

Key Dates Upcoming

Mon 24th February	School re-opens
Weds 5th March	PTFA: KS2 disco
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Tues 1st April	Year 1 Easter Production
Thurs 3rd April	Parents' Evening
Tues 8th April	Parents' Evening
Weds 9th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 11th April	School Closes for Easter holiday

It has been a busy half term and the children have enjoyed a variety of exciting activities in school. We have reinvigorated our Citizenship Award Scheme and children have clearly embraced the challenge. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year and finished the half term with our wonderful Creative Arts Day. Thank you for continuing to support your children with their POWER projects and learning at home. Well done to Year 6 who are continuing to prepare for their SATs in May by working hard in lessons and completing their homework regularly. Your hard work is clearly paying off. We hope that all our Wylde Green families enjoy the half term break and the children return to school refreshed and ready for more learning and laughter in the next half term.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day took place on **Tuesday, 11 February** and was a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year's theme is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' There are great resources on the Safer Internet Day website, such as 'Top tips for parents' and 'Top tips for 7-11 year olds' (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day-2025-top-tips>), a quiz to help us better understand how to avoid scams (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/quiz-for-3-7-year-olds>) and packs of educational resources for 3-7 or 7-11 year olds.

For KS2 pupils, there are also some useful resources available on the BBC website under the heading 'Primary online safety' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zpvctcw>

Mental Health

Last week, we celebrated children's mental health week. The theme this year was 'know yourself, grow yourself'. We explored self-awareness – what makes us happy, sad, angry and anxious. We learnt that all these feelings are completely normal to experience but we also need to be equipped with coping strategies for when these feelings become too overwhelming.

One strategy that we explored was journaling. KS2 children were sent home with a sample journal to trial. There are lots of lovely ideas for gratitude journaling so if your child enjoyed this (KS1 or KS2), please come and see me (Miss Shakespeare) and I will be able to provide you with more resources.

Miss Shakespeare



Easter Egg Competition

As part of our Easter celebrations, we will be having an 'egg scene' competition for KS2 children. If the children would like to enter, they must work at home to create an inventive egg scene that will 'wow' the judges. Please ensure that egg scenes only contain hard boiled eggs; we wouldn't want any 'egg-splasive' incidents!

All egg scenes will need to be sent into school by **Wednesday 9th April** as judging will take place on **Thursday 10th April**. There will be prizes for the most impressive entries.

If you would like some inspiration for your 'egg-citing' creations you can see some ideas below. Have fun!



Lunar New Year

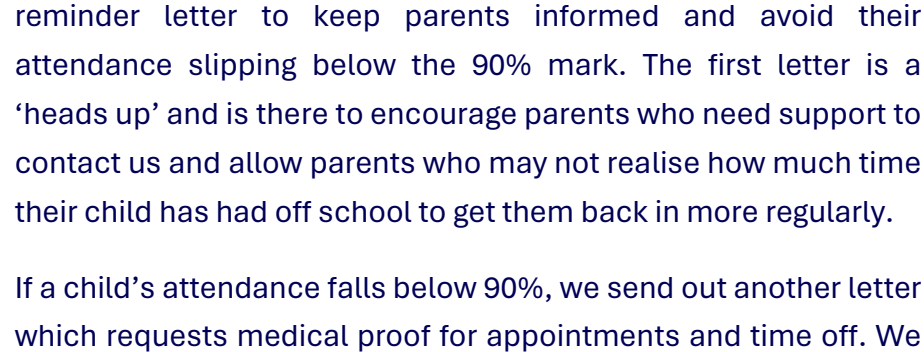
On Friday 31st January, Wylde Green celebrated Lunar New Year with a day of creative activities and learning around this important holiday, celebrated by two billion people worldwide.

Classes had each spent time decorating Chinese lanterns, which were hung in our entrance.



All children also enjoyed an assembly in which children from our school shared their experiences of celebrating Lunar New Year – it was amazing to hear about some of the traditions and see some special items, such as red envelopes and good luck posters, brought in by our children.

In the afternoon, the children took part in creative activities including making Chinese lanterns, creating colourful dragons and even (in reception) learning to use chopsticks! Finally, everyone left with a fortune cookie! Everyone at the school loved finding out more about a different culture and we're looking



Attendance

The attendance at Wylde Green Primary School is monitored on a cumulative tracker system. Lots of time off, especially at the start of the year, can affect a pupil's attendance percentage quite dramatically.

As part of our attendance policy we regularly monitor all pupils. We keep a particular eye on pupils falling below two thresholds - 95% and 90%. When a child falls below 95%, we aim to send out a reminder letter to keep parents informed and avoid their attendance slipping below the 90% mark. The first letter is a 'heads up' and is there to encourage parents who need support to contact us and allow parents who may not realise how much time their child has had off school to get them back in more regularly.

If a child's attendance falls below 90%, we send out another letter which requests medical proof for appointments and time off. We do not make this decision lightly and welcome conversations around this to help identify factors that may have led to this lower percentage.

To put attendance percentages into perspective:

90% attendance = half a day missed every week (4 weeks missed per academic year)

80% attendance = 1 day missed every week (more than half a term missed per academic year)

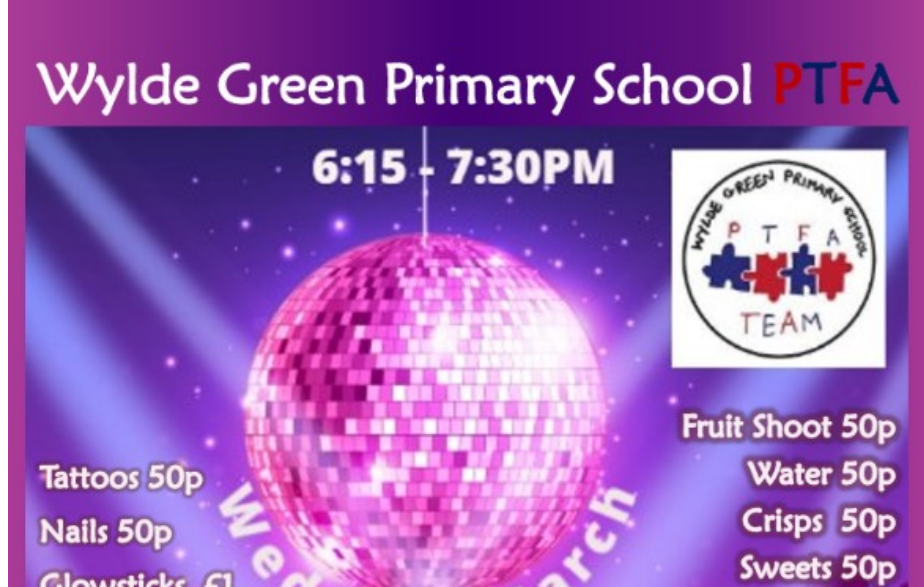
Attendance is monitored on our system with codes such as 'I' for illnesses and 'M' for medical appointments. This is why it is very important to let us know the reason your child is absent from school so we can put the correct code in the system. Illnesses are one of the main reasons we see children's attendance fall below these thresholds. We understand sickness cannot be helped sometimes and encourage rest and recovery when it is best for your child to stay home. We also want to make sure children are getting the most out of school and not missing crucial days of learning.

Our school attendance at since September is 96.4% which compares favourably against national attendance of 94.6%.

I hope this has helped you understand how we monitor attendance a little better and trust you will continue to support us with this. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any support you may need, please do not hesitate to contact us.

World Book Day

The school is celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March** and your child will have received a World Book token from their teacher this week. These book tokens can be used as £1 towards the cost of a book. However, they can also be used in exchange for one of the following fantastic book titles.



Just take your World Book token to a stockist of World Book Day 2025 titles and exchange it for one of these books without having to pay a penny! Tokens can be used from **Thursday 13th February 2025** until **Sunday 23rd March 2025**.

Wylde Green Primary School PTFA

6:15 - 7:30PM

Tattoos 50p
Nails 50p
Glowsticks £1

Fruit Shoot 50p
Water 50p
Crisps 50p
Sweets 50p
Chocolates 50p

Junior Disco

Enter through the main school office door from 6:15pm.
Please pay £2.50 upon entry.
KS2 pupils attend the disco without parents/guardians – there will be a number of teachers supervising the event.

Collection of all pupils is at 7:30pm.
Please wait near the staff school car park, where parents from each year group will be called in to collect their child, entering via the Wylde Cats' door.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils.