

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a lovely break, despite the wet weather. We have lots of exciting activities planned for Summer Term, including our '24.4.24' fundraising event. Children and staff have suggested some great sponsorship ideas and we're very excited to hear how everyone got on, and if you had fun carrying out the '24' tasks. All of the money raised will go towards purchasing some new playground equipment.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this exciting event.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Hawes

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

If you have worries/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 our Safeguarding Governor.



TERM DATES

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term Break: 27th May - 31st May 2024

PDDAY Monday 3rd June

EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

As you know, we have received significant investment from our Trust to bring in line our EY outdoor learning environment with other settings. Here are just a couple of pictures from our opening event to share with you.

Our photographer, from [Yarm Studio](#), spent the day in and around school capturing the children in action. All the wonderful photographs will be uploaded to our [school website](#).



PRINCE REGENT
STREET TRUST

We were joined by our CEO, Mrs. Julia Armstrong, trustees, governors, members of central team and by

Eddie Huntington, who is a friend of the school as well as being the Assistant Director for Education, Inclusion and Achievement for Stockton Local Authority.

We are very fortunate to have had Lillian, a former pupil of Wolviston Primary School, mark the occasion by cutting a ribbon. Watched by all children in school, Lillian said that although things looked much different than when she was a child, it is still the best school and such a wonderful place to be.



YEAR SIX SATS

SATS are just a couple of weeks away and our Year 6 children have worked so hard to prepare for them. Staff across school, who know them well, are so proud.

Y6 please remember, that this is just one week in your learning journey. No need to worry, you've got this!

*SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness of your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons, you were put upon this Earth.*

*SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly, you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse, of who you really are.*

*So, sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are...*

Remember YOU'RE THE BEST!



MULTIPLICATION CHECK

All Y4 children in England will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to find out if they can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

The multiplication on-line check consists of 25 times table questions. Children have 6 seconds to answer each question and the test usually takes around 5-10 minutes to complete.

Parents and carers do not need to do anything additional to prepare their child for the check, but support in practising times tables with your child will be very beneficial.

We recommend all children, across school, continue to practise their times tables. In KS2, when tables get more difficult, children can access [Times Table Rock Stars](#) at home.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – March 2024

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	96.32%
Class 2 - Y1/2	94.32%
Class 3 - Y3/4	95.1%
Class 4 - Y5/6	94.23%
Whole School	94.87%

The school gate is opened from 8.30 – 8.40am. This is to reduce congestion entering school. Children are expected to be in school, seated at their desk, ready for learning by 8.40am, **not arriving**.

After the Easter break the school bell will sound at 8.38am to encourage children to make their way into their classrooms.

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

We closely monitor children who are late to school. Where necessary, the Educational Welfare officer will contact parents/carers to support punctuality and attendance.

Reminder: Holidays in Term Time will not be authorised
 Fines are likely to be issued. School does not receive money raised from fines, money goes directly to the local authority.

POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

This month our colleagues, Vicky and Eddie, from Alliance Psychology Services, attended our well-being coffee morning. They delivered a very useful workshop for parents/carers and were on hand to listen, support and suggest practical advice and strategies.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



Nursery	Oliver
Class 1	Mason, Austin
Class 2	Ivy, Olivia and Frankie
Class 3	Lila, George, Wilf, Beau & Louie

TUCK SHOP

Through your generosity and support, we have recently sent **£247.00** to the orphanage. Tuck shop is open alternative Fridays and costs just 50p for a snack.



Class 3 - 3 rd May / 12 th July	Class 4 - 17 th May
Early Years - 14 th June	Class 2 - 28 th June

Sing 24 songs Wash 24 cars 24th April '24 Jump 24 times Do 24 odd jobs

Summer Term: 24 for '24 Sponsorship Challenge

Recently our School Council voted to fundraise for some new outdoor playground equipment. The funds raised from this event will go directly towards that cause. Involving the children to help with the fundraiser will also foster an appreciation of the value of hard work and a sense of ownership and pride when the new equipment arrives. We are hoping all children will take part.

We are linking this challenge with today's date, 24.4.24 and we are challenging all staff and children throughout school to raise £24.24 by completing a sponsored event of their choice. Of course they can raise as little or as much as they like. £24.24 is simply a target amount. The fundraising can be done in any way the children choose. You don't have to use the number 24, we just thought using the number may inspire some good ideas.

Use your imagination and most importantly, have fun!

Paint 24 pictures

Carry out 24 acts of kindness

Bake and sell 24 cup cakes

Score 24 goals

Eat 24 doughnuts

Read 24 books

Walk 24 miles

Make 24 pieces of jewellery

Swim 24m

Stay quiet for 24 minutes

Create and dance for 24 minutes

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term		
	Start Date	End Date
First Half Term	Monday 2 nd September	Friday 25 th October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November
Second Half term	Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 3 rd January
Spring Term		
	Start Date	End Date
First Half Term	Monday 6 th January	Friday 21 st February
Half Term Holiday	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th February
Second Half term	Monday 3 rd March	Friday 11 th April
Easter Holiday	Monday 14 th April	Friday 25 th April
Summer Term		
	Start Date	End Date
First Half Term	Monday 28 th April	Friday 23 rd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 th May	Friday 30 th May
Second Half term	Monday 2 nd June	Monday 21 st July
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 22 nd July	Friday 29 th August

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, research and training ensure staff deliver first quality teaching and help to raise standards of achievement for all children.

Our chosen PD DAYS for 2024-25 are:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 11th October 2024
- Friday 21st February 2025
- Friday 4th April 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

School will be closed to children on the above dates

NSPCC ASSEMBLY - SPEAK OUT , STAY SAFE



We had a visit from Buddy, the NSPCC mascot this month. Buddy and his team taught us about trusted adults we can go to with worries and just in case, the number for Childline is **0800 11 11**.

TRANSITION FROM Y6 - Y7

Unfortunately, our Y5/6 residential trip to Newby Wiske clashes with Northfield School's Transition days. As we work with Northfield so closely, Ms Renwick (Head of Y7) and I have organised a transition day especially for the children to ensure they don't miss out. Y6 pupils have been invited for lunch, so no packed lunch is required, and will spend time looking round all the different classrooms and areas, as well as meeting a range of staff, including form tutors.



LIVING EGGS

Living Eggs is an ethical, two week programme which has allowed all our children to closely observe the hatching process. Ten eggs arrived in school and were watched very closely by the children. There was plenty of egg chat and the magic happened. As the eggs started to crack, the children gathered round, mesmerised by what was happening. A young chick pecked its way out of the egg and flopped out in front of them. It was a great experience, witnessing life being born. A few days later EY children were able to hold the chicks. Sitting completely still, they each cradled a chick.



LEARNING TOGETHER IN EARLY YEARS

Parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed an outdoor 'Learning Together' session this month. Children were excited to show all the new areas, recently completed by Newby Leisure.



Each new area has been carefully considered and planned to ensure children can access different learning experiences. Very positive feedback was received.



LEARNING TOGETHER

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is continuously updated. Parents, carers and Friends of Wolviston can find a wealth of information regarding our wonderful and unique school; our vision, our curriculum and a range of helpful documents and articles. <https://www.wolviston.org.uk/>

