



Friday 20 October

School closes for October half term

Monday 30 October

School re-opens after October half term

Tuesday 31 October

Whole School Photos

Wednesday 1 November

Halloween Disco

Monday 6 November

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Week

Monday 13 November

World Nursery Rhyme Week

Wednesday 15 November

Parents Evening 1-5pm

Friday 17 November

Children in Need



Tuesday 21 November

Year 5 & 6 Wonder Dome

Wednesday 6 December

Movie Night

Thursday 7 December

Christmas Dinner Day



Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11 December

Year 3 visit to Murton Park

Thursday 14 December

Christingle Service—St John's Church

Wednesday 20 December

School closes for Christmas holidays

Wednesday 3 January

School re-opens after Christmas holidays

Wednesday 31 January

Movie Night

Friday 9 February

School closes for February half term

Monday 19 February

School re-opens after February half term

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day



Wednesday 13 March

Movie Night

Wednesday 20 March

Parents Evening 1-5pm

Friday 22 March

School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 8 April

School re-opens after Easter holidays



Wednesday 8 May

Movie Night

Thursday 23 May

School closes for Spring Bank

Thursday 6 June

School re-opens after Spring Bank

Wednesday 3 July

Movie Night

Friday 5 July

Sports Morning (TBC)

Wednesday 10 July

Whole school picnic-themed lunch



Headteacher's Message



We've had a very busy few weeks, with lots going on in school! Enrichment and educational visits are a huge part of our curriculum and several classes have already embarked on an exciting visit.

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind all our parents and carers of the importance of punctuality. Our breakfast club provision from 7.45am-8.15am, together with our usual arrival slot of 8.35am-8.50am works extremely well and gives plenty of time for families to arrive safely and punctually.

Despite this, we still have a number of children who are persistently late for school and this is having a significant and ongoing impact on their education. Being punctual shows respect for others and their time; an important character trait to instill in a child.

Children who are regularly late for school miss essential parts of the school day: phonics, maths, the lesson introduction, important announcements, discussions, questions and explanations. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child because it makes them feel awkward—pupils themselves have told us this.

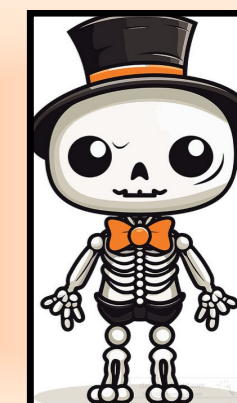
Research shows that children with consistent school attendance learn more. If children are to fully benefit from the many learning opportunities on offer at primary school, regular attendance is vital. You may think that your child is only missing a few minutes in the morning, but a pupil who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of teaching during the year. That's a large number of teaching hours that cannot be replaced. Please support us by ensuring your children arrive at school before the registers are taken at 8.50am.

Halloween Disco

This year, our annual Halloween disco will take place on


Wednesday 1 November.

Letters providing further details will be sent home on Monday.



Attendance

Attendance data for the last 3 weeks is as follows:

| w/c 18.9.23 | | w/c 25.9.23 | | w/c 2.10.23 | |
|----------------|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Reception | 93.2% | Reception | 96.4% | Reception | 96.4% |
| Year 1 | 95.6% | Year 1 | 93.6% | Year 1 | 96.8% |
| Year 2 | 87.7% | Year 2 | 96.9% | Year 2 | 92.3% |
| Year 3 | 88.9% | Year 3 | 91.8% | Year 3 | 93.2% |
| Year 4 | 97.8% | Year 4 | 97.0% | Year 4 | 96.3% |
| Year 5 | 100%  | Year 5 | 93.8% | Year 5 | 95.2% |
| Year 6 | 97.2% | Year 6 | 94.1% | Year 6 | 88.9% |
| Butterfly Room | 85.0% | Butterfly Room | 88.8% | Butterfly Room | 81.3% |

Congratulations to year 5 who achieved 100% attendance during the week commencing 18 September! They earned a non-uniform day, extra long playtime and hot chocolate!

Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting items for our harvest festival.

We are inviting children to bring in an item of food with a lasting shelf-life which we will collect and donate to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Suggested items include: tinned soup, pasta, tea bags, coffee, baked beans, rice, tinned vegetables, sugar, dried fruit, biscuits, tinned spaghetti, packet noodles or jars of sauce.

The donations will be displayed in the school entrance until they are donated on the final day of this half term, **Friday 20 October**. Thank you for your support.



Children in Need



On Friday 17 November, pupils and staff are invited to come to school wearing anything with spots in return for a £1 donation for this wonderful charity. Please do not go to any unnecessary expense.

Parent Conduct

At Worth Valley Primary School we are fortunate that the vast majority of our parents and carers interact wonderfully with our staff and pupils. We are proud of the positive relationships we have built with our school community over the years and your support is always hugely appreciated.

In addition, we have a legal obligation to uphold the safeguarding of every child and adult in school and it is of paramount importance to us that children (and our parents and carers) feel safe whilst on our school grounds.

In order to support a peaceful and safe environment the school **will not** tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting any of the following:

- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
- Using loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence
- Abusive or threatening emails, texts, voicemails, phone messages or other written communication
- Defamation of the school's or staff's character on Facebook or other social media sites
- Disruptive behaviour which interferes (or threatens to interfere with) the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sports events
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs
- Spitting
- Cycling, scooting or riding quad bikes on school premises
- Dogs being brought on to school premises

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds and, if necessary, contact the appropriate authorities.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.