



Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back everyone - and a special thank you to all who made an extra effort to get into school last week. It was great to see how well everyone settled back to their learning, full of energy and enthusiasm, despite the disruption of the snowy weather.

The start of the Spring term is always such an important time for our learning, so it's good to see the children are already enjoying working on their new topics. These are:

Class 1, Pacific Ocean - Oooh La La! A Trip to Paris

Class 2, Atlantic Ocean - Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

Class 3, Indian Ocean - Frozen Kingdoms - How Cold is it Really?

As well as these engaging lessons, the diary is packed with other exciting events which offer a really varied and broad curriculum for the children - everything from sports competitions to theme days. I can't wait to hear the feedback from Class 3's Executioner day at the Village Hall!

Please look on the class pages on the website for further information about all of your child's learning or any other issue, please pop in and talk to us.

With best regards and all good wishes for 2025,

Teresa Nicholls

Headteacher



Key dates:

- **Wednesday 15th January**
Sleep Hygiene webinar for parents
10.30am-11.30am or
6.00pm-7.00pm
- **Monday 20th January** - Class 3 Executioner day in Village Hall
- **Monday 27th January** - Compass Anxiety workshops for Class 2 and Class 3
- **Monday 3rd February** - Children's Mental Health week
- **Wednesday 5th February** - Wheelchair basketball event
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- **Thursday 6th February** - Class 3 Netball tournament at Great Longstone School
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Safer Internet Day
Wider Opps Brass concert in church for parents/carers
9.15am
- **Friday 14th February** - Pyjama Day for Sheffield Children's Hospital
Bright Plate award
PTFA Film Club after School
Break up for half term
- **Monday 24th February** - INSET day, school closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 25th February** - Back to School

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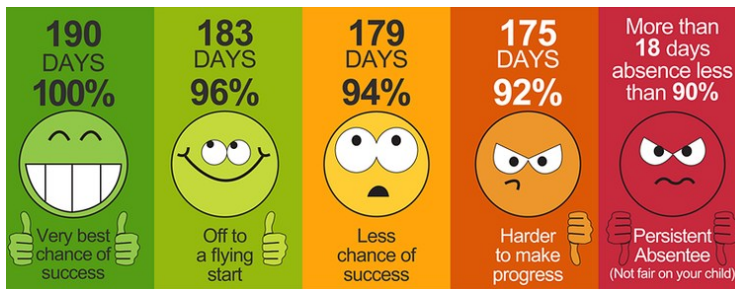
Welcoming all Community Achievement Respect Encouragement



In December the Department for Education (DfE) released new attendance information for schools. A separate letter will be coming home to explain what it means for you as parents and carers and us as a school.

Well done to **Y3** who have overtaken YR and are now our highest attenders at a fabulous **98.80%!!!** We have had lots of bugs in school since we returned, so it is not a surprise that our attendance figures have decreased. The whole school is now at **96.48%** which is slightly under the **97%** we are striving for. Although some conditions mean children can't attend, please remember that children can generally come to school with a cough or a cold. If you are not sure, please give us a ring. We can give medicine during the day if required, as long as it is brought in a named bottle with a dispenser and you complete a form to give details on how much to give and when and what it is for.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.12%	97.11%	97.80%	98.80%	95.11%	95.86%	93.96%



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know that you could be entitled to free school meals? It's a simple process to check your eligibility by scanning the QR code. This is different to the Universal infant free meals which are available for all. Please check, as it would mean savings for you as parents/ carers and extra money for us a school to support children.



Cold Weather 

A reminder that children must come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves whilst the temperatures are cold. We always endeavour to send them outside at breaktimes and therefore they need to be wrapped up warm.

New Website!!

We are currently in the process of having our website redeveloped, this will hopefully mean it will be easier for you to navigate around and find a lot easier for us to use!! 

We will inform you when it is up and running.

PTFA Film Club

On Friday 14th February we are excited to announce we are running a Film Club after school. The cost will be £2.50 per child which will cover their drink and snack (popcorn or marshmallows). A letter with a consent slip will be sent home shortly with the full details on.



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Compass Changing Lives Mental Health Support Team.

We are working with the Compass Changing Lives Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Service who are based at Lady Manners School. They are an early intervention, emotional wellbeing service supporting schools, children and young people, along with their families to develop important wellbeing skills and confidence. They will be working closely with schools in the Bakewell and surrounding areas, to deliver bespoke support. The team are based at Lady Manners and offer webinar sessions for parents. We are delighted they will be visiting school over the next few weeks to see Classes 2 and 3, focusing on anxiety management, resilience and transition to secondary school (Y6)

The first session parents are invited to attend is a Teams webinar on 'Supporting My Child with Sleep Hygiene'. This is an online session where Natalie from Compass will be offering support and advice to help children with sleep patterns at home.



If you would like to join the session, there are 2 times for next Wednesday 15th January at either 10.30am or 6pm. The information poster is on the Hub.

We are sure the sessions will be helpful and informative.

Christmas Fayre with Preschool and Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all of you that bought hamper raffle tickets and well done to those 4 lucky winners, we raised a fantastic **£325!!**

A **huge thank you** to everyone that came and supported our fayre on Friday 20th December. It was a really well attended event and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

The fantastic news is we raised a whopping **£1822.57**, which has been split between school and preschool.



Although our more traditional Christmas has ended, the Church season of Christmas continues until Candlemas Sunday on 2nd February. This celebrates the Presentation of the child Jesus and candles are traditionally blessed which links to the belief that Jesus is the light of the world.

Geoff and Jayne are visiting us the day after Candlemas Sunday to lead our Collective Worship and to share God's Word as we end our Christmas celebrations.



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