

# Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary

## School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

Welcome back for the start of a brand-new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. Everyone has returned, children and staff alike, refreshed and raring to go. School feels happy, calm and full of excitement for the year ahead.

We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to the children and families joining us in Reception at the start of their primary school journey. Everyone has been amazed at how well these children have settled this week. We would also like to say a big hello to new members of staff joining the team - Ms Blackham teaching in Class 3 alongside Miss Hemmingway, Mrs Collier supporting Class 2 and Mrs Timperley and Mrs Knox in the office. We wish you all a long and happy time at Youlgrave All Saints.

Over the summer we have been busy installing a new prayer tree in our reception area to reflect the school's values and create a cheerful and bright entrance. Thank you to Mrs Wood for all her hard work liaising with the manufacturers and installation team. It looks stunning. Please take a look next time you are passing the office. We were very excited this morning when Class 2 were the first to hang leaves on the tree reflecting what they hope to achieve this year.

A key focus for school this year is our climate action plan. This includes reducing waste, building our resilience regarding climate change and enriching our curriculum to teach children about the environment, net carbon zero and green careers. We are planning for the children to be able to shape and lead significant parts of this work. If you are involved in the carbon reduction initiatives either locally or through your work, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally two things to celebrate—school achieved the Derbyshire BERT (Building Effective Relationships Together) Bronze Award at the end of the summer term last year. We are now working towards the Silver award. This is a fantastic way to enhance our PSHE curriculum. Also, many congratulations and well done to Miss Higton who achieved her SEND diploma during the summer. This is a fantastic achievement! Miss Higton is going to be supporting school plan and deliver effective interventions for children with SEND this year.

Many thanks for your support and ensuring the children have made a flying start returning to school this September. We're looking forward to lots of successes.

Best wishes  
Miss Nicholls

### Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 16th September - Swimming restarts for Class 2
- Monday 22nd September, RE School Trip to the Open Centre in Derby with Biggin Primary School
- Monday 6th October, Harvest Festival 3.00 pm in Church
- Wednesday 8th October, Young Voices workshop in Sheffield
- Monday 13th October, School photographer, siblings commence from 8.00 am
- Friday 17th October Go Pink day including a visit by Ashley Bear in aid of Ashgate Hospice
- Monday 20th October, Parent consultation evening (details to follow)
- Tuesday 21st October, Parent consultation evening (details to follow)
- Friday 24th October - Break up for half term holiday

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Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. We believe regular school attendance is crucial in preparing children for successful transition to adulthood and supporting their longer term economic and social participation in society. We promote the development of positive peer relationships which also contribute to good mental health and wellbeing in children.

**Well done to Yr3 and Yr6 who have had an amazing start to the new school year with 100% attendance!!!** Please remember if your child arrives after the register has been taken, it will count as an absence for that morning's mark. School is open from 8.50am, and gates are closed at 9.00am when the registers are taken in classes.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	95%	99%	100%	95%	98%	100%



Your child has brought home update forms this week and thank you to all those who have sent them back to us quickly. (Please can you make sure that all details we hold are up to date including consents). On the walk home permissions, please make sure that you have stated clearly whether they can walk home or not. We can't let children walk home unless we have your written permission for them to do so.

If anyone, apart from those on the form who you have given permission for, arrives to collect your child, we will not release them until you give consent. Please make sure you either let the teacher know on arrival, or phone the office, and let us know if someone else is picking your child up. We would also ask that you to let us know if they are going home with another parent.

**Look out for our new pupil voice section.**

We are developing a new pupil voice section which we are hoping will be ready for our next newsletter. This will involve a new roving reporter role for one or more nominated pupils. They will be talking to our children about the things that are important to them and their experience of being part of the school community.

**Secondary School Admissions**

The admissions window is open for Y6 parents/carers to apply for their child/children's place at their chosen Secondary School.

Please remember the deadline for doing so is 31st October. Your child should have brought a leaflet home explaining the process, or you can visit DCC website for more information. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/secondary-admissions/secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

**School Photographs**

**The School photographer will be with us on Monday 13th October.**

**If your child has a sibling that isn't in school, you are welcome to bring them from 8.00am onwards to have their photo take.**

**As always, please ensure children are in school uniform this day.**

Thank you.



### 'How We Work Together'

Just a quick reminder about our document 'How we work together'. This document is available on the school website and outlines expectations of both the school and parents and how we can work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Thank you.



### School uniform

Thank you to everyone that has sent their child/ children back to school in full uniform. The children look really smart!!

### A quick reminder on some important items :

- Long hair must be tied back at all times
- Make up, nail varnish/tips are not permitted
- Bracelets, necklaces, rings and earrings are not allowed during either PE or Swimming.
- Please speak to your child(ren)'s class teacher if they have particular sensory needs in relation to clothing which may impact their ability to wear the agreed school uniform.



Please ensure to book children in online using School Money. If you have any difficulty please contact the school office on 01629 636289. Please book your sessions as soon as possible so we can ensure appropriate levels of staffing are in place.

### INSET Days 2025/2026

- September 4th
- September 5th
- November 3rd
- January 5th
- July 23rd

### School Council

We will be re-electing children for our School and Eco-Councils shortly. Children that wish to be a part of this will put their names forward and then a school vote will establish who our new members will be for this school year!



## flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



The Flu Immunisation team will be in school early November this year. You will be receiving information on how to log online and give your consent for your child to receive this shortly. The NHS recommend that all children receive this vaccination and **the NHS cannot give the vaccine without your explicit consent.**

- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu  mmunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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A polite reminder that the school and its grounds are smoke and vape free at all times.



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## Collective Worship and our new prayer Tree:

On Monday, Miss Nicholls led a special whole-school collective worship to start our new school year with reflection and inspiration. During this time she also introduced our beautiful new prayer tree, now proudly situated in the school entrance.

The Prayer Tree is a vibrant and meaningful addition to our school environment, designed to celebrate and reinforce the core values we uphold as a school community. Each leaf on the tree represents a difference value over time, children will contribute to the display as they explore and embody these values in their learning and daily lives.

We would encourage you all to take a moment and view the display next time you're in school. It's a wonderful visual reminder of the principles that guide us and the positive culture we are nurturing together.



On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Briddon into school to deliver their first special puppet assembly of the school year title, 'Joseph and the Dread'. Through lively storytelling and creative puppetry, they brought the Bible story of Joseph to life in a way that truly captivated the children.

The pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout and enjoyed learning about Joseph's journey, his dreams, and the important messages of faith, resilience, and forgiveness. Assemblies like these help enrich our collective worship and deepen children's understanding of key Biblical stories in a fun and memorable way.



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## Messages from the classroom:

### **Class 1: Welcome back, what a fantastic start to the school year you have all had!**

I am very impressed with how well all the children have settled being back at school, especially our new reception children. We have spent the week getting used to the school routine and class expectations, in preparation to be ready to learn next week.

Our topic this half term is 'Old Macdonald had a farm' which we will be starting next week, and the children have already asked me a range of interesting questions on what they would like to learn. We had a super first PE lesson where the children were learning basic football skills and have many exciting things to look forward to over our first few weeks in school.

Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming parent meeting (new starters) to look further into our phonics reading and writing scheme 'Read Write inc.'

Sammy and Sophie Snuggles the class bears can't wait to start spending the weekend at children's houses on little adventures.

Well done Class 1!

*Miss Hulme*



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## Class 2: A Bony Beginning!

Class 2 has had a fantastic start to the new term! The children have settled in beautifully and are already diving into exciting new learning adventures.

One of the highlights so far has been meeting Mr Bones, our resident skeleton, who is helping us explore both science and history.

Mr Bones played a starring role in our mock Stone Age burial, complete with flint tools, arrowheads, bowls, and even Stone Age style jewellery.



The children were fascinated by how much we can learn from ancient artefacts. As Isla put it, *“its amazing how much you can learn about the Stone Age from a single item!”*.

We’ve also welcomed our class pets—‘The Sticks’, a group of curious stick insects who are helping us discover that not all animals and insects have skeletons! A big thank you to the Teeboon family for kindly supplying our new friends and taking such good care of them over the weekend.

It’s been a brilliant start to the year, and we can’t wait to see where our learning takes us next! Don’t forget to check out our Class pages to find out more about what we are learning.

Well done Class 2!

*Mrs Houghton*

**Class 3: Welcome back class 3 and what a busy week it has been.**

We have all discovered new delights in the way of books in our class library and school library. Some of us have already started to get into a routine of reading in the evenings and are enjoying reading about adventures, fairy tales and dragons.

Both Year 5 and 6 have begun exploring the idea of adventures story writing and are getting to grips with this fantastic genre.

In science they have been learning about the term habitat and thinking about where animals live. Alongside this we have already started our topic, getting to know more about the Maya Civilisation.

And to round off a fantastic week, class 3 were able to visit the village bowling green for their first PE lesson of the year. We had a fantastic time learning more about bowls and even managed to miss the rain!!



Well done everyone!

*Miss Hemmingway*