

Isn't it **GREAT** to be back!?

It is fair to say that the start of this term has been one of the best ever! The children have settled into their new classes wonderfully and have demonstrated our Wychall Expectations of 'Engaging with Learning' and 'Respecting Everyone' exceptionally well. Our Calming Classrooms initiative also seems to be working wonders, with a calm, purposeful atmosphere evident throughout the school. This positive environment will help our children achieve their very best.

I must give a very special mention to our new Nursery and Reception children who have impressed me hugely with how quickly they have settled into school life. You can see them in the photo to the left, enjoying time in the EYFS outdoor area! Well one Early Years!



Excellent Attendance!



I have also been delighted by the exceptionally strong start to the year in terms of attendance. Since the beginning of the academic year, our average attendance has been an impressive **95.96%**. In my nine years at Wychall, I have never seen attendance start so strongly. While we remain just below the Department for Education's aspiration of 96%, we are currently exceeding our own school target of 95%, which is a fantastic achievement.



As we know, research consistently shows that children who attend school regularly make better progress and achieve more highly than those who miss significant amounts of learning. A huge well done to all of our children and families for helping us achieve this wonderful result. Thank you for your continued support, and long may this success continue!



Relaunching Our School Expectations



As part of our commitment to maintaining high standards across the school, we are relaunching our school rules with a fresh new design. We would like all children to learn and remember all four rules, as they form the foundation of our expectations for behaviour, attitudes and learning. A copy of the new poster can be found on page 2 and will be displayed in every classroom and key locations throughout the school.

We have also introduced our new 'Wychall Walking' initiative, which reinforces our expectations for how children move around school, both independently and as part of a class. The 'Wychall Walking' signs are displayed across the school.

If you have attended one of our Good News Assemblies this year, you may already have noticed our new 'Assembly Expectations' poster displayed in the hall. This does not introduce any new expectations for children; instead, it provides a clear visual reminder of the high standards and positive behaviours we expect during assemblies. A copy of the poster is also available on page 2.

We have made a very positive start to the school year and, by ensuring that expectations remain consistently high and clearly understood by everyone, we are confident that we will continue to strengthen our school culture and further improve the experience of all pupils, staff and families.

Pyjama Day!



Although we are only a few weeks into the new school year, we have already enjoyed our first event. On Friday 18th September, children came to school in their pyjamas to promote a love of reading and encourage bedtime reading routines. It was a fantastic day, superbly supported by our children, families and staff. Thank you to everyone involved. Take a look at this wonderful photograph from 2RL.

Wishing you a great week,

Mr. L



Safe, Secure, Successful

Ready
to Learn

Respect
Everyone

Engage
Well

Our School Rules

Wychall Primary School

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

-  We listen carefully and follow instructions.
-  We don't upset or hurt other people.
-  We look after our equipment and resources.
-  We walk quietly and calmly in and around school.

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ASSEMBLY EXPECTATIONS

-  1 Walk into the hall silently.
-  2 Sit when my teacher gives the signal.
-  3 Sit silently facing the front of the hall.
-  4 Put my hand up if I want to speak.
-  5 At the end of the assembly I will follow the stand and turn signals.
-  6 I will leave the assembly silently in my line.

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Wychall Primary School

Wychall Primary School Expectations

Be your BEST every day!



Engage with Learning
Be curious.
Join in. Try your best!



Show Empathy
Be kind. Listen.
Understand others.



Be Resilient
Keep going.
Don't give up.
Learn from mistakes.



Cooperate with Others
Work together.
Share ideas.
Help your team.



Respect Everyone
Be polite.
Value differences.
Treat others fairly.

Let's work together to make sure everyone is **Safe, Secure and Successful!**

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Miss Stanley is leading attendance this year and is supported by Miss Beckett.

High attendance helps you achieve and succeed.

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!



190 DAYS
100%



Very best chance of success!

183 DAYS
96%



Off to a flying start!

179 DAYS
94%



Less chance of success.

175 DAYS
92%



Harder to make progress.

More than 18 days absence less than 90%



Persistent Absentee
(Not fair on your child)



OUR TARGET FOR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

★ **95%** ★

THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.
TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE IT!



KEY DATES



SEPTEMBER

28th Year 4 Multiplication Workshop (2pm - 3:15pm)
29th InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
30th Year 6 Sats Workshop (2:15pm and 6pm)



OCTOBER

13th Black History Month
13th World Mental Health Day
14th InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
14th Year 1 Phonics Workshop (2pm - 3:15pm)
16th Aspirations Day
20th Harvest
23rd End of Term
23rd Halloween Ball Years 4, 5 & 6 (4:30pm - 6pm)



NOVEMBER

2nd Start of Term
3rd InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
4th Open Morning for Reception 2027 Starters (9:30am)
4th Open Morning for Reception 2027 Starters (6pm)
10th Diwali
10th Parents Evening (4pm - 6:30pm)
11th Remembrance Day
12th Parents Evening (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
13th Children In Need
16th Anti-Bullying Week
17th InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
18th Open Morning for Reception 2027 Starters (9:30am)
18th Open Morning for Reception 2027 Starters (6pm)
20th Odd Socks Friday
20th Year 3 Maths Workshop (2pm - 3:15pm)
25th Whole School Individual Photo and Sibling Photos



DECEMBER

1st InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
8th Hanika
10th Christmas Fair
14th KS2 Performance (9:15am)
14th KS1 Nativity (2pm)
15th KS1 Nativity (9:15am)
15th InUnity (9:15am - 10:30am)
16th KS2 Performance (2pm)
16th Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day
17th Party Day
17th EYFS Songs and Workshop (9:15am)
18th End of Term



TERM DATES

Autumn 1 3rd Sept 2026 - 23rd Oct 2026
Autumn 2 2nd Nov 2026 - 18th Dec 2026
Spring 1 5th Jan 2027 - 12th Feb 2027
Spring 2 22nd Feb 2027 - 25th Mar 2027
Summer 1 12th Apr 2027 - 28th May 2027
Summer 2 7th June 2027 - 16th July 2027



PLEASE PUT
NAMES
IN COATS AND JUMPERS



It helps us return lost items quickly to their rightful owner.



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