

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of Spring term. Where has the time gone?

This month we welcomed parents/carers into classrooms to share the wonderful work recently completed by the children. We are all so proud of how hard the pupils have all worked and it's been a pleasure to see them taking part in a wide range of activities extending their knowledge and skills and building stamina and resilience. After such a hard working term, I would like to wish everyone a very restful break. Happy Easter to everyone within and beyond our school community.



Kindest Regards, **Mrs Hawes**

### GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK

Many parents and carers will recognise the name Bryony. Bryony is well known, & well liked, by all children after supporting the school for the last two years. Working alongside staff, Bryony has provided additional help and support to many children and families.



We would like to wish Bryony the very best in her newly promoted role which is nearer to home. Good Luck!!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Nursery	Frankie, Henry and Lincoln
Class 1	
Class 2	Niamh, Sophia
Class 3	Rose
Class 4	Luca, Isaac and Max



### TERM DATES

Please note the change in the Christmas holidays for 2023. School closes on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 and reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Important Dates



### BANK HOLIDAY REMINDER

An extra bank holiday has been confirmed to mark the coronation of King Charles III. The bank holiday will take place on **Monday, 8 May 2023**, two days after the coronation ceremony.



### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Second half term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Term 2024		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term holiday	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Second half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holidays	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2024		
	Start Date	End Date
First half term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Second half term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Summer holidays	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

### Professional Development (PD DAYS)

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 2023-24 are:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

School will be closed to children on the above dates

## EASTER AT WOLVISTON



### Easter Service Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Children in Class 3 rehearsed and led a wonderful Easter Service at St Peter's Church. Parents and carers joined us, to hear the children retell the Easter Story.



### Wolviston Village Easter Trail

School Council have been busy preparing a Village Easter Trail. From Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Easter break please return your completed sheet and £1 entry, for the chance to win a special Easter prize. **Good Luck everyone!**

## 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.

## Y1/2 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY PARENT WORKSHOP

Class 2 have been learning all about London. For DT they were tasked with designing a London vehicle. The children have designed their own bus or taxi and thought carefully about how to attach their wheels. We were very grateful to have so many family volunteers to help us achieve our design criteria.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - FEBRUARY 2023

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important. Research shows those children who attend school **on time** and **every day** are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential.

Please can I remind all parents that if you take your child out of school to go on holiday their absence is unauthorised and it is common policy that fines are issued.

For further guidance please read: [Holidays taken in term time](#)

**Please remember the gate is locked at 8:45am.**

Any child arriving after this time will be marked **late**. Minutes lost to learning are recorded.

Class 1 - YR	96.88%
Class 2 - Y1/2	92.14%
Class 3 - Y3/4	96.18%
Class 4 - Y5/6	96.58%
Whole School	94.40%

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows:

**Blue** - 100%

**Green** - 97% - 99%

**Amber** - 93% - 96%

**Red** - below 93%

The National Attendance Target is **ABOVE 97%**

Currently we are **WELL BELOW** this figure



## TERM DATES

**LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Easter Break: 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**



## TikTok



We often overhear our older children discussing their regular engagement on TikTok. Please can all parents and carers carefully consider their child's use of TikTok and similar sites, as the recommended age for this social media platform is **13+**.

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK**

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 30 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity content, and can be a creative fun platform for teens to enjoy. Nevertheless, its popularity has increased significantly since its launch in 2017, and it is now one of the most popular social media platforms for posting content, particularly among young people aged 13 to 17.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** While the app is designed for users aged 13 and over, it is not strictly monitored for age-appropriate content. This means that children under 13 can access content that is not suitable for their age group. This content can be harmful, including sexual, violent, or otherwise inappropriate content.
- DANGEROUS CHALLENGES:** TikTok has been the source of several dangerous challenges, including the 'Ice Bucket Challenge' and the 'Tide Pod Challenge'. These challenges often involve dangerous activities that can result in serious injury or death.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS:** TikTok allows users to connect with other users, even if they are not friends. This can lead to contact with strangers, which can be dangerous, especially for children.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE:** TikTok can be addictive, leading to excessive use and potential mental health issues. The app's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible, which can lead to addiction.
- IN-APP SPENDING:** TikTok has an in-app purchase system that allows users to buy virtual gifts and other items. This can lead to excessive spending, especially for children who do not have a budget.
- TIKTOK NOW:** In November 2022, the UK government announced that it would be introducing a ban on TikTok for government devices and services. This was due to concerns about the app's data security and its potential for espionage.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING:** Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's account to their own. This allows parents to monitor their child's account, including their search history, who they follow, and who follows them.
- MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE:** Although under-18s will have their TikTok accounts set to private by default, parents should ensure that their child's account is private. This will prevent strangers from seeing their child's content.
- LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING:** If your child is using on iPhone or Android, you can set a spending limit on their account. This will prevent them from spending more than you allow on the app.
- DISCUSS THE DANGERS:** If your child wants to use TikTok, and you're happy for them to do so, it's important to talk about the potential risks of this type of app. This includes the risk of contact with strangers, the risk of addiction, and the risk of excessive spending.
- READ THE SIGNS:** If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they're being contacted by strangers, there are several signs to look out for. These include: your child spending more time on the app, your child being secretive about their phone use, and your child being contacted by strangers.

**Meet Our Expert:** Corry Hoyle is an experienced technology journalist with a wealth of experience in reporting on the security, privacy and safety of our digital lives. She is the author of several books on the subject. Corry is a frequent speaker at conferences and events, and is also a regular contributor to various media outlets.

**National Online Safety**

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## SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child or adult, it is important to pass on your concerns. Parent and carers can speak, in confidence to Mrs Hawes, the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or one of the school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs. Whitehill and Mrs. Gunston). Mrs Morrow is our Safeguarding Governor, who is also available to speak to. All DSLs are fully trained.

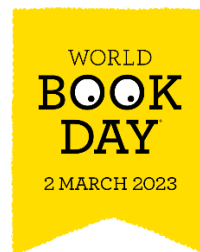
### EARLY YEARS - STAY AND PLAY

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Early Years Stay and Play session. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and playing together. There were a range of Easter themed activities and the children all have some lovely keepsakes to take home. The morning was finished off with some delicious cakes and Easter biscuits that the children had been busy making this week.



Thank you again for your continued support everyone.

### WORLD BOOK DAY



The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. They came to school dressed as their favourite book character and had their photos taken with their favourite book. These are displayed in the reading area in their classroom.

**Lizzie Pepper**, the author of **The Last Year of the Wild**, met the children through Zoom. She talked about her journey to become an author and the children were able to ask her questions. EY children watched a video sent by the illustrator, Grace Moran, who showed them pictures she had drawn when she was their age. The children then drew pictures of birds and Grace chose the lucky winners who received a book token.

Class 2 took part in a World Book Day Drawathon and KS2 took part in a Footie/Bookie quiz. We finished the day by enjoying reading together with our house groups.

### COMIC RELIEF

With thanks to your **amazing** generosity we were able to raise a magnificent, grand total of.

**£226.10**



### SUMMER 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.

Booking for next half term will open on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm.

Summer Term 3:1 After School Club Booking Form (17th April - 26th May 2023)



Please complete a separate form for each child, to help with our attendance registers.

Thank you in advance.

We speak to the children to find out what activities they would like to do. Next half term they have chosen some old, new and exciting activities...

#### Monday – **Cooking Club**

Children will make a variety of healthy snacks including fruit kebabs, veggie pittas and pasta.

#### Tuesday - **Lego Club**

Opportunity to complete lego challenges and to freestyle creating a number of marvellous models.

#### Wednesday - **Puzzles and Construction**

Using iPads, children will explore and investigate Scratch, a coding programme to create animations.

#### Thursday - **Multi-Sports**

Children will have the opportunity to work together in a range of team games to learn rules and develop necessary skills.

#### Friday – **Just Dance Disco**

Following the Just Dance tutorials, children will learn new dance moves to a range of classic pop songs.