

# Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary

## School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Review of the year 2023 to 2024

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As we move towards the end of this school year we wish to say **THANK YOU** for the support the families and local community has given to the school this year. **What a year it has been!**

As staff, we cannot praise the children enough; their positive attitudes and resilience have been wonderful to see this year. Commented on by many different visitors to school. I would also like to say Thank You to the staff who have worked hard to provide a safe, caring environment for the children.

As you know, I am also leaving Youlgrave at the end of this school year on Friday 19th July. It has been a real pleasure and honour to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school for the last two academic years. I was only initially asked to look after the school for six weeks and I have stayed far longer! Your children are a real delight, and I am proud to have been their headteacher and to also guide the school through the well deserved '**GOOD**' Ofsted outcome this term. Thank you to a number of you for your kind words and best wishes over recent weeks too. As I hand the school and the school community across to Ms Nicholls as Headteacher, I know I am handing the school over to a safe pair of hands, it has been lovely getting to know her over the last few weeks. I wish you all well and all the best for the future.

Yours

Mrs S Barker—Interim Executive Headteacher

### The Halle

Mr Scully, Mrs Dale, Mrs Askew and Mrs Buston along with children in Class 2 and Y5 visited Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to play alongside the Halle Orchestra. They were all bubbling with excitement on their return to school and had a truly enjoyable experience. Please see the photographs at the end of the newsletter.

### Sports Day

Well done to Miss Tonks for another superb sports day. The weather might have been gloomy in the morning but it importantly behaved itself for the afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting the children too. Well done ... your sporting success! Plus school once again has been recognized for its wonderful sports curriculum and has been awarded **The Schools Games Gold Award** for the second year in a row!!

### Bishop's Badge

Well done to Oriel, who was presented with the Bishop's badge for demonstrating one of the Diocesan values of generous faith, courageous hope and life giving love at a ceremony at Derby Cathedral on 27th June. She was joined by her family and Mr Scully.



### Key dates:

- **Monday 15th July - Open evening for all families, commencing after school.**
- **Wednesday 17th July - Maypole Dancing Event on Playing Fields 1.30pm start, bring your own chair please, PTFA selling refreshments**
- **Wednesday 17th July - Class 3 End of Year Play in the Village Hall, PTFA serving refreshments from 6.15pm**
- **Friday 19th July - at 2pm Y6 Leavers Service in Church, all welcome!**
- **Monday 22nd July - Y6 Leavers lunch in school.**
- **Tuesday 23rd July Break up for Summer Holidays!!!!**
- **Tuesday 23rd July - Clap out Year 6 pupils.**
- **Tuesday 23rd July - PTFA End of Year Disco in Village Hall for all children! 6.00pm-8.00pm**
- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4th, 5th and 6th September— INSET Days, school closed to all pupils**
- **Monday 9th September—School re-opens for all families and pupils**

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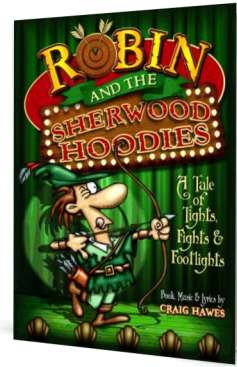


Here is the breakdown of attendance for this school year. **Congratulations to Y2** who have had the highest attendance in the school! Please remember to send children to school wherever possible, except in cases of sickness and diarrhea which requires a 48 hour exclusion period.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.03%	93.26%	97.60%	94.13%	96.08%	93.59%	94.71%

### Class 3 End of Year Production - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!!!

I am really looking forward to seeing the end of year production that will be performed by Years 5 and 6. The children and staff have been working hard to bring the performance together and school has been filled with the sound of singing. There have been lots of preparation especially in props production! Please speak to Mandy or Anne in the office, if you require any extra tickets. Doors will open at 6.00pm for you to buy refreshments before the performance commences at 6.30pm.



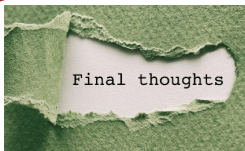
### The School Well Dressing Display

One aspect of school I will really miss next year is the fabulous school Well Dressing display. This year the well looked beautiful and the design really echoed the schools work as a Peak District Ambassador school. I personally have also received comments about how good it looked from visitors to the village.

### Greenaway Prize at Lady Manners School

Our Year 5 children have been very fortunate to take part in selecting a book for prizewinning at Lady Manners School, they enjoyed a morning with Miss Hemmingway and Mrs Dale and pupils from Lady Manners earlier this month.

**Outstanding money** - Please can you ensure you log onto School Money and pay any outstanding money. **This is particularly important for our Y6 children who will be leaving us.** Thank you



from Mrs Barker.....

I do not need to remind you, but we as a staff team we value many things here at Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary, and importantly not all are measured by the National Standard and Testing Agency! So I would like to offer you a review of the year.

So here are a collection of the events and opportunities the staff have remembered about this year, with some of their highlights.

**School trips and class events;** the Panto trip to Buxton, a day on the Moors in Sheffield, an opportunity to play with the Halle in Manchester and an adventure day at Sherwood Pines for Year 6

**Theme weeks and days;** Christmas Craft and Easter open events for parents, Anti-bullying week, Online Safety Day, World Book Day, Mental Health and Wellbeing day, Remembrance Day, walk to school week and the opening of the whole school library.

**Parental events**—meet and greet, phonics workshops, parental reading mornings, Sports Day and church services, and the up and coming open evening.

**Sports events;** these have included not just class lessons and lunchtime clubs but also after school clubs, sports competitions, wheel chair basketball, netball competition, cricket competition, bikeability, Sports Day and the forthcoming Maypole dancing!

**Music opportunities;** with brass, guitar and piano lessons and a concert performance for parents

**Fund raising;** Cakes sales, uniform sales, Christmas cards, Disco's etc

**Visitors;** such as a the Mast Assemblies, the Puppet Assemblies with Mr and Mrs Briddon, the PSCO visits, the Peak District National Park

All alongside Christmas parties, Christmas Jumper Day, walks around Youlgrave to take part in the Pilgrimage, Welly Wednesday in Key Stage 1, transition visits for new families and children, the School Well Dressing.

What a wonderful year, thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are happy and safe and encouraged to be aspirational and believe in themselves.

## 'How We Work Together'

We have been working on a document that sets out what we as a school, you as parents/carers and our children will aim to do to enable us all to work together in the best way we can.

At this stage we are sending the document out for you to have a read through with your child, and if you have any thoughts, please let us know by **Friday 19th July**. This document is designed to set out what all our responsibilities are and how we can work together to enable our children to achieve their best.

This document will be available on the school website after this consultation phase.



### September.....

Staff will be in school on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September, if you have any last minute concerns or queries.

### School uniform and labelling

Please can you help us to reunite clothing and belongings to the correct child by ensuring everything they bring to school has their name in them. This includes water bottles, hats, coats etc.



### Messages from Ms Nicholls and Mr Scully.....

Thank you all for your warm welcome as I've been getting to know our school community. Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary is a very special place to be and it's a privilege to be working with such lovely children and a wonderful staff team. I'm grateful too for the in depth handover from Mrs Barker which means everyone's good work can continue and we are well prepared for the new academic year in September.

It's been great to meet so many parents and grandparents already but please do pop in to say hello if we've not yet had the chance to meet. I will also aim to be at the gate at the start and end of the day as much as possible. I hope you and your families enjoy a fantastic summer break and I look forward to working together with you from now on.

Best wishes

Teresa Nicholls  
Headteacher

### End of Year Prayer

Almighty God,

We give thanks for all that has been achieved in our school this year.

We remember our successes in competitions, as members of teams and as individuals.

We recall the special occasions during the year when we went on visits, took part in a school play or welcomed visitors.

Let us not forget the new things we have learnt during the year and the friendships we have made. Prepare us, O Lord, for all that the next school year will bring by granting us and everyone in our school a great holiday.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Mr Scully



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A look back at the last few weeks.....



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