

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! What a wonderful way to start the Spring term with a fluttering of snow to create real excitement! We are thrilled to welcome you back and hope that 2026 brings happiness, health and family fun to you all. We hope the break was full of love, laughter and special moments with both family and friends.

We are very excited to have everyone back and look forward to a great term ahead – it is going to be packed with creativity, curiosity and lots of fun! Highlights include our Buggy Malone production, our house competitions, World Book Day, NSPCC Number Day and the Y1 Easter production, to name just a few highlights to look forward to!

Key Dates

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February	National Storytelling Week
Thursday 5th February	World Book Day
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day/ Times Table Rock Stars
Tuesday 10th February - Thursday 12th February	School Production: Buggy Malone
Friday 13th February	Lunar New Years Celebrations and School Closes for Half-Term

The National Year of Reading 2026

2026 has been declared the National Year of Reading. Reading expands minds, builds confidence and fuels creativity. Whatever your interests – sport, music, food, gaming, film or fashion – there are books out there that will capture your heart and your imagination.

At Wylde Green, we will be joining in with some of the wonderful events that will be taking place throughout the year in the National Year of Reading's "Go All In" campaign.

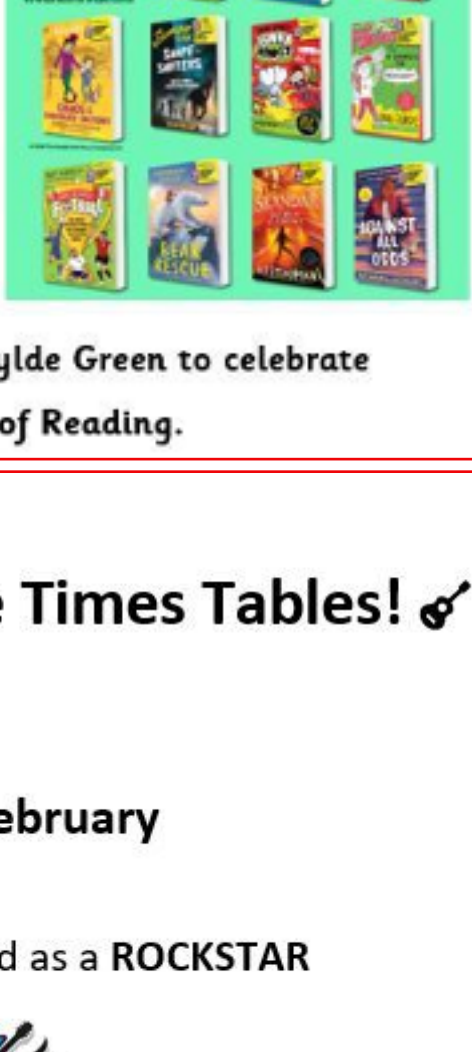
2nd to 5th FEBRUARY – NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

During National Storytelling Week, we are asking for children to bring in their favourite book from home. There will be time set aside throughout the week to share the joy of their book with their classmates.

MARCH – 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.

In addition, at the beginning of March, 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).



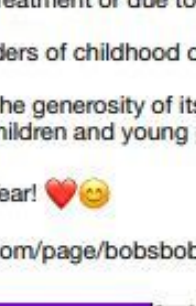
Look out for other events at Wylde Green to celebrate 2026 National Year of Reading.



Rock the Times Tables!

Friday 6th February

Come to school dressed as a **ROCKSTAR**



Bring a voluntary monetary donation to support **Number Day** raising money for **NSPCC**.

Celebrating maths with a day of **times-table power!**



Bob's bob for a bob

Hello! My name is Emily and on 13 December I donated my hair to The Little Princess Trust so that they can help make a wig for somebody who has lost their hair.

I first decided to donate my hair when I was 8 but it wasn't 12" long, so I have been growing it for 2 years now to make sure it is long enough!

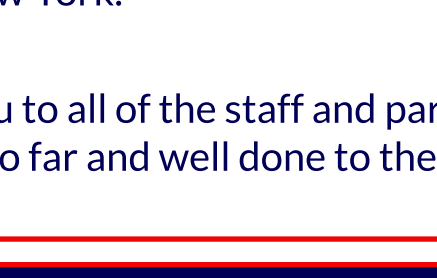
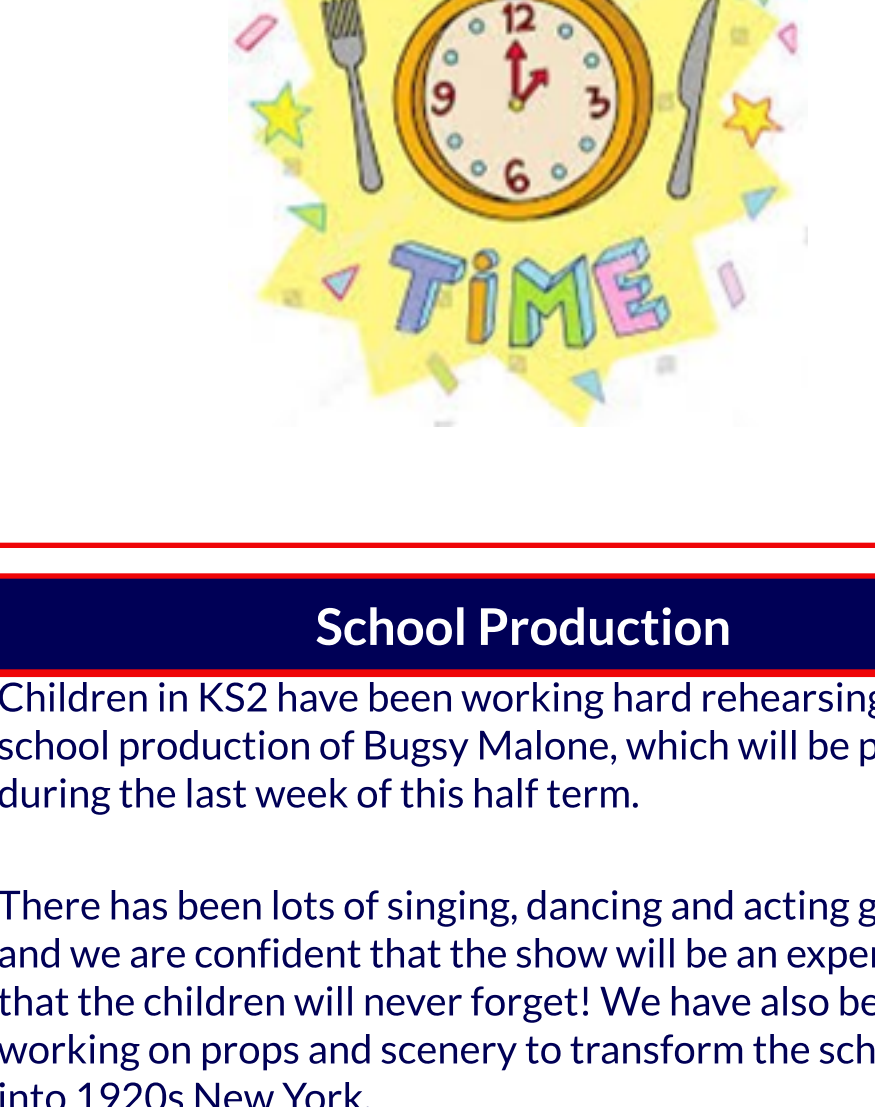
The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or due to other conditions such as Alopecia.

The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK.

The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year.

Thank you for reading and Happy New Year! ❤️😊

Just Giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bobsbob>

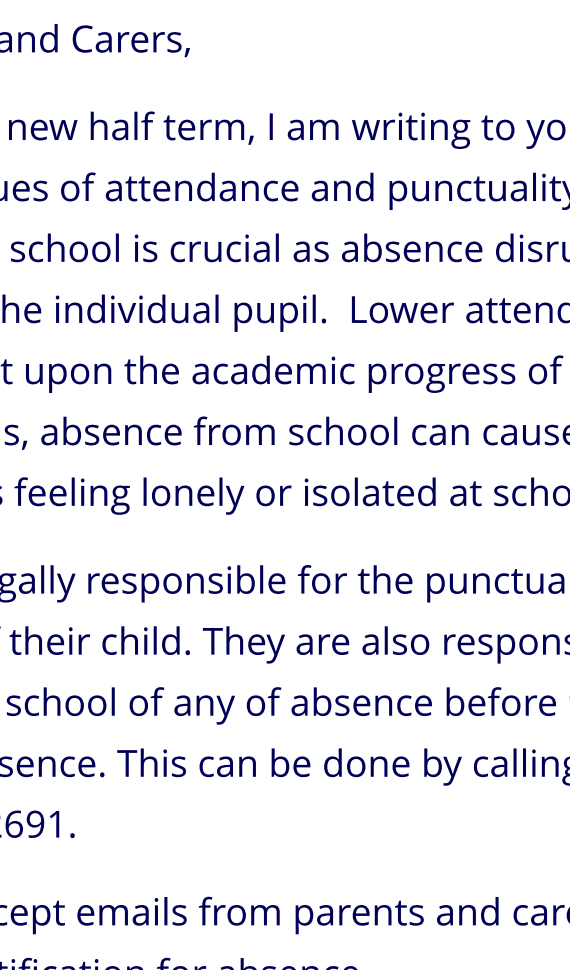


Lunch Time

During this term, we should like to focus on teaching all children polite manners when eating. Many children do this well already and understand mealtimes as calm moments to experience the enjoyment of food and engage in conversation with those around us. We want to make lunchtimes a positive experience for all pupils and we can achieve this in part by teaching pupils key skills.

In school, we shall focus on these areas and you might also like to explore these at home with your children:

- using a knife and fork efficiently;
- leaving the table only when we have completely finished eating;
- knowing how much to put in our mouths at one time;
- trying to keep the food on our plates and taking responsibility cleaning up any food that we might spill;
- having a drink of water with a meal to support our concentration and wellbeing;
- remembering to use please and thank you.



School Production

Children in KS2 have been working hard rehearsing our school production of Buggy Malone, which will be performed during the last week of this half term.

There has been lots of singing, dancing and acting going on and we are confident that the show will be an experience that the children will never forget! We have also been busy working on props and scenery to transform the school hall into 1920s New York.

A big thank you to all of the staff and parents who have supported us so far and well done to the children for their commitment.

Punctuality is Important



Let's Start the Day Calm and Ready!

Please help your child arrive in plenty of time so they can begin the day feeling calm, settled, and ready to learn. Our doors open at 08:50, giving everyone time to come in without rushing.

Aim for 08:50!

Arriving at this time makes a big difference. In one class today, the gap between the first and last pupil arriving was 15 minutes. Over a week, that is 1 hour 15 minutes more learning for the first child. Over a year, it adds up to 45 extra hours of school time!

Your support in ensuring your child is punctual is hugely appreciated. Together, we can give every child the best possible start to their day.

Attendance at Wylde Green

3rd September 2025 – 15th January 2026: 95.43%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new half term, I am writing to you to raise the important issues of attendance and punctuality to school.

Attendance in school is crucial as absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil. Lower attendance has a negative effect upon the academic progress of pupils. In addition to this, absence from school can cause pastoral issues such as feeling lonely or isolated at school.

Parents are legally responsible for the punctuality and attendance of their child. They are also responsible for informing the school of any of absence before 9am on the first day of absence. This can be done by calling the school on 0121 373 2691.

We cannot accept emails from parents and carers as a method of notification for absence.

School gates are open from 8.40am and pupils are permitted into classes from 8.50am. All pupils must be in their class by 8.55am. If your child arrives later than 9am, they will receive a 'L' mark in the register to indicate that they were late.

At Wylde Green we aim to keep all pupil attendance above 96%.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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 not to 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.

