

# Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary

## School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely break! The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm and with a great attitude towards their learning. This is always wonderful for us to see but is also being commented on by visitors to the school. Thank you, also, to everyone who attended Parents' Meetings with the class teachers at the end of last half term. It was good to hear your positive feedback and share the children's good work and progress.

Much celebration happened in this morning's collective worship which was filled with lots of awards for children giving their best effort and demonstrating school's **We Care** values. We were especially proud of the recognition of the determination and sportsmanship of Key Stage 2 children this week in their Dodgeball competition.

This term is always a busy and exciting time. Pacific Ocean Class have started rehearsing for their Christmas Nativity which pulls our thoughts towards the end of term but there are so many interesting things happening in school all the time. Today we continue our series of visits led by our local PCSOs who have parked their police car outside our front door and are talking to the children about the role of the Police – all very amazing! The staff continue to develop our curriculum all the time so please look on the website for more information.

Next week we'll be completing activities in class for Anti-Bullying Week. You may want to talk to your child about what they have been learning on this topic in school. The NSPCC website also has some good resources for parents on how to talk to your child about bullying and cyberbullying. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Meanwhile, thank you for all your support for school as we look forward to a productive and successful half term ahead.

Best wishes

Teresa Nicholls

We are very excited to inform you that the school will shortly have it's own Facebook page. We are hoping that this will keep you up to date with all the latest news and events that are going on in and around school. The School website remains the most comprehensive source of information for parents and carers. We are also continuing to use ParentHub, as not all parents and carers use social media. Our current consent categories that we ask for your permission annually doesn't currently contain a category for social media, so we will be sending a slip home for you to complete and return.



### Key dates:

- Friday 8th November - PCSO Boswell and PC Jenkins visit 'Role of the Police' for all classes
- Monday 11th November 'Anti-Bullying' week
- Monday 11th November - Remembrance Service in Church 10.45am (all welcome)
- Monday 11th November - Raffle tickets on sale for Christmas Hampers
- Tuesday 12th November - 'Odd Socks day'
- Wednesday 13th November - New Reception starters open morning 9am -11am
- Thursday 14th November - PCSO Boswell with Class 3 'Knife Crime'
- Friday 15th November - 'Children in Need' day (see details in newsletter)
- Tuesday 19th November - New Reception starters open afternoon 1.15pm - 3pm
- Friday 22nd November - Class visits to Church
- Monday 25th – Thursday 28th Scholastic Book fair in school
- Friday 29th November - Christmas Crafting morning and decorations go up in school (see details in newsletter)
- Monday 2nd December - Non school uniform day in return for hamper donations (see letter for details)

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## PTFA News and Events!!



### Key dates for this term:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Stall at the Community Bonfire, Alport from 5.30pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Hamper tickets on sale from today from the office. If you can't attend the Nativity for the draw, we will notify you if you win. Tickets will be available to buy at the Nativity performances too.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - AGM at school, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Non School uniform day for hamper donations (separate letter to follow)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Festive refreshments at the Nativity in Church and Hamper Raffle Draw on Wed 11<sup>th</sup>.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair in School with Preschool 3.45pm-6.00pm

### *Other ways you can help raise money .....*

#### ***Cashpot for Schools ASDA Rewards App – Only until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024!***

This year, ASDA have joined with Joe Wicks to raise money for PTFA's. When you sign up to the ASDA Rewards app you can link your account so that a percentage of your shop goes to Youlgrave School.

**All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

We have raised £54 so far through this app!

**Easyfundraising App** 'If you scan this QR code to get to the app, it will raise an extra £5 for our school'.



Do your normal shopping (Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Aldi, Boots etc.) through this app and, when you link your account to Youlgrave School, the retailer donates a small amount to us. We have already raised over **£175** through the app!!

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Well done to Year Reception who are continuing to be the highest attenders so far this school year with a fantastic **99.51%** attendance. As a school, we are currently at **96.84%**. We are aiming for attendance to be above **97%**, so this is very close to where we need to be. **Please remember if your child arrives after the register has been taken, it will count as an absence for that morning's attendance 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
99.51%	97.23%	97.73%	98.44%	93.77%	97.05%	94.81%

**Monday 11th November (onwards) - Raffle tickets on sale for Christmas Hampers from office**

**Monday 25th - Thursday 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair in School**

**Friday 29th November - Christmas Craft morning and decorations to put up. (see information later in newsletter)**

**Monday 2nd December - Non-school uniform day in return for hamper donations**

**Friday 6th December - Christingle service in Church 2.30pm all welcome.**

**Tuesday 10th December - Nativity performance in church at 2.00pm, PTFA refreshments, all welcome.**

**Wednesday 11th December - Nativity performance in church at 6.00pm, PTFA refreshments, all welcome. (Hamper raffle draw)**

**Thursday 12th December - Whole School trip to Buxton Opera House (Panto)....oh no it isn't!!**

**Friday 13th December - Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day (details to follow), Christmas Lunch and Christmas Carol Service in Church 2.30pm all welcome (remember to let the office know if your child wants a dinner and normally has sandwiches)**

**Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Party (KS1) details to follow**

**Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party (KS2) details to follow and Party lunch for all**

**Friday 20th December - Christmas Fair (with Preschool) 3.45pm-6.00pm and break up for the holidays.**

**Monday 6th January - Back to School for everyone.**



## Christmas Crafting Morning.

We would love to welcome parents/carers into school on Friday 29th November in the morning to work with their child/children in class.

Sessions are as follows:

9.00am-10.15am

10.45am-12.00noon



Please let the office know if you would like to join us!



### Children in Need Theme for 2024

We are supporting Children in Need again this year.

The charity supports children in communities in the UK. The funding supports amazing people in family centres, community spaces, youth clubs and refuges; homeless shelters, hospices and helplines.

Children can come to school in their own clothes or Pudsey themed outfits/accessories.

Activities will be on throughout the day for children to take part in, led by our School Council.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please visit the Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-askew-1730890493388?>

### Paws & Read Scheme



We are excited to be starting to work with Therapy Dogs Nationwide to help with our children's reading.

Therapy Dogs Nationwide place temperament assessed dogs with their volunteer handlers into schools under their '**Paws & Read Scheme**' which is recognised by The Kennel Club.

Research suggests children can be nervous and uncomfortable when reading aloud in a classroom environment.

The therapy dogs are non-judgemental, attentive and perfect listeners.

We hope this will help with our children's reading and wellbeing. The scheme also helps with self-esteem plus teaching children how to behave appropriately around dogs and basic dog safety.

If you have any questions, please come and talk to us.

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## Interhouse Hoola Hoop competition

We have recently enjoyed our annual inter-house hula hooping competition.

All children took part and had a really great afternoon, led by Miss Tonks.

The overall winners for their amazing skills went to Middleton!

Well done to everyone (staff included!)



## Viking Day—Class 2

Class 2 had a special visit from Chris who works for 'Viking Experience Days'. The children had a full day of experiencing life as a Viking and enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities whilst wearing Viking costumes!!



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Our Y6 children have started their **Bikeability training**, the first session is play-ground based, learning about the basics before they will have a session or two on the roads.



## PCSO Visits

We are very lucky to be having regular visits from our local PCSO Anthony Boswell and his colleagues covering relevant topics for our children.

We have the following interactive information sessions which are age appropriate:

The Role of the Police (including seeing a real police car in action!) - Whole School  
Stranger Danger - KS1 and KS2 separately

Knife Crime - Y5/Y6 only

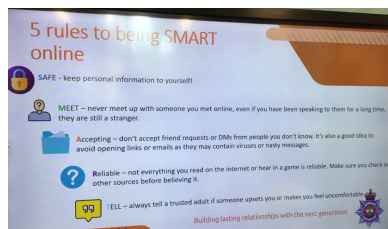
Road safety - Whole School

Cyberbullying - KS1

Bullying - KS1 and KS2 separately

County Lines - KS2

Anti-Social behaviour KS1 and KS2 separately





### Family Services in Church:

Sunday 1st December 11.00am

We have lots of Christmas activities in Church this term. We are very grateful to our community for the use of our lovely Church.

All families are warmly welcomed.

As part of our Ambassador Schools membership, we are excited to inform you about The Derbyshire Wildlife Trusts upcoming local events. Please follow this link to see what they offering.

<https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/things-to-do?>



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust

### Remembrance 2024

We have been supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Thank you to all those that have purchased merchandise. You are warmly welcome to join us for the Remembrance service in church next Monday 11th at 10.45am.



### Open Days

A reminder of our forthcoming open days for new reception starters in September 2025. Please spread the word. You can just turn up, there's no need to let us know.

Wednesday 13th November 9am-11am

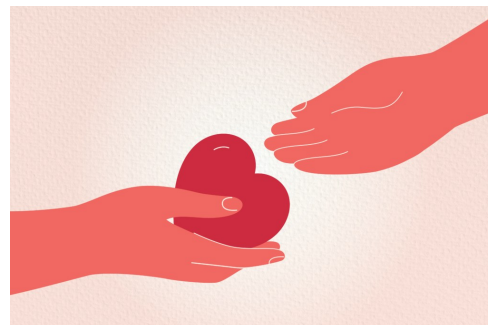
Tuesday 19th November 1.15pm-3.15pm

### And finally....

Our new Collective Worship theme is **Compassion**. Throughout the half term we will be sharing this theme with the children in Collective Worship and in our daily school lives. To start with, we will be looking at which of these statements resonate with us daily. Please take time to reflect from your point of view which ones stand out for you.

#### Compassion is...

- C**ostly caring
- O**ffering help
- M**aking a difference
- P**utting others first
- A**lways listening
- S**ensitive to suffering
- S**ervice in action
- I**nterested in others
- O**ffering care and concern
- N**oticing a need.



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