



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy month in school for all children, staff and volunteers. Classrooms are busy places as children consolidate and extend their learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers who arranged a parent consultation with their child's class teacher. By offering face-to-face and telephone consultations we were able to meet with 98% of all our parents and carers. Feedback received was hugely positive; parents and carers told us that by receiving their child's next steps, they felt informed and well placed, to further support their child's learning at home.

Please remember, throughout the year class teachers are available to speak to. They can provide reassurance, progress information or discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child's well-being. We are here to help.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Hawes

PLEASE WEAR A COAT TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Despite the ever-changing weather, children have continued to enjoy the outdoors. Please continue to send your child to school with a coat, the weather is so unpredictable and when possible, we encourage all children outside during play and lunch times. An outside break is just what they need after working hard in the classroom.

Important Dates

TERM DATES

Christmas Holiday: 21st Dec' - 3rd Jan' '23

SCHOOL REOPENS: WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY

SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN: FRIDAY 17th FEB'

Spring Term Break: Monday 20th Feb' - Friday 25th Feb'

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT: Wed' 7th Dec' Finishes 4.45pm
School Hall

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY: Tuesday 13th Dec' at 9.15am
School Hall

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Wednesday 14th December

CLASS 2 & 3 PERFORMANCE: Wednesday 14th Dec' at 2pm
Thursday 15th Dec' at 9.30am
School Hall

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY: Friday 16th December

CHOIR SINGING CAROLS AT TESCO: Friday 16th Dec' 9.30am
Tesco Billingham

FESTIVE FUN DAY: Monday 19th December

CAROLS ON THE GREEN: Tuesday 20th Dec 1.45pm
Wolviston Village Green

END OF TERM: Tuesday 20th December
Further detailed information will be sent nearer the time

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A big thank you to everyone who shared treasured photographs of their family members who served in the armed forces. Our window display has been viewed by many parents, carers and residents. Thank you for making it so special.



At 11am, on the 11th day on the 11th 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 were at St Peter's Church, and remembering the fallen service men at their gravesides.

They then laid poppy crosses on the graves of Wolviston soldiers.

Lest We Forget



SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please can all parents and carers supervise their children closely when dropping them off and picking them up. Drivers passing through Wolviston may not realise a school is even here and despite a 20mph speed limit being in force, vehicles often race through the village at high speed.

For those who do not walk to school, **please park safely**, and in accordance with the [newly updated highway code](#).

Drivers: Please do not stop your car to allow your child to hop out, it is against the law. Please park safely.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Nursery	Elijah, Kate
Class 1	Louie
Class 2	Freddie, Elliot, Sienna, Aria, James
Class 3	George, Robyn, Mila,
Class 4	Isaac



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 2022

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

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows:

Blue - 100%
Green - 97% - 99%
Amber - 93% - 96%
Red - below 93%

Class 1 - YR	93.13%
Class 2 - Y1/2	98.92%
Class 3 - Y3/4	96.36%
Class 4 - Y5/6	97.18%

WOLVISTON PRIMARY - CHILDHOOD HISTORY Y1/2

Class 2 had a wonderful afternoon with some very special visitors earlier this month. Our special visitors spoke about their own experiences; growing up and attending Wolviston Primary.



Children listened really closely and found out how it was different or similar to their own experience.

Through photographs, artefacts and real life stories, our Y1/2 children are now able to talk confidently, about changes over time.



Y5/6 VISIT TO PRESTON PARK MUSEUM



Class 4 had a fantastic day taking part in a World War II workshop and exploring [Preston Park Museum and Grounds](#) this month. The children got to experience using their own ration card, looking into the suitcase of an evacuee and preparing the items they would take into an air raid shelter.

Thanks to Craig, historian at the museum, for organising and leading such an interesting and inspiring workshop.



Taking part in the workshop brought the topic of World War II to life. Understanding and empathy were deepened, making Remembrance Day even more poignant for our children.



FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



Helen, the manager of the Billingham Foodbank, lead an assembly this month to explain what has happened to all the kind and generous donations collected from our recent Harvest appeal.

After Helen's assembly, Jace in Class 3, shared what he and his family are planning to do in the lead up to Christmas. Every day, Jace is going to put one surplus item into a bag, his family are then going to donate all the collected items to Billingham foodbank. This is such a kind gesture, if you would like to make a further donation to the foodbank, we will ensure donations are taken before the end of term. I know many families, in previous years have created a Christmas 'shoe box' for individual children, these can also be taken to the foodbank if you wish. Please drop any donations into school before Fri' 16th December. Thank you.

*We appreciate that this is a difficult time for many of our families and extended school community. Please **do not** feel obliged to donate. We have explained to the children that we can't always donate to every appeal.*

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DOOR BELL

Now that the dark nights have arrived our After School Club leaders have found it difficult to see who is waiting at the door. To improve our current arrangements for **Night Owls**, we have installed a new video door bell. We hope that this will cut down waiting times for our parents and carers, especially as the nights are getting colder. Our school bell is still in operation during the day.

