

# WOOLER FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER



It's that time of year when we have to say goodbye to our fabulous year 4s. They have been wonderful and we will miss them. Good luck in middle school!



Maple class tried their best and played some fabulous football, but Belford just pipped us to the post.



Maple Class enjoyed a day attending Lifepath, where they learnt about the life of St Aidan.



Maple class had a fun leavers trip at Foxlake





## King Charles III

Oak Class learnt all about London and King Charles III in the lead up to the coronation. They compared London to Wooler and drew pictures of Big Ben. They also painted portraits of King Charles III. The children made crowns and necklaces and on the Friday afternoon we all made a sandwich and then had a picnic and party to celebrate.



## Football Festival

Year 3 and 4 girls had a great time at the football festival last week. It was great fun!!

Berwick Rangers runs Wildcats football for girls if anyone is interested in playing.

For information please see the website

<https://berwickrangers.com/welcome-to-the-wildcats/>



## Dogs Trust

Everyone had great fun when Rachel from the dogs trust came in to talk to us all about staying safe around dogs.

You should always ask the owner before you stroke a dog - Alicia

If a dog comes towards you look away and don't give it attention - Felix

Don't try to stroke a dog when it's eating - Lily-Jo

If a dog comes running up to you cross your arms and look up to the sky, don't look at it - Elise

If it still comes then turn into a hedgehog - Jacob





### King Charles' Coronation

Willow class had great fun celebrating the King's Coronation

We made crowns, finger painted flags and did lots of other activities.

Mrs. Jeffrey even made us coronation cup cakes for break time!!



### Trident Soccer



Ryan from Trident soccer awarded the children medals and a trophy for most improved player:

#### May Lunchtime Club

award: Ben & William.

#### April Lunchtime Club

award: John and Carter.

#### Fair play award: Harry

Player of the course:

Ralphie



### Stomp

Year 3 and 4 had a great afternoon when Pete the Stomp man came in.

We had to make a dance by clapping and stamping our feet -Elora

We made up our own dance in a group and performed it in front of our friends - Katie



### Prayer Space

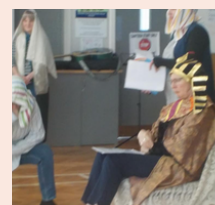
Year 3 enjoyed a morning with Fliss in the prayer space.



Maple class enjoyed some quiet reflective time



The children have really enjoyed the Open the Book assemblies we have been having with Fliss and her friends from Wooler URC.



### Cricket

Tom from Northumberland Cricket came in to give year 3 and 4 a taster cricket session. They all had great fun and were given a leaflet about Dynamos cricket at Wooler Cricket Club.





## Captain Chemistry

Willow class had a great morning when Captain Chemistry came in to tell us all about light.

I liked it when we had to guess the shadows -  
Fleur

We looked through triangular prisms to see  
different colours, it looked like a rainbow -  
Aiden

We used invisible ink pens to write a message  
then used ultraviolet light to see what the  
message was - AJ

It was great fun when we did the investigation  
about shadows - Elliott

Year 2 have been learning about plants in  
science. Captain Chemistry showed us the  
three ways that seeds can disperse and how to  
identify trees.



Year 1 really enjoyed their workshop about  
plants with Captain Chemistry. The children  
went on a hunt around school to collect leaves  
and identify different types of plants. Captain  
Chemistry taught us about different parts of a  
flower and showed us an experiment for a seed  
explosion! We had lots of fun and really  
enjoyed making helicopter seeds.



## Yr 1 Trip to Northumberland Zoo

Cherry Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip  
to Northumberland Zoo earlier this term.

They enjoyed learning about different  
groups of animals and their habitats. Year 1  
even got some time to play in the soft play  
and the outdoor park! We had a fantastic  
day!



## Boys Football

The boys from Year 3 and 4 had a great  
time at the spirit of the games football  
tournament in Alnwick. The primary  
emphasis of the festival incorporated the  
School Games Values - passion, belief,  
respect, honesty, determination, teamwork

The boys were all great sports!!





## Countryside Day

Year 3 and 4 had a great day out at Countryside Day!!



## Inky Fingers

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their art workshop with Anthea. We learnt about different ways of printing and used a variety of different materials to create super pictures. We had lots of fun and enjoyed being creative! Thank you Anthea!



Oak Class visited Coldingham Bay and enjoyed a great day at the beach. We spent the morning exploring the rock pools with Finn from the Berwickshire Marine Reserve. We found lots of creatures including hermit crabs, shore crabs, shrimps and sea anemones. After a picnic lunch we enjoyed playing on the beach building sand castles, collecting shells and jumping in the puddles. We ended the visit by paddling in the sea and jumping the waves. We all got very wet and sandy but had a great time!



This year the annual Potato Challenge proved to be extra challenging with our potato plants suffering a bit in the hot dry weather! All classes planted their potatoes in March this year and after looking after them carefully we dug them up on the 11th of July. We weighed each class's potatoes and here are the results:

- 1st Place - Willow Class with 900g
- 2nd Place - Oak Class with 350g
- 3rd Place - Maple Class with 250g
- 4th Place - Cherry Class with 110g
- 5th Place - Little Acorns with 100g
- 6th Place - Cedar Class with 10g

Well done to Willow Class our Potato Challenge winners this year receiving the trophy and some crisps to share! Mrs Jeffreys in the kitchen is going to cook all of the potatoes for us to try! Let's hope next year we get a better crop!

## Tyne Theatre and Hancock Museum

Oak Class visited the Tyne Theatre to see a performance of the story Zog. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and the children were a pleasure to take to the theatre, listening well and joining in when asked to. After the theatre we then visited the Hancock Museum. When we were at the museum we took part in a Dinky Dinos Workshop where we learnt about fossils. We measured and ordered fossils by size, looked for fossils in the sand and also used a key to identify what different fossils were. One of the most interesting things we looked at was some fossilised dinosaur poo! After our workshop we explored the dinosaur area of the museum. We all had a great time.



## Goswick

Willow class had a great time at the Golf Club at Goswick. We took part in lots of little activities and even got to use proper putters!!





### Quad Kids

Year 3 and 4 were involved in a Quad Kids competition with other schools. They had to do a 400m run, a 50m sprint, a standing jump and a howler throw. Haydn the Schools Games Organiser took our results and will let us know if we are through to the next round.



### Skipping Festival

Year 3 and 4 had great fun at the skipping festival. We did lots of different skipping activities and we got lots of certificates!!



### Lillidorei

The whole school had a fantastic time at Lillidorei at Alnwick Gardens!!



### Sports Day



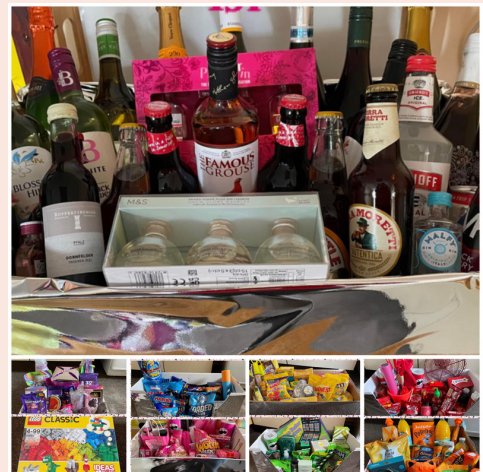
# Rainbow Raffle

Thank you to everybody who has supported our summer fair this afternoon and made it a success!!

Here are the winners for this years Rainbow Raffle:

- Alcohol Hamper- Lucy C
- Red Hamper- Ruby
- Orange Hamper- Carter T
- Yellow Hamper- A Kelly
- Green - S Dent
- Blue Hamper- Mrs M
- Pink Hamper- Beatrix
- Purple Hamper - Laura D
- Wine Hamper - Dessie
- Wine/Chocolate- Tyler
- Gin- Jemma S
- Lager- J Dunn
- Diary/Calendar- Laura H
- Teddy- Sarah H
- Lego- Ben C
- Lego- Rob P
- Lego- Chester

The raffle was drawn with the help of the children in oak class! Please can all prizes be collected from the school office as soon as possible please. Thank you 😊

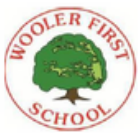


### Willow Class Treat

Willow class spent the day in the forest for their treat day. We had great fun making clay objects, making hapa zome pictures and wool weaving.







# Academic Calendar 2023-2024



School Holiday
  Bank Holiday
  Pupil Day
  Training Day

September 2023							October 2023					November 2023					December 2023									
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28		Thu		5	12	19	26		Thu		2	9	16	23	30	Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24		Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sun	3	10	17	24			Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

January 2024							February 2024					March 2024					April 2024								
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May 2024							June 2024					July 2024					August 2024								
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## Summer Fair

Thank you to all who donated and came along to the Summer Fair. The children had a fantastic day and raised £1300 for the PTA.



## Sponsored walk

The children raised a fantastic £1846.60 doing their sponsored walk.

**BACK TO**  
**SCHOOL**  
Wednesday  
6th September

## Goodbye Mr Tait.

We were very sad to say goodbye and good luck to Mr



Here is the very talented Holly presenting Mr. Tait with her fantastic leaving gift she made for him.



# Little Acorns Nursery

**Register Now!**  
Age 2 - 4 years olds

within Wooler First School  
Please contact Gillian on 01668 282296 or email preschool@woolerandglendale.co.uk

15 hours Funding available for eligible 2-year-olds and 15-30 hours available for eligible 3-year-old children. Please get in touch with Gillian at the nursery who can check individual funding eligibility

**Opening Times**  
Monday - 8am-5.30pm  
Tuesday - 8am-5.30pm  
Wednesday 8am-5pm  
Thursday 8am - 5.30pm  
Friday - 8am - 4pm  
(current opening times)  
  
Morning sessions - 9am-12pm  
Afternoon sessions - 12pm-3pm  
Breakfast club - 8am-9am  
After School Club - from 3.15pm  
  
£5 per hour

Little acorns nursery and preschool aims to provide:

- a happy safe and secure environment
- Experiences that will help your child to build confidence
- Opportunities to learn and play with others
- Equality and diversity
- A wide, varied and exciting curriculum
- Prepares children for joining Reception



## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT WOOLER LIBRARY & THE CHEVIOT CENTRE SUMMER 2023

**Ready, Set, Read!**  
Do you enjoy reading? Sport and play theme for 5-11 year olds. Join in the free fun activities every week through the summer holidays in the library!  
Sign up from Saturday 8th July throughout the school holidays with a celebration on Saturday 9th September at 11am for children completing the challenge!

**The Tortoise and the Hare** Thursday 10th August 9:30am  
A performance of the Aesop fable with music and puppetry for children 6 years and under. Family Hub providing crafts and activities. Kindly funded by Glendale Connect.  
Please book through www.eventbrite.co.uk

**Bug Hotels** Wednesday 16th August 10:30am - 2:30pm  
Create bug hotels to take home or leave in the Cheviot Centre garden. Free but places must be booked with Glendale Gateway Trust on 01668 282 406 Kindly funded by HAF.

**Books and Art session "The Boy Who Sailed The World"** Tuesday 22nd August 2 - 3:30pm  
As part of the Summer Reading Challenge, this Books and Art session for 5 years plus will bring the book "The Boy Who Sailed the World" to life. Book through www.eventbrite.co.uk

**Professor Brainstorm's Science Show** Friday 25th August  
Inspiring, entertaining and educational! Hands on science fun for children aged 5 - 12.  
Free but places must be booked with the Glendale Gateway Trust on 01668 282 406 Kindly funded by the Ballinger Fund.

## KITCHEN ZOO PRESENTS THE TORTOISE & THE HARE



## A SUITCASE STORY FOR UNDER 6S AND THEIR GROWN UPS

In association with ARC, Stockton, Queens Hall Hesham and Gosforth Civic Theatres.  
SATURDAY 22 JULY - WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023

Wooler Library Thursday 10th August 10.00-11.00 a.m.  
Family Hub led activities from 9.30 a.m.  
Tickets 01668 282123  
Supported by Glendale Connect  
ARC Queen's Hall Arts Centre GCT

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Do you know about our Facebook page and App?  
Scan the QR codes on your phone for these services  
Our App provides same day health chat from a Health Visitor or School Nurse, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

**Starting a new school?**  
Your child will be learning and playing with more children when they start their new school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood jabs.

- Buy uniform
- Get school shoes
- Check pre-school jabs into 10-15 daily
- Have school teeth checked
- 2nd dose of MMR
- 4 in 1 Pre-school booster

MMR for all babies  
Pre-school immunisations

**HospiceCare NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND**  
Caring for Life  
Dates for your diary 2023

**HOSPICECARE FAMILY FUN DAY**  
SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023  
ALNWICK RUGBY CLUB  
10AM-4PM

**STARBUCKS ALNWICK MAJIMAIDS & PIRATES FAMILY FUN DAY**  
Saturday 19th August 2023  
10am - 4pm

Fancy Dress Competition  
Face Painting  
Craft Stalls & Raffle  
Hook-a-Duck  
Lucky Dip  
**FREE ENTRY**

Scan here to find out more

**Handlebards & Slapstick Picnic**  
Wanderbards  
Museum Night's Dream  
Slapstick Picnic  
Peter Pans

**Light up the Glendale Night**  
Cheviot Centre, Wooler  
14th October 2023

HospiceCare North Northumberland  
Charity No. 1103635  
For more information contact - 01665 606515

**What are Family Hubs?**  
Find out more about what Northumberland Family Hubs can do for you.  
<https://www.familyhubsnorthumberland.co.uk/what-are-family-hubs>

**Family Hubs Here for everyone**  
**Early Help**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE, WE ARE HERE TO HELP.**

Support is available to all families with children aged 0-19 years (0-25 for SEND)

**Areas of Advice we can offer:**

- Education, Employment and Training.
- Benefits
- Support in Managing Young People's Behavior
- Keeping Children Safe
- Substance Misuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Dealing with Difficult teenagers
- Links to other Services and Organisations

**ALL CALLS ARE DEALT WITH IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE**

Contact Early Help by telephoning **01670 620461**

**Safeguarding**  
This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are committed to safeguarding and have a culture of 'it could happen here' in all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. Any of our staff can listen and act appropriately on your concerns. We have specially trained safeguarding leads in our schools - these are our safeguarding team.

**Our safeguarding team**

 Mike Deane-Hall Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	 Victoria Symons Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL	 Geoff Tong Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL	 Jessie Dunn SENDC and Deputy DSL	 Rachel Messing SENDC and Deputy DSL
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If you are worried about a child you can:

- Contact our safeguarding team via the usual school contact channels including our main phone number 01668 281 470
- Talk to the local safeguarding team 01670 632 720 or One Call, The Local Authority's single point of access on 01670 634600
- If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should call 999 and report your concern immediately to the police.

More information and our policy on safeguarding and child protection can be found on our website. The following organisations websites can also provide information and their helpline can listen if you have concerns:

- NSPCC 0800 800 900
- CEOP
- Childline 0800 1111

**WOOLER BUSINESS FORUM**  
**HIGH STREET SUMMER TRAIL 2023**

There will be a High Street Trail running from Friday 18 August to Monday 28 August. To tie in with Glendale Show, there will be something with an "agricultural" theme in the window of participating shops and businesses.

Forms can be picked up from Cheviot Centre, Brands, Wooler Wool Shop and The Chocolate Box.

Once your form is completed, hand it in to Brands, Wooler Wool Shop or The Chocolate Box.

Completed and correct forms will be entered into a Prize Draw (to be drawn after the closing date) and winners notified by telephone.