



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? Another busy month for us all. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming so many parents/ carers into school to join their child in more great **Learning Together** sessions. I'm sure you are as proud as we are with the children's attitude towards their learning.

It has been an absolute 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 Easter break.

Happy Easter to everyone within, and beyond, our very unique and special, school community.

Kindest Regards, **Mrs Hawes**



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.



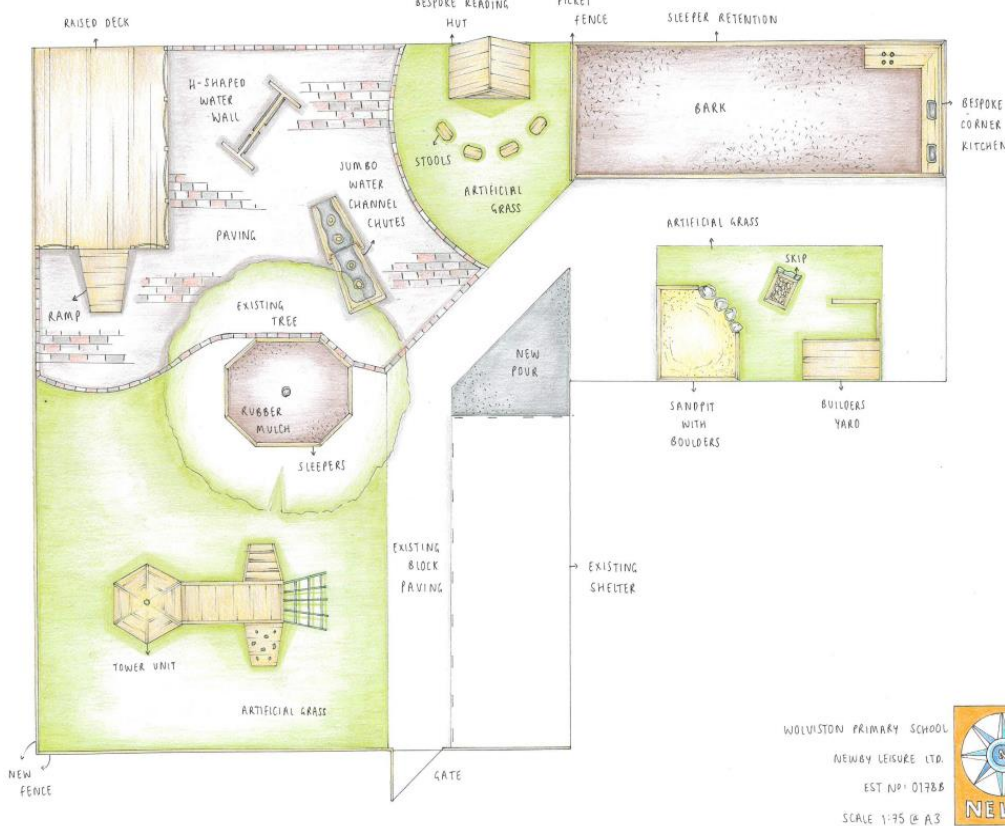
MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to all those who attended our Easter Movie Night. The children really enjoyed watching their chosen film. A big thank you to Miss Dodds and Mrs Robinson who organised the event. A total of **£163.00** was raised for school funds.



IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We have received significant investment from our Trust to bring in line our outdoor learning environment with other settings. After many meetings to secure funding and agree what design is right for our children, we are delighted to announce that the work to transform Early Years will be completed during our Easter break.



Our wonderful site manager, Mr Hope, will be in school throughout the break, to ensure everyone is kept updated with the progress and to take lots of photographs so we can share the transformation journey with the children.

We know that some changes to this design are planned. However, it gives an idea of what to expect. All the different areas have been considered in great depth.

Mrs Gunston has researched each zone within the new design.

Our exciting planned curriculum accurately reflects our new outdoor environment. A place where every child can maximise their potential.

Once the children are familiar with the areas we will invite parents and carers in to EY for a grand tour.

We are so excited!



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting our Easter raffle. Congratulations to so many winners, made possible by your kind donations. Through your continuous support, we managed to raise a fantastic **£133.00** for school funds. Money raised will go directly towards securing memorable experiences for children.



TERM DATES

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Friday 22nd March
Summer Term 1: SCHOOL REOPENS Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May
Half Term Break: 27th May - 31st May 2024

LEARNING TOGETHER Y5/6

Class 4's learning together session was all about Great British Scientists and their discoveries. Children and adults investigated Newton's three laws of motion and his theory of white light. Inspired by Stephen Hawking's work on black holes, they also compared mass and weight using Newton metres and scales. The session was a great opportunity for children to demonstrate their knowledge of conducting investigations and it was great to see them explaining their observations to the adults who attended.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



Nursery	Arthur and Sebastian
Class 1	Henry, Lincoln and Aurora
Class 2	Niamh
Class 3	Sophia, Rose



Y5 STEM EVENT AT NORTHFIELD

Our Y5 children got to experience different elements of forensic science whilst working with children from different schools. They designed and launched rockets to investigate which would fly the highest. Thanks to Mrs Robson who accompanied the children during the event.

SUMMER TERM 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 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 - Draw with Rob Club

Children will follow along with Bob to draw a range of different characters and objects.

Tuesday - Card Games Club

A range of games including Happy Families, Old Maid, Pairs, Uno, Snap and Top Trumps will taught and played with friends.

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 - Cooking Club

Each week children will prepare a range of seasonal salads to take home to enjoy with their family.

Friday - Construction and Junk Modelling Club

Children will be able to make a range of models using a range of materials.

Booking will open on **Thursday 28th March 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



PLEASE NOTE: LATE FINES WILL APPLY TO COVER STAFFING COSTS

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – February 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	98.67%
Class 2 - Y1/2	94.11%
Class 3 - Y3/4	95.29%
Class 4 - Y5/6	94.49%
Whole School	95.67%

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.

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

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

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024		
	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 25 th December	Friday 5 th January
Spring Term 2025		
	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	Thursday 11 th April
Easter Holidays	Friday 14 th April	Friday 25 th April
Summer Term 2025		
	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	Tuesday 21 st July
Summer holidays	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

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.

STAFFING

After completing her Early Career Teacher programme Mrs Watts will start her new school after the Easter break.

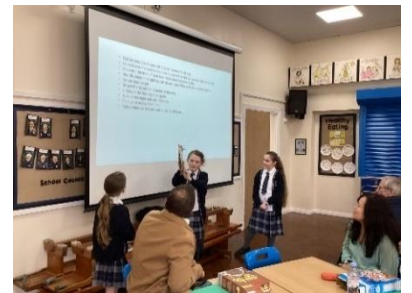
On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Watts for her contributions to Wolviston Primary School. As Mrs. Watts embarks on this new chapter in her career, we wish her every success. Good Luck!

LEARNING TOGETHER IN Y3/4



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Class 3 enjoyed making light up signs in their **Learning Together** workshop. They had learned about different types of lights and then planned their designs in DT lessons. After they made their signs they completed their evaluation forms.

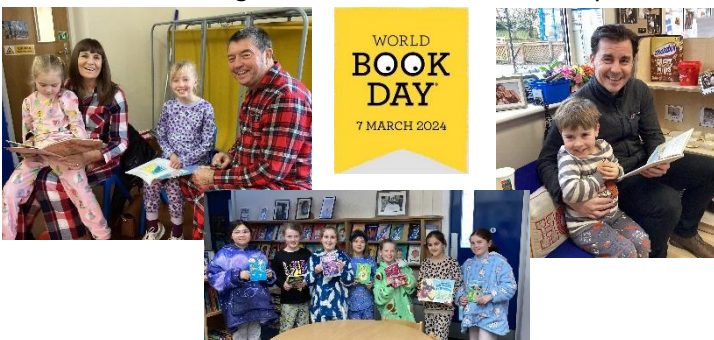


Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for the afternoon.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Our World Book day theme this year was '**A Book for Bedtime**'

The librarians organised a book swap so everyone took 2 books home and distributed the vouchers so that we could all get a free book to read at bedtime. They also created a Book Quiz for every class. The librarian from Billingham library joined us for assembly. We enjoyed reading together in our house groups and reading with our adults later in the day.



Thank you to all the adults who wore their pyjamas too!

KING CHARLES PORTRAIT

The newly released portrait, of King Charles in his 'Admiral of the Fleet' uniform arrived in school this month. We have displayed our free portrait in the school hall and it has already been a highlight of conversation.

