

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure you'll agree that this month has flown by. With two 4-day weeks, it hardly seems possible that we find ourselves at the end of another half term.

Children have, as always, been very busy working hard across school, including our Y2 and our Y6 children who have completed their end of key stage assessments. You may have heard several reports in the national news that Y6 assessments were particularly challenging this year, and we'd agree. Our children rose to the challenge and tried their very best.

We are very proud of all our children, whatever the test outcome, we cannot ask for more. Well done and congratulations for overcoming some very tough and challenging questions, both in KS1 and KS2.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Hawes

TERM DATES

Reminder: School is closed to children on Friday 26th May and Monday 5th June



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

Class 1	Emily, Freddie
Class 2	Kloe
Class 3	Olivia, Everly, Orla, Edward, Evie and Ella
Class 4	Phoebe, Ben, Elise, Alfie & Joey



UNIFORM CHANGE - RECEPTION CLASS 2023-24

After considering how practical our formal school uniform is for our youngest children we would like to propose a change for our new Reception Class, starting in September. Rather than children wearing formal items; including pinafores and school trousers, please send your child in Wolviston Primary PE kit uniform. Here's a link to our [website](#) and our supplier [Motiv8](#). From 2024, we will ask all EY children to wear the same navy uniform, saying goodbye to the light blue jumper.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

A while ago you may remember a slight change to our school day. After calculation we realise that we need to extend the school day by another 10 minutes. We sincerely apologise that we need to tweak our timings again, but we need to follow The Department for Education's instructions.



School leaders, including governors, have carefully considered several options to make sure these requirements are met. We looked carefully to see which option would have the least impact on our school community. By choosing to add 5 minutes to the start and 5 minutes to the end of each day we can confirm the required 6.5 hours.

School Times:

Morning: The gate will open at **8.30am** for children to be in school ready for learning at **8.40am**.

Afternoon: Our school day will end at **3.10pm**.

As parents and carers get used to the new timings, the gate will close at the usual time of 8.45am for a while.

From Tuesday 6th June, the gate will close at 8.40am.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

YEAR 5/6 ATHLETICS



Y5/6 children competed in an inter-schools athletics competition at Middlesbrough's Sports Village. We are very proud of the children, their behaviour and attitude throughout the day was excellent.



Throughout the day our children demonstrated great sportsmanship. In a range of events, children tried so hard, pushing themselves to achieve their 'personal best' results.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - APRIL 2023

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%**

Class 1 - YR	97.64
Class 2 - Y1/2	96.29
Class 3 - Y3/4	93.97
Class 4 - Y5/6	92.22
Whole School	95.29

Please can I remind all parents that if you take your child out of school to go on holiday, absence is unauthorised. Fines are issued.

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

REMINDER: OFSTED PARENT VIEW

Ofsted has featured quite a lot in the media recently. We know parents and carers agree with staff that Wolviston Primary School is a special place, where children learn and thrive, and effective home-school partnerships are formed.

We are a *'Small School with Big Dreams: Learning, Caring, Succeeding... Together'*.

School leaders, including governors, are very proud to lead the school and would like to encourage all parents and carers to tell Ofsted just how wonderful our small school is. Parents and carers are encouraged to share their positive feedback by completing the [Parent View](#) questionnaire.

To complete the questionnaire please follow this link.
[Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)



CELEBRATING THE CORONATION

...Together

On the afternoon of Friday 5th May 2023, children across school, marked the occasion of the King's coronation.

We enjoyed celebrating together, including our very special Coronation 'Street Party' lunch. Children taking a school dinner enjoyed a number of themed treats, especially prepared by our wonderful cooks, Mrs Reed and Mrs Duffy.

In the afternoon children took part in Coronation activities and received a coronation coin to remind them of the event.



SEPTEMBER 2023: TRANSITION AND MOVING ON

Being a small school, we know all our children well, and they know all staff. However, we don't take transition for granted and to ensure a seamless change of classroom and teacher, we have planned several activities & opportunities for them to feel happy, confident, and familiar with new classrooms, their new teacher/s and their new surroundings.

2023-24	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Mrs Gunston	Ms Dodds, Ms McNicholas and Mrs Forth
Reception	Mrs Watts	
Class 2	Miss Robson	Mrs Hope
Class 3	Mrs Whitehill (am) Mrs Allred (pm)	Mrs Robson
Class 4	Mr Wilcox	Mrs Cotton



For those moving on to secondary school, we continue to work with known colleagues from different schools to ensure children leaving Wolviston do so with confidence and self-assurance. More information will be sent out to Y6 next term.

SUMMER 3:2 - 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.

Summer Term 3:2 After School
Club Booking Form (6th June -
20th July 2023)



Booking opens at 6pm 18th May

[Click here to complete the form](#) or
scan the QR above.

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to offer Night
Owls (4.05pm - 5.40pm) on 20th July 2023.
All children will need to be picked up at
4.05pm. **Late fines will apply**

**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 – Drawing Club

Back by popular demand, children will follow along with Bob to draw a range of pictures.

Tuesday - Summer Fun Club

Children will play a variety of games outside (weather dependent)
Football, basketball and rounders. (Activities in the hall when raining)

Wednesday - iPad

Using iPads, children will explore and investigate Scratch, Beebot, Times
Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

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 – Transient Art

Children will be free to make artwork using a range of natural materials,
provided and collected within the school's outdoor site

PARENT/CARER READING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Please speak to Mrs Robinson if you are interested in
finding out more about how to become a reading
volunteer.

**We would very much appreciate your support. Our
current reading volunteers are very much appreciated.**



VISIT TO PRESTON PARK

The children really enjoyed an afternoon
of orienteering in Preston Park.

Thanks go to Miss Robson, our fantastic
sports coach for supporting the event.

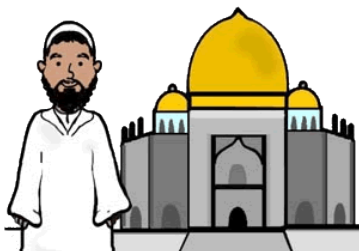


PRESTON PARK
MUSEUM & GROUNDS

VISIT TO THE JAMIA MASJID MOSQUE



A **huge thank you** to the
Imam at Jamia Masjid, in
Stockton who warmly
welcomed our children,
volunteers and staff into
the mosque. Children
extended their knowledge
and understanding.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are holding our next pre-loved
uniform sale later this month.

Tuesday 23rd May (after school)
Wednesday 24th May (morning)