



INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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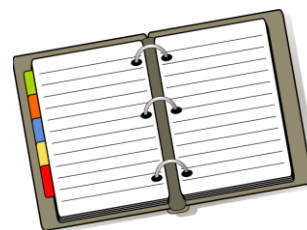
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 13th October** – NHS Height and Weight Screening (Rec & Y6)
- **Wednesday 14th October** – Harvest Festival at **2:30pm** at St John's Church
- **Friday 16th October** - Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card
- **Wednesday 21st October** – KS2 Yorvik Centre School Trip
- **Thursday 22nd October** – School individual photographs
- **Friday 23rd October** – Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Competition @ Staindrop Academy (am)
- **Saturday 31st October** – Y6 Pupils / Deadline to apply for Secondary School Places
- **Monday 2nd November** – INSET Day School closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 3rd November** - Pupils return to school / Start of Autumn Term 2
- **Tuesday 3rd November** – Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 4th November** – SEND Parents Evening
- **Friday 13th November** – Children in Need
- **Friday 13th November** – World Kindness Day
- **Monday 16th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Monday 16th - Friday 20th November** – National Anti-Bullying Week
- **Monday 23rd November** – KS2 Bikeability (Y4-Y6)
- **Wednesday 25th November** - KS2 Bikeability (Y4-Y6)
- **Friday 27th November** – KS2 Bikeability (Y4-Y6)



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 Arbor, 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 14th October at 2:30pm 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.



PARENTS EVENING – AUTUMN TERM

Parents' Evening will take place straight after half term. Appointments can be booked via Arbor, and information about how to do this will be sent out this week. If you experience any difficulties with booking your appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks.



PLIMSOLLS

Just a friendly reminder that children should have a pair of plimsolls in school to wear indoors.

A big thank you to everyone who has already provided these. Having indoor footwear has made a real difference in reducing the amount of mud and dirt coming into classrooms and corridors, helping us keep our school clean and tidy for all.

If your child does not currently have a pair in school, we would be grateful if they could bring some ASAP.

Thank you for your continued support.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



On **Friday 16th October**, we will be supporting Wear Red Day, organised by Show Racism the Red Card. The day encourages schools and communities across the UK to stand together against racism and promote respect, equality and inclusion.

Children are invited to wear something red / non-uniform to school on the day. There is no charge for this.

We look forward to marking the occasion and reinforcing the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect.



ACADEMY COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an Academy Councillor and are looking for an enthusiastic individual who would like to support and challenge the school as part of our local governance team.

We would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone with any Early Years experience, although we welcome expressions of interest from people with a range of skills and backgrounds.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Mrs Whitaker or the school office.

PE DAYS REMINDER

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

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.



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you let the office know if you have recently updated any of your contact details **especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses** as it is essential that we have two contact numbers per child – 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**

HEALTHY SNACKS REMINDER

To help keep everyone safe and healthy and as we have several children in school with allergies, we kindly ask that snacks are limited to:

Fresh fruit or vegetables
Breadsticks (no sesame)
Plain crackers
Rice cakes

Unfortunately, we cannot allow **cereal bars, biscuits, chocolate, nuts, crisps or similar snacks**.



HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS NHS

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). If your child is absent on the day, one further attempt will be made to gather the information.

The checks are done by NHS nurses who visit the school and explain to the children why it is done. Parents will be contacted via mail by the NHS if their child is outside the 'healthy' weight and height range. The QR code below contains more information.



RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2027

If you have a child who turns five between 1st September 2027 and 31st August 2028 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 15th January 2027.

For more information, please contact School Places and Admissions Team on **03000 265896**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES (Y6 PUPILS ONLY)

Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting the [Durham County Council Page](#)

The closing date for Secondary School applications is **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

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.

KS2 BIKEABILITY (Y4-Y6)

A reminder that Bikeability sessions will take place on **Monday 23rd November, Wednesday 25th November** and **Friday 27th November** for children whose parents have given permission for them to take part.

A letter home and a link have been sent via Arbor.

Bikeability helps children develop the skills and confidence to cycle safely, while encouraging healthy exercise and road awareness.

To take part, children must bring:

- A roadworthy bike
- A correctly fitting helmet

Children who successfully complete the programme will receive a Bikeability certificate and badge.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim in the school office.



ATTENDANCE

Our minimum target is 96%

A huge well done to all of our classes, who have exceeded this target.

What a fantastic achievement!

- **Little Acorns (EYFS): 96.9%**
- **Willow Class (Y1 & Y2): 96.5%**
- **Chestnut Class (Y3 & Y4): 98.1%**
- **Oak Class: (Y5 & Y6) 97.5%**

Our whole-school attendance is currently **97%**, which is fantastic!

Thank you to all of our pupils and families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and are ready to learn.

Keep up the fantastic work everyone! ★ 🙌 🎉



A HUGE THANK YOU TO FOIS

We would like to say a huge thank you to our FOIS committee members, Claire, Nicola, Alex, Mark and Nicola D, for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last few years.

At the recent AGM, several members officially stood down from their roles after making an incredible contribution to our school community. Through their fundraising events, support and enthusiasm, they have helped create many wonderful opportunities and experiences for our children. We are extremely grateful for everything they have done.

We would also like to warmly welcome our new parent volunteers who have joined the committee. We look forward to working with you and are excited to see FOIS continue to thrive in the years ahead.

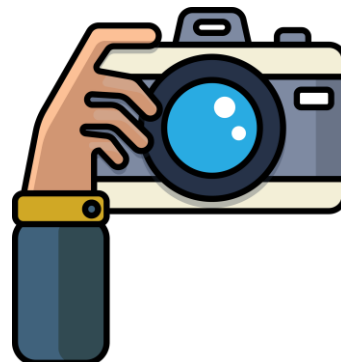


SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 22nd October** for individual and family photographs.

If you would like a younger sibling who does not attend school to be included in a family photograph, please bring them to the school hall at drop-off time. Staff will be on hand to direct families and ensure photographs are taken before the start of the school day.

We look forward to seeing all of our children looking smart and ready to smile!



SAFEGUARDING

At Ingleton C of E Primary School, we are passionate about and committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment.

Any concerns about children are passed through the members of staff who are trained as Designated Child Protection Leads. In our school, these are myself (Mrs Whitaker) and Mrs Street-Poulsen. We also have two link Safeguarding Academy Councillors - Mr Deakin and Mrs Hawlor.



Mrs Whitaker



Mrs Street-Poulsen



Mr Deakin



Mrs Hawlor

We have robust policies in place to ensure the well-being of our children. These policies underpin our practice and values shared by every single member of staff in our school. Copies are available from the school office or via our website.

[Ingleton C of E Primary School Safeguarding](#)

Please note that if you are ever worried or concerned about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Autumn half-term 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026
Christmas 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Spring half-term 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Tuesday 23 rd February 2027
Easter 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day 2027	Friday 30 th April 2027	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Summer half-term 2027	Thursday 28 th May 2027	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Summer 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027	TBC

Teacher Training Days **2026-2027**

- ~~Tuesday 1st September~~
- **Monday 2nd November**
- **Monday 5th January**
- **Monday 22nd February**
- **Monday 7th June**



Many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs. K. Whitaker & The Ingleton Team x