West Denton Primary School
"A Stepping Stone into the Future"

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This eight week half term has been jam packed with learning opportunities alongside enrichment activities. From another WDPS treasure hunt to visits to Washington Wildlife Centre. From Zoo Lab to parent and carer consultations. Thank you for getting your children to school ready to learn and on time.



Thank you also to Phase Two for a wonderful Harvest Festival service at the Church of the Holy Spirit. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and families in attendance. A huge shout out to Mr. Reid-Milligan for organising this year's celebration. The church has a food bank, and this is where your donations have gone so thank you so much.

Attendance



It is great to see children arriving to school on time, however, they need to be in to learn. This week our attendance has dropped below 95%.

Please can we all work together to get this above 95% again and striving for 96%. 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 to our overall school's attendance.

	This year so far
Whole School	**94.6%**

Congratulations to year 4 for winning the class attendance challenge with the best attendance again this week at **96.5%!**

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Just to remind parents and carers that school gates will be closing promptly at 09.05 so we can keep the site safe. Thanks for your cooperation with this

Dates for diaries:

- Mon 2nd November – return to school
- Wed 4th the Book Fair arrives in school – an ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping.

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 half term and stay safe.

Rachael Croll - Deputy Head Teacher