



INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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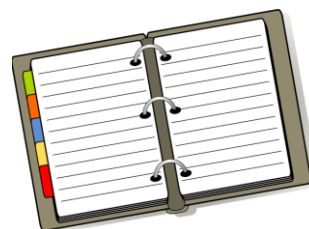
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Wednesday 8th October** – Harvest Festival at 9.30am at St John's Church
- **Thursday 9th October** – Open day for prospective new parents
- **Thursday 9th October** – FOIS Virtual AGM @ 7.30pm
- **Thursday 16th October** – Open the Book Collective Worship
- **Monday 20th October** – Y5/Y6 Multi Skills @ Staindrop Academy (am)
- **Friday 24th October** – Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Competition @ Staindrop Academy (am)
- **Friday 24th October** – FOIS Halloween Disco @ Ingleton Village Hall (4.30pm-6.30pm)
- **Friday 31st October** – Y6 Pupils / Deadline to apply for Secondary School Places
- **Monday 3rd November** – Pupils return to school / Start of Autumn Term 2
- **Tuesday 4th November** – Parents Evening
- **Monday 10th-Friday 14th November** – National Anti-Bullying Week
- **Monday 10th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Thursday 13th November** – World Kindness Day
- **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need
- **Monday 8th December** – Whole School Pantomime visit - Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- **Tuesday 9th December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 2.45pm
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 18th December** – Christmas Carol Service @ 11am at St John's Church, Ingleton
- **Thursday 18th December** – School Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 19th December** – Christmas Parties (pm)
- **Friday 19th December** – Last day in school / Break up for Christmas
- **Monday 5th January** – Pupils return to school / start of Spring Term 1



A big warm welcome to all our new families -we're so pleased to have you with us at Ingleton C of E School! The term is now well underway, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new classes and enjoying their learning. We've got lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead and we'll keep you updated through Weduc, our Newsletter, our school website and Facebook.

As always, if you've got any questions, please just ask- we're happy to help!

Thanks so much for all your continued support; it really does mean a lot! 🧡

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday 8th October at 9:30am at St John's Church, Ingleton.**

Everyone is welcome!

As part of our celebration, we will be collecting food donations in support of our local food banks.

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated - thank you!

We hope to see you there.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and for all the delicious contributions. We raised a fantastic £260.40 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



PARENTS EVENING – AUTUMN TERM

Advanced notification of date

Tuesday 4th November.

Letters will be sent home shortly.



PE DAYS REMINDER

- **Little Acorns (Nursery & Reception)** - Tuesday & Friday
- **Willow Class (Y1 & Y2)** – Tuesday & Thursday
- **Chestnut Class (Y3 & Y4)** – Monday & Thursday
- **Oak Class (Y5 & Y6)** Tuesday & Thursday

Also, for PE lessons, we kindly ask that children either wear trainers to school or have a pair of trainers and socks (especially if they usually wear tights) packed in their PE bags – thank you.

REMINDER COLD WEATHER PREPARATION

As the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that parents ensure children wear and/or bring a:

- **school jumper or cardigan**
- **warm, waterproof coat**
- **wellies or suitable footwear**
- **hat**



WATERBOTTLES

Please send your child to school each day with a water bottle containing **water only**. These can be refilled across the day – thank you.



FLU IMMUNISATION

If your child missed having the flu vaccine in school, there is a catch up clinic in Bishop Auckland on

Tuesday 28th October.

**To book onto a clinic please call
0333 358 3397**

Monday – Friday 9AM – 5PM

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Just a reminder that the law states that a Head Teacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

We ask that parents complete a leave of absence form which is available on our school website or from the school office.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences on your child's attendance records could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority.

5 days / 10 sessions unauthorised absence in a 10 week rolling period must now be referred for enforcement action.

Within a 3-year period:

The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).

Fines are issued per parent / per child, not per family.

Further information, including our **school holiday dates**, can be found on our website:

https://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_holidays/

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2208/Holidays-in-term-time>

RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2026

If you have a child who turns five between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you can now apply for a school place.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to

help with your application. Online applications are encouraged but paper application forms are available on request from Durham County Council.

Applications close at midnight on 15 January 2026. For more information, please contact School Places and Admissions Team on 03000 265896.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Callum, Wade, Mia F & Billie

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Arabella, Georgia, Kaylah & Liam

Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Ben, Eliza, Jessie & Lexie

Keep Up the Good Work!

ATTENDANCE

Our minimum target is 96%

Well done to Chestnut Class who have achieved attendance above this target. Fantastic work!

| <u>Willow</u> | <u>Chestnut</u> | <u>Oak</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 92.03% | 97.83% | 93.48% |

Current Whole School Attendance is **94.69%**
While this is close, it is below the national expectation of 96% and we really want to improve!

Every school day matters - good attendance helps children build friendships, enjoy learning, and make the best progress possible.

Let's work together to get our attendance up and give every child the best chance to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support!



SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES (Y6 PUPILS ONLY)

Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-now-for-a-secondary-school-place-deadline-31-October-2025>

The closing date for Secondary School applications is the **31st October 2025**. If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team. A letter from Durham County Council has been sent home previously.

CORE VALUE SUPERSTARS

LOVE / KINDNESS / HONESTY & RESPECT

Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Eden, Mia F, Archie G & Theo

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Mhairi, Liam, Olivia & Izzy

Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Theo, Noah, Redd & Oliver



FRIENDS OF INGLETON SCHOOL (FOIS)

FOIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the FOIS will be held virtually on
Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm.

The Friends of Ingleton School plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the Friends of Ingleton School, you are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school and voice your ideas for events for the forthcoming year and find out ways to become involved. Please support us if you can 😊

<https://teams.live.com/join/9339040096047?p=KMStIUOea5IBKDrruW>



FOIS HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 24th October 2025 (4.30pm-6.30pm) @ Ingleton Village Hall



Christmas Wreath Making - FOIS

Back by popular demand and kept at just £25 for the 3rd year running!!!

We would love to welcome you for a festive afternoon of wreath making on **Saturday 29th November and Sunday 30th November.**

All the money raised goes directly to providing the children with experiences and resources to enhance their education.

Your ticket will include a wreath ring, all moss and foliage and decorative ribbon. Tea and coffee too!

Snap your tickets up now while you can.

www.pta-events.co.uk/fois



Term Dates 2025-2026

| Holiday | Closing date | Date re-opens |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Autumn half-term 2025 | Friday 24 th October 2025 | Monday 3 rd November 2025 |
| Christmas 2025 | Friday 19 th December 2025 | Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| Spring half-term 2026 | Friday 20 th February 2026 | Monday 2 nd March 2026 |
| Easter 2026 | Thursday 2 nd April 2026 | Monday 20 th April 2026 |
| May Day 2026 | Friday 1 st May 2026 | Tuesday 5 th May 2026 |
| Summer half-term 2026 | Thursday 21 st May 2026 | Monday 1 st June 2026 |
| Summer 2026 | Friday 17 th July 2026 | TBC |

Teacher Training Days 2025-2026

- ~~Monday 1st September 2025~~
- ~~Tuesday 2nd September 2025~~
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026



Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. K. Whitaker & The Ingleton Team x

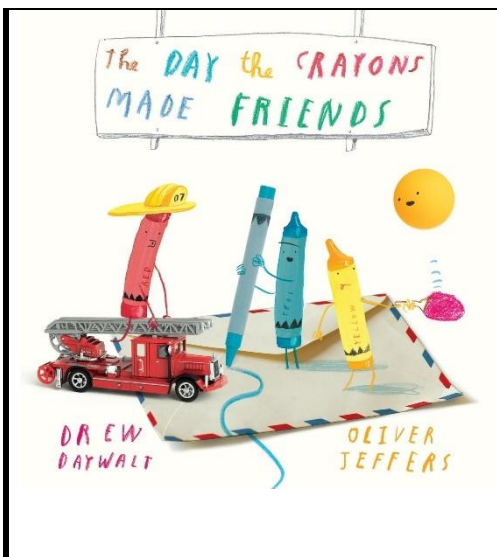
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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



Recommended Reads



The Day the Crayons Made Friends by Drew Daywalt (author), Oliver Jeffers (illustrator)

Duncan's crayons just can't seem to stay put!

After convincing one group of crayons to go back to work after they wanted to quit and rescuing another group who got lost in the most inconvenient places, Duncan's crayons have disappeared once more.

But this time they've gone into his room to make friends. From Red Crayon, who fulfils his dream of driving a fire engine, to Blue Crayon, who meets a fashion doll desperately in need of a head, to fan favourite Esteban, who is off to tame a teddy bear (or as he would call it, a wild beast), each crayon has an exciting story to share about the new objects they've met and the new adventures they've had.

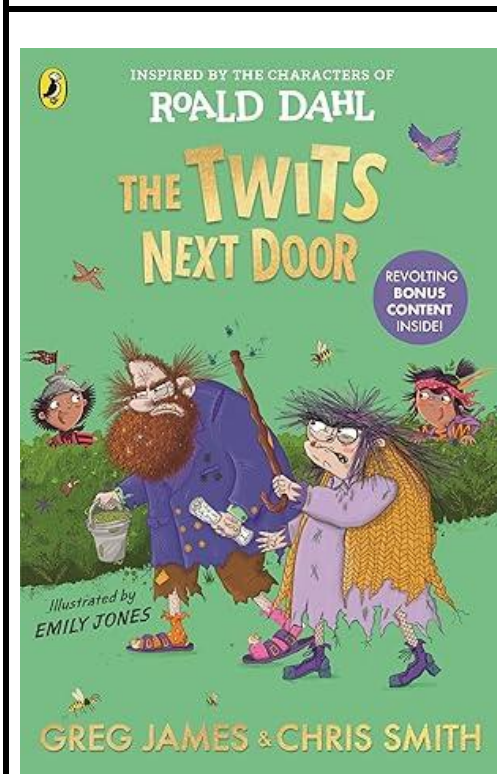


The Wild Robot on the Island by Peter Brown (author)

Roz is not where she's supposed to be.

Roz the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings, and before long, the island begins to feel like home.

Filled with Peter Brown's stunning artwork, this moving picture book is the perfect gift for readers new to The Wild Robot or for longtime fans of the series that sparked a global phenomenon.



The Twits Next Door by Greg James (author), Chris Smith (author), Emily Jones (illustrator)

A wickedly funny and prank-filled adventure starring one of Roald Dahl's most hilarious and popular creations, The Twits.

This brand-new and deliciously revolting story is brilliantly written by internationally bestselling authors and children's literacy advocates Greg James and Chris Smith and illustrated by Emily Jones.

Mr and Mrs Twit are just about as nasty and revolting as two people can get. The only thing that brings the two of them pleasure is playing pranks on one another.

But, when a new family called the Lovelies move in next door, with their lively 10-year-old twins, they teach The Twits to stop being so mean and horrible and they all live happily ever after . . .

Ha! Not really. The Twits HATE the Lovelies.

But how far will The Twits go to rid themselves of their horribly nice new neighbours? And what happens when these new neighbours, who are armed with utter loveliness, start to fight back?

Halloween Coffee Morning

18th October 11am Onwards

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VILLAGE HALL,
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Raffle
Pumpkin Decorating
Biscuit Decorating

Pick n Mix







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