

# Youlgrave All-Saints

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term with your families despite the incredibly wet weather that we experienced, however I feel the first signs of spring can be seen as you walk around the village. My highlight so far this term has been seeing so many of the children enjoying the new climbing wall in the playground.



We have such a short and busy half term ahead. This newsletter has all of the key dates and information you need, but for further details, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school office team.

Yours with kind regards

Mrs S Barker

Interim Executive Headteacher

## Welcome to the Team

Some of the more eagle eyed among you might have noticed a new face in the school recently, this is Ms Emma Higton, who has recently been appointed. She has joined the staff team to support the school and will be with us each day, across all classes throughout the week. Ms Higton is already getting to know a number of you and our school routines. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome. She is a fabulous HLTA, with lots of experience and brings a wealth of experience to the team.

## World Book Day

One of my favourite days of the school year, as it is a day to celebrate books and the power of reading. Thank you to Miss Hemmingway for arranging the different activities and it has been super to see a range of costumes across the school today. (photographs on back page)

## Red Nose Day

Our theme for Red Nose Day is own clothes day. The children may come to school how they feel comfortable and best. Mrs Askew has set up a link to a JustGiving page for the school for Red Nose where you can leave a donation for the Charity. You will receive a message with details via Parenthub. On Red Nose Day, Friday 15th March, children are welcome to wear their red noses in school.



## Key dates:

- Monday 11th March - Science week
- Monday 11th March - Mock SATs week
- Friday 15th March Comic Relief, wear own clothes and red noses.
- Monday 18th March - Thursday 21st March Scholastic Book Fayre in School. 3.45pm onwards, more details in newsletter
- Monday 18th March - Class 1 trip to Old House Museum Bakewell
- Thursday 21st March Y5/Y6 Hockey tournament at Tideswell (in school time)
- Tuesday 26th March - Easter Crafting Open School Event
- Tuesday 26th March - No brass lessons today
- Wednesday 27th March - Collective Worship and Bright Plate Award
- Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm. Easter Drama performance and service in Church, all welcome
- School closes to all pupils at the end of Thursday 28th March for the Easter holidays
- School reopens to all pupils on Monday 15th April 2024.

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It is lovely to let you know that our improved attendance has recently been noticed and school now has attendance amongst the top 25% of schools. I am thrilled and thank you all for the hard work to get to this point. It is just one of the many ways the school community has worked together to improve for the benefit of all the children. A fabulous well done to year Reception who continue to be the best attenders, with Y2 in second place and Y4 in third place. Please keep up the super work.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.52	93.06	97.98	93.66	96.27	95.17	94.24

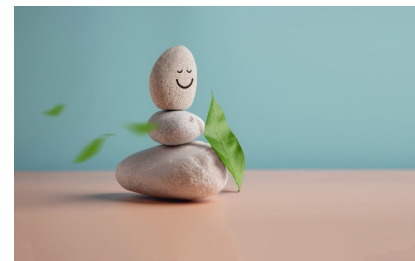
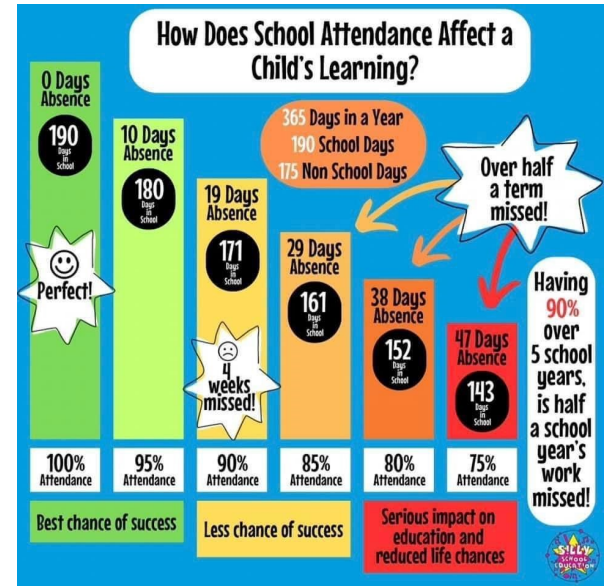
## Mindful March

The Action for Happiness calendar this month celebrates Mindful March. Let's pause, breathe and notice, so we can respond more mindfully.

**Mindful March 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words.	2. Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them.	3. If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down.	4. Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day.	5. Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness.	6. Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world.	7. Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive.
8. Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee.	9. Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying.	10. Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today.	11. Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do.	12. Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food.	13. Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others.	14. Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face.
15. Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels.	16. Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today.	17. Focus on what makes you and others happy today.	18. Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else.	19. Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult.	20. Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them.	21. Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do.
22. Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted.	23. Choose to spend less time looking at screens today.	24. Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are.	25. Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible.	26. Choose a different route today and see what you notice.	27. Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling.	28. Discover the joy in the simple things of life.

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We are proud to announce that we have been awarded **Peak District Ambassador School** status following a successful application. This recognises the learning and activities we do within our local area that links to our curriculum in various subjects. There is a link below if you would like to know more and what we can access as a school.

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about/ambassador-schools>

Mr Scully



## British Science week, (STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

This takes place nationally from the 8th March. As a school we love to take part and widen the childrens' experiences of science and technology. The theme this year is 'Time'. The children will be involved in a number of activities in school next week linked to time and it is also a great excuse for recapping telling the time at home too. Unfortunately following the national pandemic, this is an area we as staff have noticed a number of children have a maths weakness in, especially as reading a clock, using a timetable and calculating differences in time are life skills.

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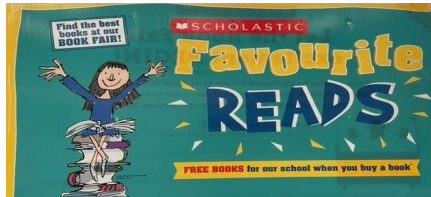


### Lady Manners School—Easter Event!

Preparations for our Easter Egg-stravaganza are underway. The Easter Bunny is stocking up on eggs and we are preparing crafts and activities.

The Easter Egg-stravaganza is free and aimed at primary school aged children and their families. Join us on Saturday 16 March at any time between 10.00am and 12.30pm. There will be plenty of activities going on so the earlier you arrive the more you can do.

Come along to try Easter Science, Food Technology and craft activities, as well as meeting staff and students and exploring the school on our Easter egg hunt.



### Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 18th to Thursday 21st March

Linking in to 'World Book day' we are delighted to welcome back our book fair in school.

A percentage of the proceeds from book sales is returned to school to spend on new books! Last year we had £90 to spend which was fantastic!

There will also be other merchandise for purchasing, it's a great idea for forthcoming presents!! The fayre will be in Class 3 after school that week. If there's a book you know you want and can't see it, you can fill in a 'wish list' form, and if we notify the company before the last day, it can be sent to us.

Payments are via the QR code, or you can pay cash on the day.

We really hope you will support this event.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone that attended this weeks parent consultations. We hope you found them beneficial.

As always, if you need to discuss anything about your child's education or wellbeing, please speak to their class teacher.

Thank you.

### Easter Play

On Thursday 28th March, Class 2 will be performing their Easter play in church with the support of the choir of Class 3. We would like to warmly invite you to join us in church at 9.15am

Thank you.



### Easter Crafting Morning



We are holding another open school event on Tuesday 26th March after the school drop off.

We would love to welcome parents and carers into school to work with children enjoying a variety of crafting activities.

As before, due to space, please can you ring the office and let us know which session you would like.

**9.15am-9.45am**

**9.45am-10.15am**

**10.45am-11.15am**

### Comic Relief—Red Nose Day 2024

We will be supporting Comic Relief again this year.

Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

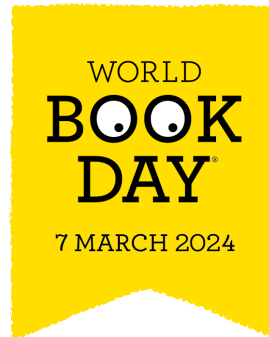
Children can come to school in their own clothes/red theme, and a red nose if they would like to. We have set up a Just Giving page if you would like to make a donation.



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# World Book Day 2024—We had so much fun!



## Easter

We look forward to celebrating Easter as a community at the end of this month, in school and in Church. It is a time that we recognise the sacrifice made by Jesus as well reminding ourselves of the Easter story, from Palm Sunday to the glory of Easter Sunday. Rev'd Adele extends a warm welcome to all our families over Easter Week with services in Church which are listed in the Bugle as well as outside Church.

We wish all our families a very peaceful Easter.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 2.19

