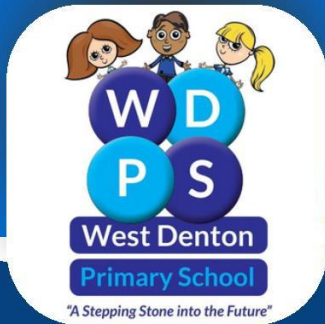




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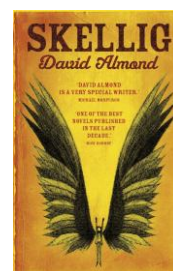
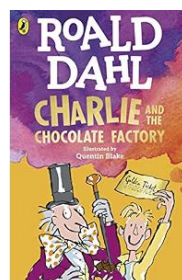
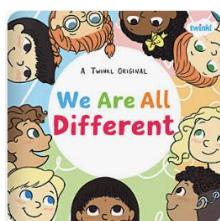


18th September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now well-settled into our new school term. It has been a real pleasure this week to look through a large selection of children's work across the school. Children are taking great care of their work and can talk about their learning with increasing confidence. Teachers are using a wide range of strategies to support all children to know more and remember more about a wide range of topics.

Reading continues to be focus. Already across school books being studied include:



Maybe ask your child which one they recognise?



Across the ONE Trust, we have a new **Mobile Phone policy**. This can be found on our website [West Denton Primary School - Policies](#). There are 3 main differences:

1. If parents want their children to bring in a mobile phone they must sign the agreement (Appendix I)
2. If parents want their children to bring in a mobile phone the child must sign the agreement (Appendix II)
3. All visitors to school must have the mobile phone slip (Appendix III) they can only use their phones outside of the main entrance and not in school.

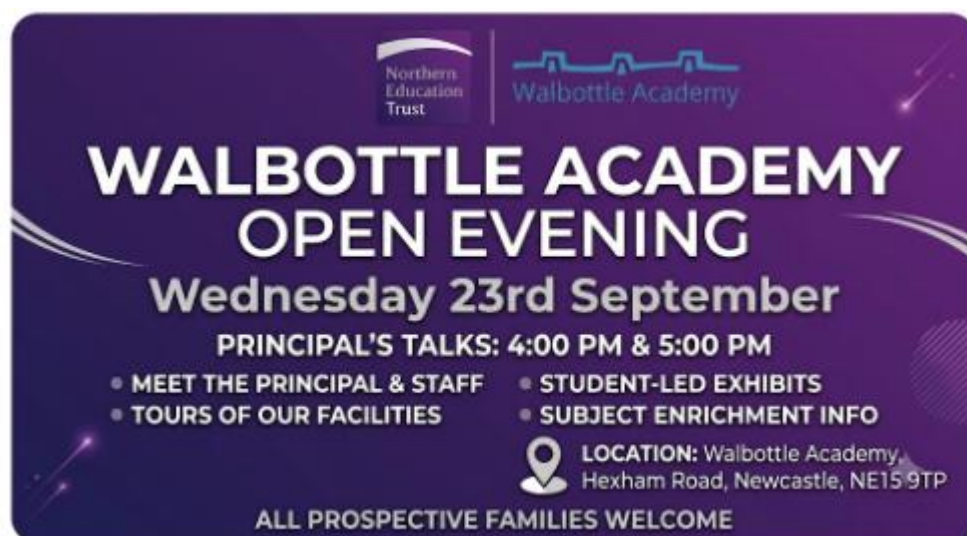
We will work hard to get this up and running and the office will keep an up-to-date log of who has signed. This can be done simply by clicking on the link below to agree and give reasons:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mkG9qNECy1>



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Walbottle open day for Year 6



Robinwood 16th November

We still have some spaces left on our residential visit to Robinwood on 16th November. This is open to children in year 4, 5 and 6. Please contact school if you are interested.

Juice and biscuit

Friday milkshake has now become Friday juice and biscuit. This is only £1 and children get a juice box and biscuit. Money goes to school fund.

Sad news

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Khan will be leaving us at West Denton. She has been a huge part of our school for 20 years and has loved every minute. Mrs Khan has to leave due to ill health – otherwise she would have loved to stay for as long as possible. Mrs Khan's last day will be next Friday 25th September. I am sure that many of you have fond memories of working with Mrs Khan. If you would like to send her a card you would be most welcome to.

Attendance



This week the attendance totals for each class are:

	This week	This year
Reception Poppy	94.2%	91.9%
Reception Tulip	94.4%	93.8%
Year 1 Sunflowers	94.1%	94.9%
Year ½ Daffodils	98.4%	97.7%
Year 2 Buttercups	95.3%	96.9%
Year 3 Daisies	92.9%	94.4%
Year ¾ Snowdrops	95%	95.2%
Year 4 Jasmine	97.7%	98.1%
Year 5 Bluebells	99.5%	97.1%
Year 5 Thistles	97.1%	97.8%
Year 6 Forget-me-nots	94.1%	94.1%
Whole School	95.6%	96%

Congratulations to our winners: **Year ½ Daffodils & Year 5 Bluebells** for achieving the highest attendance this week!

We will be adding dates bit by bit. For now we have:

- Fri 25th September – 9.00am Macmillan Coffee morning in school
- Mon 28th September – 3.15pm – 3.45pm Treasure Hunt around school (parents and children)
- Thurs 1st October - School Photos
- Tues 13th and Wed 14th Oct – Parent Consultation meetings with teachers
- Fri 16th - 9am LKS2 (Phase 2) Reading Biscuit awards
- Fri 23rd – 9am UKS2 (Phase 3) Reading Biscuit awards

Have a lovely weekend

Gavin Johnston – Head Teacher

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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