



# Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What an amazing term we have had! The Spring term is always such an important time as everyone is well settled into their class and powering forward with their learning. Of course, this happens best when there is a good partnership with parents and carers. I want to say a big thank you for all your support with engaging with teachers and parents' meetings and working hard to keep attendance as good as it is. We are seeing some excellent progress in all classes but what is also brilliant to see is the amount of fun the children are having while they are doing it!

Some highlights for me include the story writing in Class 1 which is so imaginative and well-written. All the children love writing and are so proud of their work. If you are in school, look for some of their work on the corridor display. Thank you also for Class 1's super posters about our school vision and values dotted around school. You can find more information about these on our website. We're also very proud of all the hard work for the Easter Play performed by Class 2. Their singing is beautiful and I'm sure you'll agree their teamwork and efforts paid off with a wonderful performance in Church this afternoon! Well done to all and a special thank you to Mr Scully for leading on this. Finally, a very tired but very happy Class 3 return home after their residential this afternoon. We have been so impressed by the way they have faced new challenges and supported each other. Their behaviour was exemplary and there were lots of positive comments from the team at Willersley Castle because they were such a great group to work with. Thank you to Miss Hemmingway for leading the trip so well and making sure everyone was safe and happy and to Mr Scully and Mrs Askew for supporting the whole residential. And these are just a few highlights!

Here is the final call for the parental questionnaire feedback. Please access it on the link here <https://forms.office.com/e/iEdjaiY406> I shall be collating the feedback and summarising it for you when we return for the Summer term.

Wishing you a very happy Easter and an enjoyable and restful break,

Teresa Nicholls

## Key dates:

- **Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th April** - Class 3 (Y5/Y6) Residential Trip to Willersley Castle.
- **Friday 4th April** - Class 2 (Y3/Y4) Easter Play in Church at 2.15pm, all welcome. PTFA serving refreshments.
- **Friday 4th April**, break up for Easter Holidays.
- **Tuesday 22nd April** - Return to school
- **Tuesday 22nd April** - Class 1 (YRY1/Y2) and Class 3 (Y5/Y6) Trip to Peak Wildlife at Leek
- **Wednesday 23rd April** - YR Balance Bikes with RDSSP.
- **Thursday 24th April** - Cricket Taster day on the field for all classes. Please come to school in PE kit.
- **Friday 25th April** - Bright Plate award in church 9.15am.
- **Friday 25th April** - PCSO Boswell 'Anti Social Behaviour', KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon.
- **Friday 25th April** - PTFA meeting in school at 6.00pm, all welcome to attend.
- **Monday 28th April** - Natalie from Compass Class1 in morning and Class 2 in the afternoon.
- **Wednesday 30th April** - Natalie from Compass for Class 3
- **Wednesday 30th April** - No Art/Sports clubs due to staff training, after school club will run as normal.
- **Thursday 1st May** - Class 3 Sports Festival on the field.

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We are still struggling with bugs and illness in school, which is affecting our overall attendance. We are currently standing at 96.02% which is just under the 97% we are striving to achieve. Please remember that coughs and colds can be managed in school, if you need your child to have medicine through the day, please speak to the office staff and they will help you to complete the necessary paperwork.

Well done to Y3, who continue to be our highest attenders in school so far in this academic year.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.64%	96.79%	97.03%	97.98%	93.30%	96.07%	95.61%

### Club Bookings

Another polite reminder that children must be booked in advance into clubs. We have to ensure the right level of staffing, which is impossible if children turn up without a booking. If you are struggling with School Money, please let the office know. Last minute bookings must be made by calling the office, otherwise we require 24 hours notice online please.



### Class 2 Drama Performance

Thank you to those families and friends that joined us in church this afternoon to see Class 2's Easter performance - E.A.S.T.E.R spells EASTER.

The children were all amazing, and they sang beautifully. It was definitely very moving. Well done to you all, and especially to Mr Scully and Mrs Houghton for all their hard work.



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**Class 3 Residential 2025 at Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle**  
**Fun, friendship, tackling challenges together and learning life skills.**



**Clubs after Half term**

Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS1 (YR/Y1/Y2) Art Club with Miss Tonks

Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) Multi-sports Club with Miss Tonks

Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS1 (YR/Y1/Y2) Multi-sports Club with Miss Hulme

Please ensure you book using School Money, or by contacting the office.

Please note: Art and Gardening Club are under 'Craft Club'



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone that supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair in school. We have just been awarded £215.00 to spend on free books for our children! What an amazing achievement.

Also, a big thank you to all those that attended the PTFA's Easter Bingo recently. This was a new fundraising idea, and we are pleased to announce we raised £300!! Look out after Easter for the PTFA's newsletter, which will have all the forthcoming fundraising activities they have planned.

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## Paws and Read Scheme (Therapy Dogs Nationwide)

For those of you that are not aware, we are currently welcoming 2 reading support dogs and their handlers into school each week.

Wednesdays - Pam and Red listen to our KS2 children read

Thursdays - Angela and Holly listen to our KS1 children read.

The scheme is designed to encourage children to read and read aloud, who normally find this really difficult.

If you would like to find out more about the work they do, please follow this link!

<https://tdn.org.uk/schools-2/>



## Easter

We look forward to celebrating Easter as a community over the next two weeks, in school and in Church. It is a time where we recognise the sacrifice made by Jesus as well reminding ourselves of the Easter story, from Palm Sunday to the glory of Easter Sunday.

The Church team, as always, extend a warm welcome to all our families over Easter Week with services in Church which are listed in the Bugle as well as outside Church.

We wish all our families a very peaceful Easter.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**Matthew 21.9**



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