

# Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back to the new Spring term and our first newsletter of 2026. Thank you for your patience about the snow causing the school closure last Friday in order to keep everyone safe and which has delayed the publication of this newsletter by one week. Hopefully we won't see too much more adverse weather in the next 2 months.

The children have settled back to school really well, are having lots of fun learning, and as usual school is a busy and happy place. There was so much lovely feedback about the school celebrations and events leading up to Christmas, especially about the nativity and Carol service and behaviour and engagement of our children. Thank you too for the fantastic way that we ended the school term with a brilliant fundraising effort of the joint school fair with Youlgrave Preschool. This support makes a huge difference to what we are able to offer our children.

This term we have some lovely events lined up already. We're anticipating a brilliant morning with PCSO Boswell on Monday, a fantastic day learning about African art, culture and storytelling with Bemma and of course the Key Stage 2 Young Voices concert in February. What an exciting beginning to the new year!

As always we are very keen to hear your views, questions and ideas. Please pop in if you need to speak to a class teacher or myself at any time.

With very best wishes for the year ahead

Teresa Nicholls

**Attendance:** Well done to everyone for the school attendance achieved so far. School is currently performing above the national average for primary schools which is a real achievement. It's especially good to see the excellent attendance in Years 3, 4 and 5. Strong attendance is so important as a factor in overall good attainment and progress, so please continue to support this for your child. If you need help or information on issues relating to attendance please contact me by popping in to school to make an appointment or email [tnicholls@youlgrave-allsaints.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:tnicholls@youlgrave-allsaints.derbyshire.sch.uk)



## Dates for your diary:

- 19th January– PCSO Boswell for KS1/2 'The role of the Police'
- 27th January– African Ark for all classes
- 4th February– YR6 Wheelchair basketball at Darley Dale
- 5th February– Class 3 Netball at Longstone
- 6th February– School meal theme day is pizza
- 9th February– Young Voices for Class 2/3 INSET Days and Holidays 2026
- 16th February to 20th February- Half Term
- 30th March to 10th April- Easter Holiday
- 4th May- May Day Bank Holiday
- 25th May to 29th May- Half Term
- 22nd July- Last day of Summer Term
- July 23rd- Inset Day

Reception

94%

Year 1

96%

Year 2

95%

Year 3

97%

Year 4

98%

Year 5

96%

Year 6

95%

# Roving Reporter

Reported by Faith and Ivy for Class 1

Faith and Ivy did a brilliant job asking questions and listening to their friends' answers!! They used great teamwork skills to ensure they asked a variety of different children. Well done girls.

**Elsie H- has enjoyed learning her shapes**

**Ted- I have enjoyed learning my 10 x tables**

**Reuben- I have enjoyed learning new things in science**

**Nancy- Adding 1s in maths has been fun!**

**Rylee-Mae- I have been trying hard with writing my letters**

**Phoebe.G- learning about light sources in science**

**Chloe- dancing to 'I just can't wait to be king' in PE lessons- I love that song!**

**Edith- using torches to make funny shadows!!**

**Dougie- Maths is always fun, and I like learning new stuff**



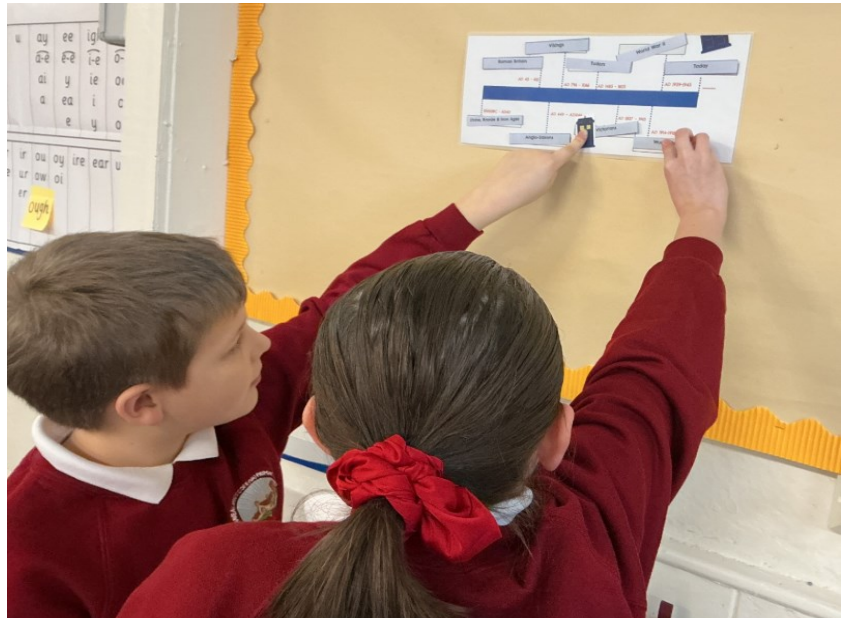
## School Highlights

**Class 1-** I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and I would like to wish you a very happy new year! It has been so great having the Class 1 children back in school and hearing all about their Christmas holidays- all the children look to have suddenly grown over the 2 week break! The past 2 weeks we have been getting back into our school routine and focusing on our writing stamina and maths- Reception have enjoyed learning about the number zero. We have continued our 'starry, starry night' topic where we have been learning about 'light and dark' in science, and 'nocturnal and diurnal animals' in topic. The children have asked some very inquisitive questions and have engaged in their new learning well. For the next 4 weeks we will be starting our exciting new topic 'Old school history' where we will be learning about old and modern schools, schools around the world and the history of Youlgrave Allsaints School.



**Class 2-** Science Fun Alert! Our young scientists have been diving into the exciting world of States of Matter! Exploring solids, liquids, and gases through hands-on experiments and lots of curious questions. The biggest hit? Oobleck! This magical substance had everyone amazed as it acted like both a solid and a liquid- what a mystery! The children loved squishing, poking, and testing its strange properties while discovering how science can be full of surprises. Their enthusiasm and laughter filled the classroom as they learned through play and exploration. We can't wait for more science adventures ahead!

**Class 3-** Happy New Year to everyone! Class 3 has started an exciting new topic all about the Victorian Era. We are finding out when this period was and investigating the differences between the lives of wealthy and poor people. In Science, we are learning about Animals, including Humans, and in our first lesson we explored the important job of the heart. We also enjoyed a visit from the Compass team, who led a meaningful workshop helping us to explore and understand our emotions. In PE, we are enjoying netball and practising our skills as we work towards a competition taking place at Longstone in the coming weeks.



## Safeguarding:

The Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police- **999**, straight away.

## Collective worship: Perseverance

This term, our Christian value focus is **Perseverance**—and the children will be exploring what it truly means to “keep going” even when things get tough! Through stories, discussions, and activities, we will look at themes like *running the race of life, doing the right thing, meeting personal challenges, and encouraging others along the way*. The children will learn that perseverance isn’t just about finishing- it’s about staying strong, making good choices, and supporting one another. We’re excited to see how they might put these ideas into practice every day, both in class and beyond!

