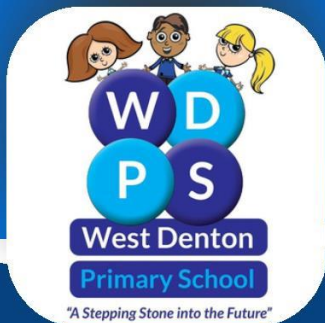




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16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

One more week until half term but what a half term it has been. Fantastic teaching and learning have taken place along with the first biscuit awards of this academic year. It was the turn of Year 3 and 4 and we already have two pupils who have read one million words. Reading does change lives so... keep reading.

This week in focus:

- Zoo Lab have been in and wowed the foundation stage with giant snails and even a corn snake. Unfortunately, I did not have time to pop in and hold a cockroach.
- It has been wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school to talk about their children with their class teachers. What a good turnout we had.
- Year 5 and 6 have been making lots of noise with the djembe drumming and it certainly sounds impressive.
- We are regularly updating our website – particularly with calendar dates – keep looking!

### Attendance



We are doing well with attendance this year and are aiming to keep as many classes in the green as possible. Every session missed makes such a difference. Remember each week, everyone who has been at school and on time each day gets entered into a draw to win amazon vouchers! It could be you!

**We are so close to getting into the green zone as a school so let's pull together and make it happen!"**



This week the attendance totals for each class are:

|                 | Attendance up to 9th October | This year so far |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Reception Poppy | 92.6%                        | 93.1%            |
| Reception Tulip | 98.9%                        | 95.6%            |



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|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 1 Sunflowers     | 96.4%        | 94.2%        |
| Year ½ Daffodils      | 98.4%        | 97.5%        |
| Year 2 Buttercups     | 99.3%        | 97.6%        |
| Year 3 Daisies        | 93.8%        | 93.9%        |
| Year ¾ Snowdrops      | 91.5%        | 94.1%        |
| Year 4 Jasmine        | 96.2%        | 97.2%        |
| Year 5 Bluebells      | 94.7%        | 97.9%        |
| Year 5 Thistles       | 92.9%        | 95.7%        |
| Year 6 Forget-me-nots | 92.2%        | 94.7%        |
| <b>Whole School</b>   | <b>94.8%</b> | <b>95.6%</b> |

Congratulations to Buttercups Year 2 for achieving the highest attendance last week!

Dates for diaries:

- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 Harvest Festival at the Church of the Holy Spirit for Year 3. Year 3-4 and Year 4. Parents and Carers of these year groups are welcome to attend.
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9am UKS2 (Phase 3) Reading Biscuit awards and coffee morning for parents
- **26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – school closed for half term**
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November – return to school

**Forthcoming dates can be found on our website home page: [West Denton Primary School - Home](#)**

**Or on the Calendar page: [West Denton Primary School - School Events](#)**

**Have a lovely weekend.**

Rachael Croll - Deputy Head Teacher