

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our families.

We are very pleased to welcome some new children, and their families, into our wonderful school and Early Years environment.

Children across school have settled back into routine so quickly and together we are looking forward to continuing our exciting learning journey with you, throughout 2024.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Hawes

KEY STAGE 2 – YEAR 6 SATS

This year Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) for Y6 children will take place **13th - 16th May 2024**.

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.

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. (DSL)

Mrs. J. Whitehill and **Mrs S. Gunston** are the Deputy DSLs

Mrs. V. Morrow is the Safeguarding Governor.

RSPB - BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH



School Council held a whole school assembly to remind everyone why it is important to feed birds during winter. They set a challenge to the rest of school to complete [The Big Garden Bird Watch](#).

Children across school took part in bird watching across the weekend of 26th -28th January. Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their results with us and the RSPB.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club provides structured wrap around child care, led by qualified staff who know and see your child in school every day. Parents and carers who wish to send their child to Breakfast Club must book a place. We ask that all bookings are made at least a week in advance, by emailing school so that we can ensure our supervisory ratios are always correct. If a place is required at short notice please e-mail the school and we will try our best to accommodate the request. Unfortunately this is not always possible due to prearranged staffing ratios.

- £5.50 fee for each session, inclusive of healthy breakfast items; cereals, toast, bagels (30hrs child care vouchers are accepted)
- Sessions run from **7:40am to 8.30am**.
- Children **must** arrive before **8.10am** (Late entry is not permitted)
- Open term-time only
- Places must be pre-booked, via email a week in advance
- Closed during the school holidays and PD days
- Children are escorted and settled into class after each session.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

A huge thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. We had 41 responses, representing 94 pupils. This equates to approximately **80%** of our school roll. A fantastic response! School leaders and governors are due to meet soon to reflect on feedback received, and will identify next steps for further school improvement. We really do appreciate the time taken to answer all the questions and to leave additional comments. Thank you for the overwhelming number of positive responses.

STAFFING UPDATE

After working at Wolviston Primary School for 15 years Mrs Forth, who has worked across school but more recently in Early Years has decided to take early retirement in order to spend more time with her family. Governors, staff and children alike will miss Mrs Forth very much and I'm sure many parents and carers will agree she will be greatly missed.

TERM DATES

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Friday 16th Feb' '23

Half Term Break: 19th - 23th February 2024

Spring Term 2: SCHOOL REOPENS Monday 26th Feb'



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Nursery	Eliza and Arthur
Class 1	Samuel and Teddy
Class 2	Ivy
Class 3	Noah, Morgan and Mabel
Class 4	George, Stanley and Ryan



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SIGN UP FOR FREE ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to our children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Children have told us that they are well aware of, and may have unrestricted access to; apps, websites, and social media channels beyond recommended age restrictions. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. As part of our subscription to **National Online Safety** we can offer **free** access to a huge range of online safety resources to all Wolviston parents and carers. To access the site please follow this [link](#). Resources will help you to keep your child safe online from an early age.

Please click individual titles below to view examples of the useful and informative guides. [Online Safety Under 5's](#), [Toddlers Screen Time](#), [Fortnite Chapter 4](#), [Snapchat](#)

MEASLES

Earlier this month we alerted parents and carers of the rise in cases of measles across England, particularly in children.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

If you or your child haven't yet been vaccinated, you should contact your GP practice to book a free appointment.

For more information go to: <https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/measles>

CAREERS WEEK

Wolviston staff are aspirational and we want to empower all of our children to be ambitious for themselves. Through our curriculum, children at Wolviston develop their knowledge, skills, self-confidence and determination. Children also need to be aware of all the opportunities available to them, and for them to have an understanding of some of the careers and jobs available to them. It would be wonderful to welcome parents, carers and friends of Wolviston into school to talk and share career/job information. If you can help, please let us know.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 - THURSDAY 7th MARCH

World Book Day is a worldwide celebration of books and reading that takes place annually. The day is designed to celebrate authors, illustrators, books, and the joy of reading. This year our theme is 'Books for Bedtime' so we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in pyjamas (Please wear leggings and T-shirts underneath) and to bring their favourite bedtime book with them.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 2023

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 - 96.1% - 99%

Amber - 93.1% - 96%

Red - below 93%

Class 1 - YR	96.03%
Class 2 - Y1/2	95.94%
Class 3 - Y3/4	96.3%
Class 4 - Y5/6	97.12%
Whole School	96.3%

We monitor children who are regularly late to school..

Due to the number of minutes lost to learning, our Attendance Officer will be spot checking punctuality throughout February.

Children have told us that they do not like arriving late to school.