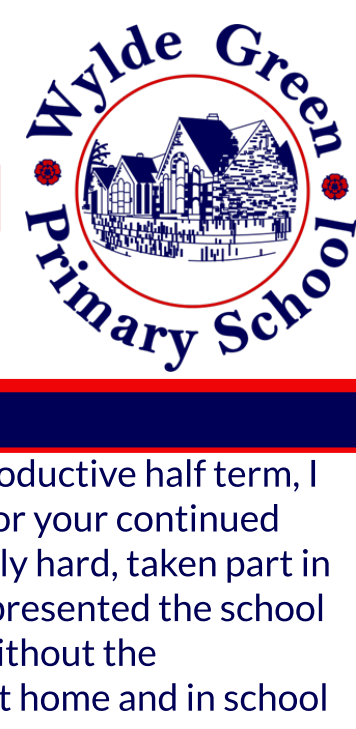


Newsletter

Wylde Green Primary School



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Thank You

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I should like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard, taken part in lots of exciting learning experiences and represented the school brilliantly. None of this would be possible without the encouragement and involvement you give at home and in school life.

It has been a pleasure to see so much progress, enthusiasm and teamwork across the school. From classroom achievements to special events and activities, it has truly been a full and rewarding half term.

We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term, with plenty more learning and opportunities ahead. In the meantime, we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Key Dates

Monday 23rd February	School Re-opens after Half-Term
Wednesday 25th February	Parent's Evening
Thursday 26th February	Parent's Evening
Saturday 28th February	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 6 Writing Workshop
Wednesday 4th March	Year 5 Writing Workshop
Thursday 5th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 6th March	Cadbury World trip for year 4
Monday 9th March	Reception Writing Workshop
Tuesday 10th March	Year 1 Writing Workshop
Thursday 12th	Year 4 Writing Workshop
Friday 13th	Compton Verney trip for Year 3
Monday 16th	Year 2 Writing Workshop
Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 Writing Workshop
Tuesday 17th March	Royal Memorial Arboretum trip for year 5
Friday 27th March	School Closes for Easter/Spring Holiday

School Production - Bugsy Malone

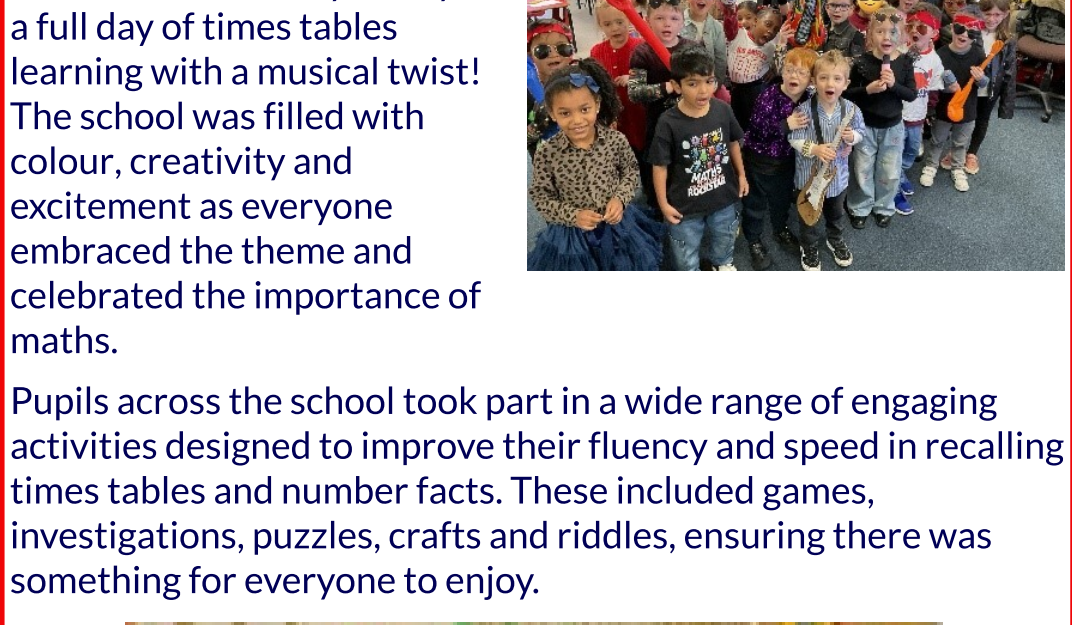
What fantastic performances of Buggy Malone! We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part. Their confidence, energy and enthusiasm lit up the stage and made the show such a joy to watch.

We truly had an abundance of talent, and it would be impossible to single out individuals when every performer played such an important part in making the production a success. The teamwork, commitment and courage shown by the children were wonderful to see. It was lovely to have a band to accompany the performances - we are so lucky to have such talented parents.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Kelly and Mr Roberts for the time, dedication and hard work they put into bringing the show together. From rehearsals to the final performance, their efforts ensured a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Thank you as well to families for supporting with costumes, learning lines and encouraging the children throughout.

Thank you to the members of our PTFA who supported the performances by serving refreshments. We really appreciate everything you do to support our school.



Class Buddies

We are delighted to introduce our new Class Buddy System, which pairs classes from across the school so that every child has a class buddy from a different year group. These buddy classes meet every half-term, giving pupils regular opportunities to spend time together and build bonds of trust and friendship. These pairings will remain the same for the remainder of the academic year, enabling pupils to develop meaningful and lasting relationships with their buddy over time.

Older children take on a caring and supportive role, developing a strong sense of responsibility and pride as they encourage their younger buddies with positivity and praise. The system nurtures empathy and kindness while providing valuable opportunities for older pupils to lead conversations and act as role models.

For younger children, the experience helps them feel more confident when interacting with older pupils and supports the development of communication skills through shared activities and one-to-one interaction. They learn to respect older children and begin to see them as positive role models within our school community.

It has been wonderful to see new friendships forming already and we look forward to watching these relationships continue to grow throughout the year as our school community becomes even more connected.



Miss Jennings

Rocking for NSPCC number day

Wylde Green pupils and staff dressed as rock stars for NSPCC Number Day, ready for a full day of times tables learning with a musical twist! The school was filled with colour, creativity and excitement as everyone embraced the theme and celebrated the importance of maths.

Pupils across the school took part in a wide range of engaging activities designed to improve their fluency and speed in recalling times tables and number facts. These included games, investigations, puzzles, crafts and riddles, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.



Despite the rain, children braved the weather to take part in a maths scavenger hunt, competed in a Times Tables Rock Stars battle and visited our very own Rock 'n' Roll Lounge, where we danced along to TRRS tunes and celebrated our learning in style.

We hope the children left the day feeling confident in their times tables, proud of their achievements and inspired to continue rocking their maths skills.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their kind donations and ongoing support with children's learning both in school and at home.



Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic's Book Fair will be available from Monday 23rd February to Thursday 26th February. A range of current and popular books will be available to purchase after school. The books will also be on sale during Parents' Evening, giving you the opportunity to purchase books while visiting the school to view your child's work.

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

DATE: Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th February
TIME: After school and Parents' Evening
LOCATION: School hall

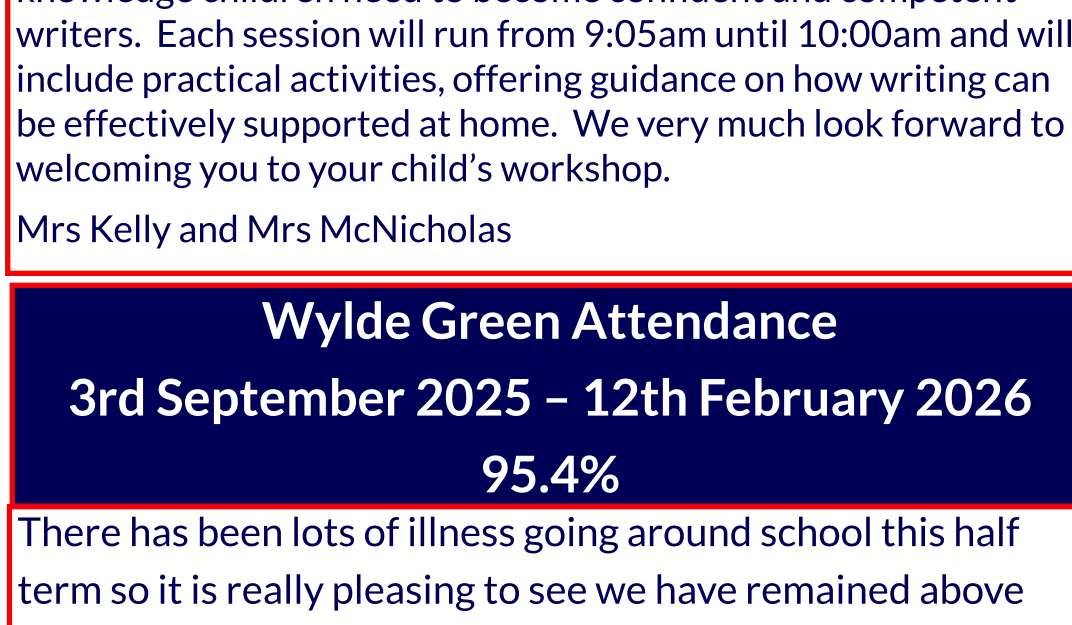
Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school!

GO ALL IN!

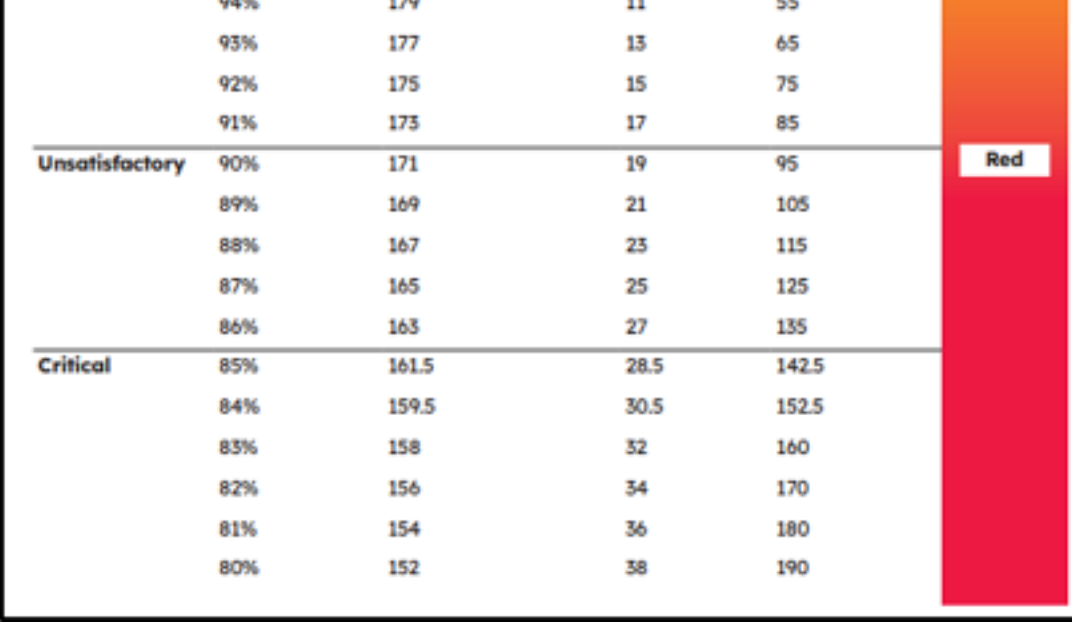
Scan to pay securely online!

Sport at WGPS

Our first school games event of 2026 was the year 3&4 indoor athletics at Bishop Vesey. The children had been working hard at school to practice their events and were excited to compete. The girls' team did a fantastic job with some great performances, in particular our relay teams who won each of their races. The boys team started fantastically in the obstacle and over/under and kept this going through the field and relay races too. The results placed our girls' team in a narrow 2nd place and our boys' team placed 1st, leading to Wylde Green being combined winners! Well done all!



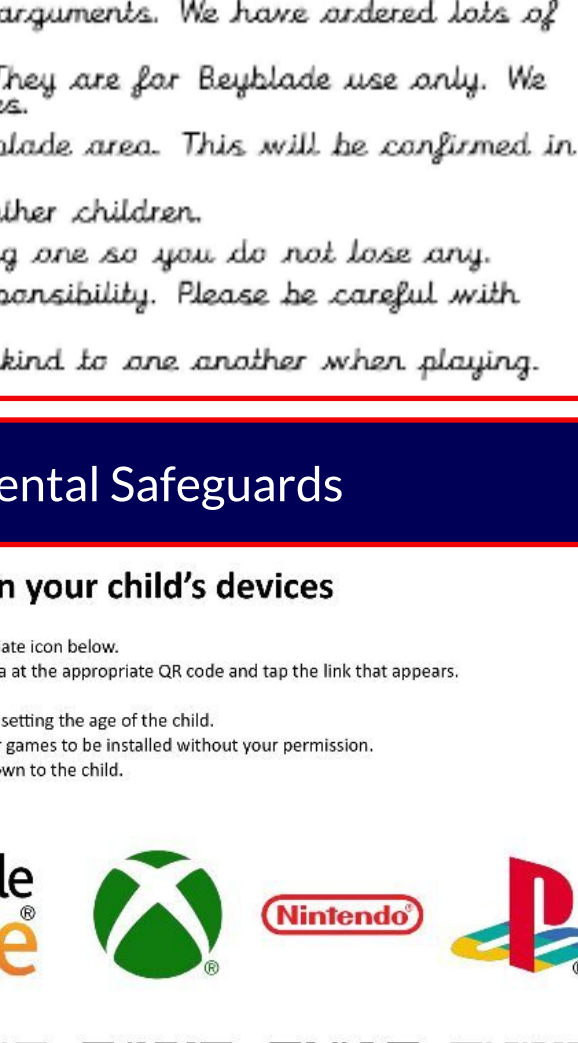
The following week was the year 5&6 basketball event. Again the team had been putting in the practice at lunchtimes and their hard work was clear to see. They played some great defence to make us difficult to score against and there was some great link up play in offence ending in some great baskets. The team won 2 games and lost 2, the deciding game by just 1 shot meaning we finished 3rd in the group and unfortunately just out of the semi-final places. The team should be proud of their performance however, as they played the game like professionals using their defensive tactics, rebounding, range of passes and layups throughout. In total we scored 12 and only conceded 5 so a big well done to you all!



After half term cross country will be available for all KS2 on a Wednesday lunchtime as well as girls' football on Thursday and boys football on Friday. There will also be KS1 athletics for children to try out for an upcoming event. Training is nearly complete to send 36 children to the upcoming gymnastics events at the GMAC, the annual swimming gala will be taking place on Saturday 28th February and we will be representing Sutton Coldfield for the 5th year running at the indoor athletics city finals, looking for our third consecutive title! Good luck all.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday, 5th March 2026

Join in the annual celebration of World Book Day. At Wylde Green, children and teachers will be dressing up as their favourite book character, together with lots of other fun activities planned throughout the day.



The school has organised its very own pop-up bookshop. There will be 600 World Book Day books that your children may exchange for their World Book Day token (see titles available). We are also inviting children to bring in a 'Story in a Box'. The creations can be brought in to school from Monday 2nd March to World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The story boxes will be displayed for the whole school to see and there will be prizes for the best scenes.

Writing Workshops

Writing is a life-long skill which is essential across all areas of the curriculum. It allows children to express their creativity, communicate their ideas clearly and demonstrate their understanding in every subject. Developing confident, fluent writers is one of the school's key priorities. After half-term writing workshops will be held on the following dates:

- Year 6: Tuesday 3rd March
- Year 5: Wednesday 4th March
- Reception: Monday 9th March
- Year 1: Tuesday 10th March
- Year 4: Thursday 12th March
- Year 2: Monday 16th March
- Year 3: Tuesday 17th March

The workshops represent an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to gain a greater understanding of the skills and knowledge children need to become confident and competent writers. Each session will run from 9:05am until 10:00am and will include practical activities, offering guidance on how writing can be effectively supported at home. We very much look forward to welcoming you to your child's workshop.

Mrs Kelly and Mrs McNicholas

Wylde Green Attendance

3rd September 2025 - 12th February 2026
95.4%

There has been lots of illness going around school this half term so it is really pleasing to see we have remained above the current national average of 94.6%.

There are still a number of pupils that are persistently late to school. Please ensure that your child is arriving to school on time, it can be embarrassing and unsettling for children when they have to walk into a classroom where other pupils have started learning. A reminder to all parents that school gates open at 8.40 with the doors to school opening at 8.50. Children should come into school from 8.50-9.00. After this time they will be marked as late.

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	
Cause for concern	94%	179	11	55	Orange
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
	90%	171	19	95	
	89%	169	21	105	
Unsatisfactory	88%	167	23	115	Red
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
Critical	82%	156	34	170	Red
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	

Allergy Information

Please can we remind all parents to keep school up to date with any changes to your child's medical needs, particularly any new/possible allergies. School keep care plans for all children with anaphylactic allergies to ensure we are prepared in the event of an emergency.

Please also be reminded that we are a nut free school and request that you do not send your child with items of food for snack or lunchtime that contains nuts.

Beyblade

BEYBLADE RULES
SCHOOL COUNCIL

- No arenas as it is causing arguments. We have ordered lots of new buckets for you to use!
- Take care with the buckets. They are for Beyblade use only. We will not be ordering new ones.
- We are going to have a Beyblade area. This will be confirmed in the next half term.
- No trading Beyblades with other children.
- We recommend you only bring one so you do not lose any.
- Your Beyblades are your responsibility. Please be careful with them.
- Make sure you are fair and kind to one another when playing.

Setting Parental Safeguards

Setting parental safeguards on your child's devices

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below.

If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child.

We recommend you set the device not to allow any apps or games to be installed without your permission.

Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.