

Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary

School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

It's hard to believe we are already in October having completed four full weeks in school! The children are very settled and busy and have already completed some great learning in their first topics of the year. We are grateful for everyone's hard work making our curriculum in school so broad and interesting. Just a couple of highlights from this week show this perfectly. The whole school had lots of fun learning about Indian dancing on Wednesday afternoon and our local PCSO visited school to talk about Stranger Danger on and off-line with Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, answering lots of questions from the children. The PCSOs will be delivering a series of talks with the children over the coming year to help them stay safe at school, at home and in the community. Please let us know if you have any particular concerns you would like us to cover.

Recently, school has made significant investments in resources and training for Reading because this is one of the most important skills for children to master. In Reception and Key Stage 1 we use the Read Write Inc scheme with bespoke reading books and in Key Stage 2 we use the Accelerated Reader scheme. Please contact your class teacher if you need more information about how these systems are used to help your child. It's so important for all children to practice their reading at home regularly and we appreciate your support with this. Some useful tips for encouraging your child to read more at home can be found here: [BBC Bitesize](#)

Parents' meetings will be held on 21st and 22nd October, however, please don't wait until then to raise any concerns or questions you may have. Please pop in to talk to your child's class teacher or myself whenever you need to.

Best regards
Teresa Nicholls
Headteacher

Halloween and Bonfire Night

We will be talking to children in school about how to stay safe while having fun. None of our children should be handling fireworks and we will remind them about road safety, being respectful and not visiting strangers' houses when trick or treating.

This poster has been shared by Derbyshire constabulary:

[Halloween and Bonfire Night Safety](#)

Recent Award for PE - KS1

We've recently received another award for recognition of our inclusivity and opportunities to be active in KS1. This is great, as it now joins with the Gold School Games Mark that we already have, which recognised sport and physical activity in KS2.



Key dates:

- Monday 7th October - Harvest Festival in Church 1.15pm, all welcome! Non-perishable donations to the school office before this date please.
- Thursday 10th October DCC waste and Recycling VR tour 10.00am (Class 2)
- Friday 11th October - Pommy Pilgrimage Sponsored Walk on Playing Field (whole school) 1.30pm
- Wednesday 16th October 2.45pm - Interhouse Hula-Hoop Competition.
- Thursday 17th October - DCC waste and Recycling VR tour 10.00am (Class 3)
- Monday 21st October - Parent consultation evening (details to follow)
- Tuesday 21st October - School photographer, sibling photographs commence from 8.00am
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- Wednesday 23rd October - Class 2 Viking Day
- Friday 25th October - Y6 Bikeability (9am-12pm)
- Friday 25th October - Break up for half term holiday
- Monday 4th November **INSET** day (school closed)
- Tuesday 5th November - back to school for all. pupils

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Well done to Year Reception who are the highest attenders so far this school year with a fantastic 99.34% attendance. As a school, we are currently at 96.70%, we are aiming for attendance to be above 97%, so this is a great start!

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
99.34%	96.84%	97.37%	97.89%	95.79%	96.89%	93.27%

Secondary School Admissions/Open Days—Reminder

A reminder for Y6 parents/carers, that the admissions window is open for Y6 parents/carers to apply for their child/children's place at their chosen Secondary School.

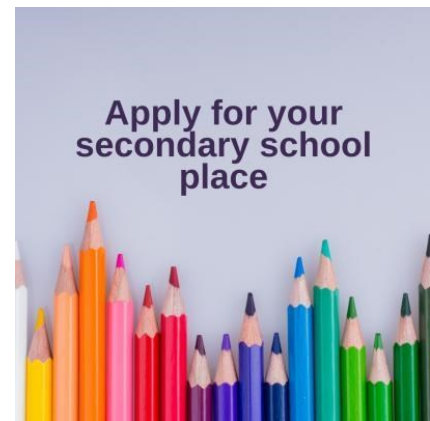
Please remember the deadline for doing so is **31st October**. Your child should have brought a leaflet home explaining the process, or you can visit DCC website for more information. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/secondary-admissions/secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

We hope you managed to attend the open evening on Thursday night at Lady Manners. Y6 children also have a further 2 transition days at LMS (all day):

Thursday 19th June 2025

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Parents/Carers will be required to drop off and collect their children on these days.



Class 3 Residential 2025

We are really excited to be taking Class 3 (Y5/Y6) to Manor Adventure at Willersley Castle next April. If you have a child/children in Class 3, please ensure you have sent your consent slip back to school, and the first payment is now due.

If you have any queries, please speak to Miss Hemmingway.

Thank you.



Online Safety Newsletters

We hope that you are finding the monthly newsletters helpful. They give advice on all forms of social media and gaming for parents/carers.

We send them out every month and it is also displayed in the notice board and on the school website.

If you need to speak to someone about your child's use of the internet/social media/gaming please have a chat with your child's class teacher, or the Headteacher.



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School Council

We have re-elected children for our School and Eco-Councils. Children requested to be part of this, and we held voting amongst the children.

Our new School Councillors for this year are:



Davyd (Y6) Josh (Y5)
Felix (Y4) Olympia (Y3)
Daniel (Y2) and Jaxson (Y1).

Well done to Class 3 who took part in a Football Tournament at Tideswell last week. One of our teams (below) were runners up!!! Well done to all of you!



PTFA Christmas cards/gifts

Our PTFA will be coming into school shortly to help children make a Christmas design which will be transferred onto Christmas cards and other gifts which will be available to purchase online. These are a really lovely idea for Christmas gifts, whilst raising funds for school.

Please look out in school bags over the next few weeks, and we will send a message out on the Hub too.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



PTFA - AGM (all welcome)



Friday 18th October
2024 in school starting at 6.30pm. Please come along if you are interested in joining or if you just want to know what they do!!!

REMINDER

The Flu Immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday 6th November.

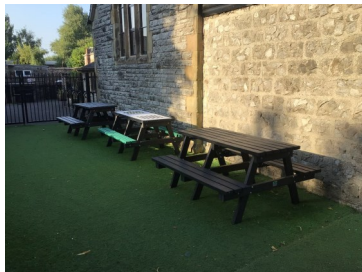
You will be receiving information on how to log online and give your consent for your child to receive this.

The NHS recommend that all children receive this vaccination.

We cannot give the vaccine without your consent.

Thank you.

You may have noticed some new playground equipment on our KS2 playground. We have 3 new picnic tables for children to use at break times including one that has snakes and ladders and draughts board games for children to play on. A big thank you to the PTFA for contributing to these fantastic additions, as well as other outdoor playground equipment too. We are really grateful!



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 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

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Safeguarding Children - Everybody's Business

We all have a duty to ensure children are safe from harm. The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding website provides all the information you need if you are concerned about the welfare of a child/children.

<https://www.ddscp.org.uk/worried-about-child/>

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they are being abused, you should make a referral to Children's Social Care in the area where the child lives.

In Derbyshire, this is via 'Starting Point', please telephone [01629 533190](tel:01629533190) or via an [online referral](#).

If you want to speak to someone in school about a child you are concerned about, our Safeguarding Lead is Teresa Nicholls and the Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Paul Scully.



Family Services in Church:

Sunday 6th October 11.00am 'Harvest Festival'

Sunday 3rd November 11.00am

Sunday 1st December 11.00am

All families are warmly welcomed.



Harvest Festival Service

You are warmly invited to join us in church on Monday 7th October at 1.15pm.

If you have any non-perishable donations you can donate, please bring them to the office before Monday's service.

Thank you.

A final word.....

Our new Collective Worship theme of **Generosity** has been very evident over the past few weeks. On Monday we have our Harvest Service in Church where we give thanks for the food we have but also share food with others who would benefit from our donations. We also share our generous spirit with our Church community on Friday with our sponsored walk where we hope to donate money to help with toilets and a kitchen area in Church; benefitting our Church community as well as school when we visit. We are all grateful for the donations of food and sponsor money, thank you.



Harvest prayer

At this harvest time, we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, the transport delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers.

Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work, both at home and in other countries. Help us to want to buy local produce and fairly traded goods wherever we can, so that everyone can work with dignity and there will be no more poverty.

Amen.

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