

Dear Parents and Carers

This month our school motto *"Small School Big Dreams, Learning, Caring, Succeeding... Together"* has continued to be at the heart of everything we have done. Thank you to all parents, carers and Friends of Wolviston, who have been into school to share learning activities, or to speak to children about their career. Children, and staff, very much appreciate you coming into school, sharing the learning journey together.

Thank you for your continuous support.

I hope everyone has a restful half term break.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Hawes



CAREERS WEEK

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and friends of Wolviston for coming into school to share career experiences with the children. Children thoroughly enjoyed hearing of so many different and diverse carer opportunities.



With so many wonderful career opportunities, right on our doorstep here in Teesside, children are inspired to follow their **'Big Dreams'** and enter the world of higher education and employment. **A big thank you to all involved.**

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

5th - 9th February 2024

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children in the UK. This year the theme is **'My Voice Matters'**.

We play an important role in promoting and supporting the positive mental health and wellbeing of pupils. Here at Wolviston Primary we actively promote mental wellbeing, identify individuals' needs and offer appropriate targeted support to our children and their families. Free resources available for [families](#), available through [Place2Be](#)

Our Relationships, Sex and Health curriculum has a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing. Children are taught how to recognise the early signs of mental wellbeing concerns, including common types of mental ill health including anxiety and low mood, in themselves and in others.

They are also taught where and how to seek support, knowing who they can speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, Nicola, from Alliance Psychology, came into school and worked with children from Y1 to Y6 on a range of activities. Her feedback was extremely positive. Our children are aware of spotting the signs of low mood, strategies to calm anxiety and the importance of talking to someone about their feelings.

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.

DENTAL CHECKS



Frances, our dental therapist and Emma, our dental nurse, visited school earlier this month to carry out a dental survey. Parents and carers looking for a NHS dentist for their child, can use [this link](#).

TERM DATES

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Friday 16th February

Half Term Break: 19th - 23th February 2024

Spring Term 2: **SCHOOL REOPENS Monday 26th Feb'**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Nursery	Finn
Class 1	Dougie
Class 2	Anya, Posy and Heidi
Class 3	Lydia, Adam, Ava and Mabel



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 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%

Our attendance is much lower than usual this month due to several cases of Scarlet Fever. We are really pleased that all children affected have made a full recovery and are well enough to be back at school.

Class 1 - YR	87.59%
Class 2 - Y1/2	96.67%
Class 3 - Y3/4	94.35%
Class 4 - Y5/6	93.59%
Whole School	92.71%

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.

SPRING TERM 2:2 - 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 every day. We offer 25 places each day, once 25 places have been taken, the option to book a place will be removed. We apologise if this causes inconvenience to any of our parents and carers.

Monday - Seasonal Craft Club

Children will have the opportunity to produce a range of themed crafts to bring home.

Tuesday - Afternoon Tea Club

Each week children will prepare a variety of sandwiches, light snacks, cakes and drinks for Afternoon Tea. They will then lay the table before sitting together to enjoy the experience.

Wednesday - KS2 Sports Club - EY/KS1 Games Club

Whilst KS2 children will play a team sport with Miss Robson, EY/KS1 children will play a range of traditional games; Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 with Ms Dodds & Mrs Henry.

Thursday - Film Review Club

Each week children will watch, and then review, a short film. Light snacks will be provided.

Friday - Games Club

Children will be able to play a range of traditional games including Top Trumps, Monopoly, Uno, Frustration, Hungry Hippos, Pictionary, Draughts.

Booking for next half term will open on Thursday 15th Feb' at 6pm

To book please follow one of the links...

[After School Club Booking Form](#)

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

Spring Term 2:2 After School Club
Booking Form (26th February -
28th March 2024)



PLEASE NOTE: LATE FINES WILL APPLY TO COVER STAFFING COSTS

LEARNING TOGETHER IN Y1/2

As part of Class 2's recent Art unit, children have been looking very carefully at **form, shape and texture**. Using a range of different materials, children worked with parents, carers and volunteers to investigate these three important artistic elements. Their finished pieces will be displayed then later added to their individual sketchbooks.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Learning Together session, we hope you enjoyed the event.

