb 2023
Second half term	Monday 27 Feb 2023	Friday 31 Mar 2023
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 Apr 2023	Friday 14 Apr 2023
Summer Term 2023		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Monday 17 April 2023	Thursday 25 May 2023
Half term holiday	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
Second half term	Monday 5 June 2023	Thursday 20 July 2023
Summer holidays	Friday 21 July 2023	Friday 1 Sept 2023

Professional Development (PD)

At Wolviston Primary School, staff and governors are committed to continuous professional development. We keep ourselves up to date through courses and independent study. As reflective practitioners, staff deliver first quality teaching and help to raise standards of achievement for all children.

Our chosen PD DAYS for 2022-23 are:

Friday 30th September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 17th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

School will be closed to children on these dates

IMPORTANT NOTICE: BREAKFAST CLUB

After our Easter break, Monday 25th April, the drop off arrangements for Breakfast Club will be changing.

After Easter there will be an important change to the Breakfast Club drop off procedure. From Mon 25th April, please can I ask that all children attending Breakfast Club are escorted to the Nursery/Hall door so that they can be formally registered by Mrs Duffy or Mrs Henry. The main gate will be unlocked and opened at 7.40am, then locked again at 8.10am, allowing a thirty-minute entry period.

All children **must** be registered at the hall door and arrive before 8.10am from this date please. Unfortunately, any child arriving after this time, when the gate is locked, will not be able to enter through the main school door and therefore will not be able to access Breakfast Club. Your child's safety is paramount. We hope you understand that these changes are necessary to ensure registration.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

If you would like to learn more about our fully inclusive Wrap Around Care provision, please speak to Mrs Robinson

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Netball Team who recently took part in the Stockton Schools Sports Partnership tournament, the girls played magnificently, demonstrating great team work, winning every match played, the girls are through to the finals! Well Done. We are all very proud of you!!



STAFFING

After working at Wolviston Primary for 8 years, Mr Carter, the school caretaker, has made the tough decision to leave our wonderful school so he can work closer to home.



I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new caretaker; **Mr Hope**. Mr Hope attended Wolviston Primary as a child and has very fond memories of the school. Mr Hope has already been busy, sharing ideas and improving the site. This includes moving the bike shed, removing unsafe fencing and tidying old flower beds. **Welcome (back) to Wolviston Mr Hope!**

Reading is the
Key to Success



Learning to read is prioritised at Wolviston Primary School. Through recent fundraising events, we have been able to supplement our chosen scheme with extra home reading books and extra classroom resources. Thank you for your generosity and continuous support for our small school, it is very much appreciated and helps to make a real difference.

VISIT FROM THE TEES VALLEY MAYOR

We were very pleased to welcome Tees Valley Mayor, Ben Houchen into school this month. Despite a very busy schedule, Ben spent quality time visiting each class and speaking to children across school. During his walk round, children were (as usual) fully engaged in purposeful learning activities; from scientific enquiry to performing their own poetry compositions. Ben was suitably impressed by the children's impeccable behaviour. After his tour around school, Ben was very keen to hear of our experience during, and after, the Covid-19 pandemic. Learning of our effective parent partnerships, Ben agreed that the community spirit here in Wolviston is tangible and very special. We look forward to keeping in touch with Ben, and his team who have linked us with local industries who will support our work with future employment opportunities.



Ben Houchen

<https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/mayor/>

COMMUNITY LINKS

Wolviston Cricket Club have been in touch. They are running a couple of courses between 11th May - 29th June, 5-6pm.

Allstars Link - 5 - 8 yr olds:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/1885c6f8-e12c-4ad3-9aa6-3fd08fe137ca>

Dynamos Link - 8 - 11 yr olds:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/a626c39e-fe2d-401e-881a-a9b44054df04>



Need more information?

Tel: **07722509268**

Web: <http://www.wolviston.play-cricket.com>

Email: oliver.jones667@gmail.com

EASTER AT WOLVISTON PRIMARY

Easter Service Thursday 9th April

Children in Key Stage 2, Class 3 and Class 4 have been practicing and preparing to lead an Easter Service at St Peter's Church at 9.30am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at church, to hear the children retell the Easter Story.



Wolviston Village Easter Trail

Mrs Gunston has been busy preparing another Village Trail. From Sat 9th April Easter pictures will appear around the village for you and your child to spot. Each child will bring home an Easter Trail sheet at the end of term. After the holidays please return your completed sheet and £1 entry, for the chance to win a special Easter prize.

Easter Raffle

We have some lovely prizes included in our Easter Raffle. If anyone would like to donate an Easter themed prize, we would be very grateful. Please drop it into school, via the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child.



Easter Fayre 'Arts and Craft' Activities 9th April

After the Easter Service we are planning to have a fun filled afternoon. Children across school will make a range of Easter crafts, depending on age. Easter cards, collage bookmarks, Spring nest cakes and sequin art are just a few examples. Please could we ask parents and carers for a small donation (Max £2), to cover the cost of ingredients and resources. Children will bring home what they have made.

FRIENDS OF WOLVISTON - APPEAL FOR TRUSTEES

Friend of Wolviston are hoping to register for Charitable Status. In order to do this, trustees are required. We recognise that many Friends of Wolviston are very busy people, and may not have the time to take on such a role without further information. Here are some useful links:

[How to set up a charity \(CC21a\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
[Charity Commission quick guide: how to set up a charity | Voluntary Sector Network | The Guardian](#)

If you are interested please contact school ASAP

ZOO LAB VISIT



Well done to all children (and staff) who were very brave this month as they put their nerves and fears to one side in order to meet and greet a range of exciting small mammals, insects and arachnids. Thanks go to Mrs Watts who organised the whole school event.



SAFER INTERNET DAY COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to Olivia in Reception who has won first prize in a national competition. The standard of work was exceptionally high. Olivia's winning design has earned the school a £100 voucher and her design will be used to promote Internet Safety within schools across the country.

SUMMER TERM 3:1 - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are very happy to provide wrap around care for all Wolviston Primary pupils. This is a fantastic service which provides structured care and support for your child and is led by qualified staff who know and see your child in school every day.

To ensure we meet correct staff/pupil ratios we must keep an accurate track of attendance at each club.

Booking for next half term will open on Thursday 7th Apr at 5pm and will close on Friday 29th Apr at 5pm.

Unfortunately, bookings after this date may not be possible. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Bookings can only be made via the form and can no longer be made at the school office.

Where emergency wrap-around care is needed please contact the school, we will aim to meet requests for exceptional circumstances where we can.

Due to staff/child ratios there are 25 places available for each club. Once filled, the option to book a place will be removed. <https://forms.office.com/r/ajyftcMhRH>



Please complete a separate form for each child, to help with registers. Thank you in advance.

Night Owls, 4.10pm- 5.40pm will follow each hourly club.

Monday - Non-Cooking Cooking Club

Children will be encouraged to independently prepare and make a range of exciting items such as Fruit Kebabs, Healthy Wraps and Rocky Road.

Tuesday - Art Club Draw along with...

Children will watch and follow modelled drawing techniques to create a range of pictures and art work.

Wednesday - Chill Club

A range of mindful techniques will be further explored, including focused tasks and exercises.

Thursday - PEAK Games













Children will have the opportunity to play a number of games, learning rules and skills necessary to be successful.

Friday - Quiz Club

Working in mixed teams, children will be asked a series of age-appropriate questions, from Disney to fun facts, by our very own Quiz Master. With prizes to be won, children will be encouraged to share their general knowledge with one another, rivalling well know quiz shows.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Parental feedback is very important and valued. Results from our latest questionnaire have been presented to staff and governors and discussed. Ways in which we can make further improvements have been agreed. **Thank you to all those who completed the form.**

My child is happy at school		Strongly Agree - 27 Agree - 23 Disagree - 1 Strongly Disagree - 0
My child feels safe at school		Strongly Agree - 31 Agree - 19 Disagree - 0 Strongly Disagree - 0
The school helps my child to achieve as well as they can		Strongly Agree - 29 Agree - 19 Disagree - 2 Strongly Disagree - 0
The school meets my child's particular needs		Strongly Agree - 27 Agree - 23 Disagree - 0 Strongly Disagree - 0
The school ensures my child is well looked after		Strongly Agree - 31 Agree - 19 Disagree - 0 Strongly Disagree - 0
Teaching at this school is good		Strongly Agree - 34 Agree - 16 Disagree - 0 Strongly Disagree - 0
There is a good standard of behaviour at this school		Strongly Agree - 28 Agree - 18 Disagree - 4 Strongly Disagree - 0
Lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour		Strongly Agree - 28 Agree - 19 Disagree - 2 Strongly Disagree - 1
The school deals with any cases of bullying well		Strongly Agree - 21 Agree - 27 Disagree - 1 Strongly Disagree - 1
The school helps me to support my child's learning		Strongly Agree - 27 Agree - 22 Disagree - 1 Strongly Disagree - 0
The school responds to my concerns and keeps me well informed		Strongly Agree - 28 Agree - 15 Disagree - 5 Strongly Disagree - 2
The school is well led and managed		Strongly Agree - 28 Agree - 17 Disagree - 3 Strongly Disagree - 2

INVESTING IN OUR EARLY YEARS ENVIRONMENT

During April, work to enhance our Early Years provision within Nursery and Reception classrooms will begin.

Over the last couple of months, we have been very busy working alongside Early Excellence, a recognised provider who are highly regarded in Early Years Education.

Our aim is to transform our current setting into one where children can independently access, and explore, a range of resources which are organised into designated areas.

It is a very exciting time as our plans will start to come to life. Tired fixtures will be removed, existing furniture will be relocated and new resources will begin to arrive. We are aiming for everything to be finished for the start of the new term, 25th April. Children will not be affected, any work that is necessary will take place when the school is closed.

After our Easter Stay and Play session, on Friday 8th April, Mrs Hawes and Mrs Gunston will deliver a short presentation in the hall. Tea and coffee will be available as parents, carer and grandparents will have the chance to hear of our exciting plans.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS



YEAR 6 SATS: Monday 9th – Friday 13th May

YEAR 2 SATS: May 2022

YEAR 4 Multiplication tests: June 2022

YEAR 1 Phonics: Monday 6th – Friday 10th June

Please be reassured, more information regarding these and any other statutory assessments, will be provided to relevant parents in due course. This will include a meeting with your child's class teacher.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website.

[Key stage 1 and 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents](#)

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

[DfE external template \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

LEAVERS HOODIES

Our Y6 children were presented with their Leavers Hoodies earlier this month. Although excited, this was a poignant moment for them all as their next step to secondary school becomes that little bit closer. Plans for transition are well underway and we look forward to working with colleagues from our partner secondaries to ensure a smooth transition takes place for each child.

