



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term ~ Issue 2 ~ Friday 17th January, 2025

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,
This week the weather has been much better and it has been lovely for the children to play outside safely. Please continue to send your child/children to school in appropriate clothing for the outdoor weather conditions. We try as much as possible to have the children outside on breaks.
It was super on Monday having the celebration assembly for the children who have won the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing Competition. The children were presented with their prizes and school were also awarded a book token to spend on resources for school. We look forward to reading some of the winning entries in the newsletter.

We have been tracking attendance of children at school and continue to monitor the attendance across the school. Please work with us in ensuring your children are attending school regularly (see information below).

Please remember that Miss Caygill or other staff members are available to talk to parents about any concerns or questions you may have about your child/children. Please speak to Miss Caygill in the yard or contact the school office to arrange a time for a conversation. Working together to support your children to be safe, happy and learning is always our priority.

I hope you have a super family weekend.

Miss Caygill

This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



Class 1 – Quinn for his focused return to school with all his learning especially with recapping his previous knowledge and using this to support his new learning. Alfie for his focused return to school and making super progress with his phonic learning

Class 2 – Noah for a fantastic effort in writing using scaffolds to help him. Archie for being a great team player in the classroom and for improving his handwriting.

Class 3 – Patrick for showing a good understanding when adding and subtracting fractions and Ewan for trying hard with addition and subtraction of mixed number fractions.

Attendance

Class 1-100%-Well done!

Class 2-98.52%

Class 3-89.91%

Whole School-97.16%

Upcoming Dates



Wednesday 22nd January

- Cluster football at Wensleydale School for all Class 2

Monday 3 - 7 February

- Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February

- Parent's Evening 5.30 – 6.00pm

Wednesday 12th February

- Parent's Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
- Nursery parents meeting

PTFA meeting Thursday 23rd January 15.20pm chapel gallery. Please come along.

**Head of School Award
Ewan W
For his thoughtful and kind attitude around school, helping others**

School Office Updates

Class 2 Football

On the 22nd of January, class 2 are attending a cluster football event at the Wensleydale School. We will leave school at 9am so please ensure pupils are **in by 8:50** to ensure we can set off in time. For the event, pupils must wear **studded boots** or **trainers** and **shin pads** as the matches are being played outside. Pupils need to be wrapped up warm so please have a coat, hat, gloves etc. to keep warm. Pupils can also bring a water bottle and a snack as we will be having a later lunch once we arrive back at school.

Clubs this term

We will be working on our offer for lunchtime clubs over this term. It will involve our older children (Class 3) in the setting up and organisation of the clubs alongside staff members. We aim to have them all started in the week beginning 20th January. Our after-school clubs continue as before the holidays, apart from Library Club. If anyone would like to join an after-school club please contact Dawn in the office.

- **Monday**- Mindfulness Colouring Club 12:30-1pm
- **Tuesday** – Board Games 12:30-1pm & Yoga – 3:15 – 4:30pm
- **Wednesday**-Music Club-12.30-1pm
- **Thursday** – Library Club 12.30 – 1pm & Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm
- **Friday** – Ball Games 12:30-1pm - Multiskills – 3:15 –4.30 pm

Work Experience

Laren Hall, an ex-pupil and now a student at Kendal college, will be working in school every Wednesday for the next 10-12 weeks.

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing competition

We are very proud that Hawes School had 5 winners in the competition.

Edwin was the overall winner and received a trophy and £50 book token and our school received £100 book token.

Antoni was a joint runner up in Year 6 with a child from Askrigg School and he received a framed certificate and £25 book token.

Patrick was the runner up in Year 5 and received a framed certificate and £25 book token.

Edwin and Antoni's stories will appear in the February edition of the UWNL and Patrick's will appear in the March edition.

Kasen(Y6) was awarded a highly commended award with £10 book token.

Sofia (Y4) was awarded a special prize for the lower age group and received a certificate and £25 book token.

Well done to everyone.



Parents' Evening

We will hold our annual parents evening for **Reception to Year 6 children** on Tuesday 11th of February and Wednesday 12th February. Tuesday will be 3.30-6.00 and Wednesday will be 3.30-5.00. Booking arrangements to follow – please ensure you have your previous login for ESchools <https://hawes-primary.eschools.co.uk/login> if you cannot log on please contact Dawn in the office to give/re-set your password.

If any Nursey parents would like a meeting about their child's transition into Nursery please speak to Miss Caygill, Mrs Race or Mrs Fremlin. This can be arranged before or after Nursery.

Please note: Mrs Brown will only be at the Wednesday meetings for Class 2.

The SATs Club for Year 6 will not run that week.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance. After the Autumn Term (Overall attendance 95.1%), where we had a large number of illnesses including chickenpox and hand, foot and mouth, we are working closely on monitoring our attendance across the school. Through our close work within YCAT, we aim for our whole school attendance to be over 96%. If you need any support with your child/children around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the school to arrange a meeting with class teachers, Mrs. Marwood or Miss Caygill, so we can work together to improve the attendance and learning of your child/children alongside the learning for other children in school.

We continue to have a growing number of parents taking children out of school on family holidays. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress for all children. **Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers for unauthorised absence during this academic school year.**

See information below from NYES-Published July 2024

Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time:

From the 19th of August 2024 only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any 2nd Penalty Notice issued within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- The first Fixed Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- A second Fixed Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*
- A third Fixed Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.*
- In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering Prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Attendance Legal Interventions.*

Medical Appointments

Please try to arrange medical appointments out of school time if possible.

We will be requesting confirmation of medical appointments etc. if they are scheduled within school time. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child/children attends school regularly in line with the government regulations.

