

Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome to our March newsletter which is jam-packed with news about exciting events happening in school. There is a huge amount of 'feel good' energy in school at the moment which you can read about in the Roving Reporter and Class sections.

What's clear is how much fun the children are having with their learning and how rich and varied our curriculum is. What lies underneath is how events build links within the curriculum to strengthen the children's learning. World Book Day is a perfect example of this. The children made a fantastic effort creating dressing up ideas to share their favourite characters and love of reading. Throughout the day there was so much discussion about all kinds of books, and fun, laughter and learning through activities linked to reading. The result is an increased enthusiasm and confidence around reading which benefits everyone. Please can I say a huge thank you to Miss Hemmingway for co-ordinating the event, thank you to everyone who spared time to come and share books and read with children in school and to yourselves for helping children get involved to the max! Thank you!

Finally, another big thank you to all parents and carers who attended meetings with class teachers this week. We really appreciate you making time to discuss your child's progress so constructively and supportively. These shared discussions make such a difference to children's outcomes and the success of school overall. The feedback has been very positive – thank you. Remember, our door is always open if you need to talk to us, no matter how small the issue might seem, just pop in.

Best wishes
Teresa Nicholls

Attendance: Thank you for everyone's efforts in maintaining a high level of attendance. An extra well done to Year 4 and Year 1 who achieved 98% and 97% respectively.

As we go into the summer term, which is where most of our statutory assessments are completed and which is so important for consolidating the year's learning, high attendance becomes even more important. Thank you in advance for supporting us with that.

If you ever need help or information on issues relating to attendance please contact me by popping in to school to make an appointment or email:

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Dates for the diary:

- 10th March 9.20am– KS2 Brass Concert, Parents/ Carers welcome
- 11th March– PCSO Boswell 'Road Safety' for KS1 and KS2
- 16th March– Hannah from MAST
- 26th March– Easter Egg Hunt with preschool
- 26th March– Compass Friendship workshop starting with Class 2
- 27th March– Easter crafting in class
- 27th March- Easter play and Bright Plate collective worship, all welcome
- 27th March– last day of term
- 13th April- Back to school
- 14th April– Compass sleep workshop for Class 3
- 15th April– Puppet Assembly
- 15th April- Compass Managing Emotions workshop Class 2

INSET Days and Holidays 2026

- 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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95%	97%	96%	96%	98%	96%	96%	96%

Roving Reporter

Reported by Jacob and April for Class 3

Our roving reporters from Class 3, Jacob and April, visited classes across the school as World Book Day brought excitement to every classroom. Pupils proudly shared their favourite books and characters. From funny favourites like Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries to classics such as War Horse and Esio Trot, children spoke passionately about the stories they love. Many enjoyed creating book covers and writing their own book or comic, while others said dressing up was the highlight of their day. Pupils recommended new titles to friends, like The Worst Witch and discovered unfamiliar stories along the way. When imagining stepping into a story, choices ranged from magical worlds full of fairies to action-packed adventures with Harry Potter, showing how inspiring reading can be.



School Highlights

Class 1- During our recent unit on the Old Toy Shop, students stepped into the role of young historians. Inspired by stories like *Dogger*, they explored how toys from the past reveal clues about daily life, technology, and childhood long ago. The children carefully examined artifacts, asked thoughtful questions, and compared old toys with the ones they enjoy today. Many proudly contributed special items from home to our class museum, including vintage dolls, tin cars, and old much-loved teddy bears. Their curiosity, careful observations, and enthusiasm brought history to life and showed impressive historical thinking skills in action.



Class 2- Can you hear it? - An exploration of sound

This half term, Year 3 and 4 have begun an exciting new science topic all about *sound*. The children have already enjoyed hands-on investigations, exploring how sounds are made and how they travel. Working in teams, they designed and created their own musical instruments using everyday materials. This gave them the chance to experiment with pitch, tone, and volume, and to discover how different vibrations produce different sounds. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity in action, and we look forward to more noisy learning over the coming weeks!

Class 3- We recently welcomed Hannah from MAST, who led an engaging RE lesson exploring the Old Testament. Pupils learned about key books including Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Job and Psalms, discovering their stories and themes through discussion and activities. The session featured an interactive map of the region, helping children understand where events took place, and included dressing up to recreate scenes from the stories. It was a lively, hands-on experience that brought learning to life and sparked great enthusiasm across the class.



Congratulations to Our Bright Plate Winner

We are delighted to congratulate Isla on being awarded the Bright Plate this term. This special award recognises pupils who consistently uphold our school values and demonstrate exceptional academic endeavour. Isla has shown dedication, resilience, and a positive attitude in all areas of learning, making her a wonderful role model for others. We are incredibly proud of her hard work and the enthusiasm she brings to school each day. Well done, on this fantastic achievement!



Collective Worship

This Term, during the Roots and Fruits Collective Workshop, the school value of justice and fairness is being explored through reflection, discussion, and shared responsibility. Children are being encouraged to think critically about what it means to treat others equitably, recognising that fairness does not always mean treating everyone the same, but rather giving each person what they need to thrive. Through collaborative activities, discussions, and real-life scenarios, children will be examining issues of inclusion, respect, and accountability within our school community and beyond. The assemblies create a space where every voice is heard and valued, reinforcing the idea that justice begins with empathy, integrity, and the courage to stand up for what is right.

Safeguarding:

This month PCSO Boswell will be talking to all the children about Road Safety. This is an increasingly important topic in our busy village. Here are links to some resources which may help you if you wish to continue to talk about this at home:

[Free road safety resources | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents](#)

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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.



Peak District
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Community Nature Grant Success

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Peak District National Park Foundation-Community Nature Fund Grant of £4,687.81. This generous funding will help us to enhance our school garden and develop richer habitats for local wildlife. The project will give our pupils exciting opportunities to learn about nature, biodiversity, and how we can all care for the environment. We're looking forward to creating a greener, more vibrant outdoor space for everyone to enjoy.

If you'd like to take part in our Healthier Futures programme you can [sign up to book a chat](#) with one of our friendly team.

We support parents and carers to improve family health and wellbeing by:

- identifying strengths
- exploring areas for extra support
- setting achievable goals

Topics families often focus on:

- positive parenting
- building parenting confidence
- healthy meals and snacks
- creating calmer mealtimes
- conversations about positive body image
- moving more as a family
- improving sleep
- creating healthy routines
- how to help with fussy eating

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