



FRIDAY 20th
SEPTEMBER 2024

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Welcome back!

*WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER
BREAK AND ARE RARING TO GO FOR THE NEW
SCHOOL YEAR*

CONGRATULATIONS

A massive well done from all of the teachers to those children who took part and completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Kiveton library. It is great to see your love of reading continues into your holidays.



ATTENDANCE AWARD

9th to 13th September		16th to 20th September	
FS2	96.8%	FS2	97.1%
Y1	93.1%	Y1	98.1%
Y2	98.6%	Y2	93.1%
Y3	97.9%	Y3	92.7%
Y4	100%	Y4	97.3%
Y5	94.8%	Y5	92.8%
Y6	95.2%	Y6	98.2%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 25th Y6 trip to Crucial Crew

Friday 27th school photographs

Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45am in the school hall

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd 5pm in the school hall FS2 and Y1 Parents early reading and phonics workshop

Tuesday 8th Flu Vaccine in school

Thursday 10th Harvest Festival at St Johns church 9:20am

OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November



BUILDING AN ARMY OF READERS

Please support your child to read at home. Children who read frequently find out about what they like and do not like to read, begin to understand which authors interest them and develop their vocabulary and language skills. It is proven that children who read and are exposed to a wide range of text have success in their later life.

Record their reading at least three times per week to be

rewarded for their efforts and help to develop your child as a confident reader.

5 weeks - Cadet

10 weeks - Lieutenant

15 weeks - Captain

20 weeks - Major

25 weeks - Colonel

30 weeks – General

“The school is our children; our children make the school”

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest festival takes place in St Johns church on Thursday 10th October at 9:20am.

All family members are welcome to join this service.

Children throughout school will share their learning about harvest and sing songs.

There will be a collection for the Archer Project in church.

The Archer Project is a charity that supports vulnerable and homeless people in Sheffield.

Items for collection include:

Toiletries

Gloves, socks, hats

Tinned and dried food

Parents and/or children can take them to church on the morning of the service.

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN?

Year 2 have been learning about the continents of the world using maps skills and working as a team to locate specific places. This is part of their Geography curriculum but children enjoyed sharing where they had travelled to in the past for holidays for example.





Do you have a child or young person with special educational need or disability who is up to the age of 25?

If so, the SEND Local Offer can provide you and your family with the right information, advice and support about services available which are available for your child or young person.

<https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>



Rotherham Parent Carers Forum is a registered charity run by and for families of children and young people (aged 0-25) who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

They offer advice and support to parents and also run a range of events throughout the year for young people with SEND and their siblings.

You can find more information at <https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>

Or follow their Facebook page for upcoming events

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

We are kicking our fundraising off gently, as you can now raise money for school just by shopping at Asda!

Download the Asda rewards app, go to cash pots and select Wales Primary School as your chosen school - the school postcode is S26 5QG

Each time you scan the rewards app the school's cash pot will grow. You don't lose out on your own cash pot either!

We know some of you have already spotted this and signed up,

Shop with Asda?

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every shop for the school FREE!

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1 Open your Asda rewards app
- 2 Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- 3 Search for and select 'Wales Primary School'



Superstars thank you.

Please spread the word to family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support

PTFA Fundraising events diary to follow shortly.

Please look out for the events posted on the school display board located on the playground.

SCHOOL POLICY

If you are unsure of the policy and procedures relating to any curriculum subject and the management of Wales Primary please view the documents on the school website:

www.walesprimary.co.uk

You will also find information regarding how to support your child with their learning on their class webpage via the school website. There you will find information about the 'theme' for the half term, particular subjects they are concentrating on and homework expectations.

Online safety is a particular concern in all school settings. You can view further information about how to use the internet safely at home on the following websites:

www.beinternetawesome.com

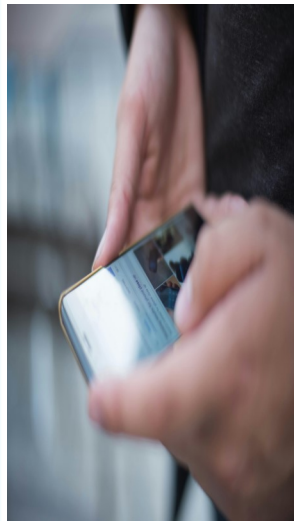


Online Safety



Wizz is a free social networking app that enables users to chat live online with strangers from around the world and exchange gifs, pictures, and videos. It is intended to be a place to make online friends however it works similarly to a dating app, where you are presented with other people's profiles and can choose to either swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation.

You must be 16 years or older to have a profile on Wizz and it includes age verification that is meant to vet your entered date of birth against a photo you supply of your face however it does allow younger users to create an account and the verification process is easy to get around.



What are the risks?

Once on the app, young people are able to mix with adults and can be connected if they accept each others' friend requests. Harmful content can easily be found and users can also expect to see content including swearing, sexual content, violence, drug/substance content, and much more either on others' profiles or in chat conversations.

The whole point of Wizz is chatting with strangers and, without a guarantee of age verification and chat moderation, catfishing, grooming, and online sexual abuse are all a possibility.

Talk about it

- Talk to young people about the potential risks and dangers of sharing personal information on Wizz and other social media app
- Encourage them to look at their privacy settings to see who can see what they're sharing
- Remind them that not everyone is who they say they are online and the dangers of talking to strangers, just as you would in the real world

Find more information on how to address online safety with young people:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/have-a-conversation>

FS2 HARVESTING APPLES

The children have picked apples from our apple tree and studied their colour, shape and texture.



Some children have enjoyed exploring apples through art using paints, brushes and sponges to recreate the colours and textures.



The new FS2 children have had great start to Wales primary and we must say thank you to their Year 6 buddies who are keeping a close eye on the children during playtimes and lunch.

POLITE REMINDERS

- ◆ For **emergency and urgent messages**, plus notification of medical appointments please contact the school office:
Tel: 01909 770236 **email:** school@walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ To contact your child's teacher regarding their learning and/or behaviour please use their email address. This can be found on your child's class web page:
www.walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ Ensure your child(ren) have a **water** bottle everyday.
- ◆ Ensure your child's uniform is **name labelled**, including their coats.
- ◆ Children bring their **reading book and diary** everyday.
- ◆ Any **lost property** will be stored in the entrance to the school hall. It can be collected at the end of the school day with a parent/carer.
- ◆ **P.E kits** are to be worn on the day of your child's P.E lesson. No football kits or gymnastics outfits are allowed.
- ◆ Break time snacks must be **fruit or vegetables only**.
- ◆ If your child is entering school by themselves please be aware that the school **gates are locked until 8:30am**.



ECO-SCHOOL ACCREDITATION



During the last school year we undertook the Eco-School's programme working to promote sustainability and raise environmental issues. We are extremely pleased and proud that we have now achieved Green Flag accreditation. Thank you so much to pupils and staff for their hard work and commitment during the year to make this possible.

The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, is now implemented in over 70 countries worldwide. In 2023-24, more than 1.4 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England.

Pupils used Eco-Schools' seven step framework to create positive change. Initially, a pupil-led Eco-Committee was established. This committee took responsibility for spearheading school's environmental initiatives, with support from Mrs Askey. They first conducted a review of the school environment and curriculum, before developing a year-long plan of action.

The action plan focused on 3 key areas; school grounds, energy, waste and activities included litter picking, planting and reducing energy consumption. These activities were thoughtfully selected to increase environmental awareness, improve school's sustainability, and make contributions to global conservation efforts.

To learn more about activities in school please see our eco board

<https://www.walesprimary.co.uk/page/eco-board/150481>

To learn more about eco-schools please visit www.eco-schools.org.uk