



INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Let your Light Shine – Matthew 5:16

OUTDOOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A Remembrance Service will be held on **Sunday 9th November** in Ingleton, opposite St John's Church at **10.45am**. If possible, I would like some pupil volunteers to present our school wreath during the service.

Please let me know ASAP if you and your child/ren will be attending and would like to do this.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is **National Anti-Bullying Week** (**Monday 10th - Friday 14th November**), with the theme: **Power for Good.**

Our pupils will be learning about different forms of bullying and what they can do if they see bullying or if they are bullied.

For the launch of this national campaign children were invited to wear **Odd Socks** for the day on **Monday 10th November**.

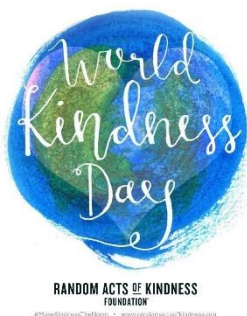
Odd Sock Day is an annual event that marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, encouraging people to wear mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and promote kindness



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Pupils will be celebrating World Kindness Day in school on **Thursday 13th November**.

This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities, and the world at large. In school we will be introducing Kindness Certificates and Nomination Notecards to celebrate and reward acts of kindness.



CHILDREN IN NEED

We're excited to be supporting **Children in Need** again this year! On **Friday 14th November**, pupils are invited to come to school dressed in their **pyjamas** or **Pudsey-themed clothing** for a **£1 suggested donation**.

Our School Council will also be running a variety of fun fundraising activities throughout the day, including:

- 🧱 Guess the number of Lego bricks in the jar
- 🐻 Where is Pudsey Bear?
- 🎨 Face painting and nail painting
- 🍪 Cookie decorating
- 🪢 Loom band making

All money raised will go directly to **Children in Need**. Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference!



RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2026

If you have a child who turns five between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you can now apply for a school place.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to

help with your application. Online applications are encouraged but paper application forms are available on request from Durham County Council.

Applications close at midnight on 15 January 2026. For more information, please contact School Places and Admissions Team on 03000 265896.

PE DAYS

- **Little Acorns (Nursery & Reception)** - Tuesday & Friday
- **Willow Class (Y1 & Y2)** – Monday & Thursday
- **Chestnut Class (Y3 & Y4)** – Thursday
- **Oak Class (Y5 & Y6)** Tuesday & Thursday

Also, for PE lessons, we kindly ask that children either wear trainers to school or have a pair of trainers and socks (especially if they usually wear tights) packed in their PE bags – thank you.

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE POLICY **2025-2026**

Just a reminder that our **Attendance and Absence Policy 2025-2026** is available on our school website. https://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_policies

This has been updated in line with updated Government guidance and regulations including information linked to the new national framework on issuing penalty notices.

I would be grateful if you could ensure you read this document carefully and are fully aware of the legal requirements around attendance - thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Our minimum target is 96%

Well done to Chestnut Class who have achieved attendance above this target. Great work!

<u>Willow</u>	<u>Chestnut</u>	<u>Oak</u>
92.7%	96.8%	95.7%

Current Whole School Attendance is **95.19%**

While this is close, it is below the national expectation of 96% and we really want to improve!

Every school day matters - good attendance helps children build friendships, enjoy learning, and make the best progress possible.

Let's work together to get our attendance up and give every child the best chance to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support!

Attendance Matters



LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Just a reminder that the law states that a Head Teacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

We ask that parents complete a leave of absence form which is available on our school website or from the school office at least two weeks before the start of the leave.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences on your child's attendance records could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority.

5 days / 10 sessions unauthorised absence in a 10 week rolling period must now be referred for enforcement action.

Within a 3-year period:

The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).

Fines are issued per parent / per child, not per family.

Further information, including our **school holiday dates**, can be found on our website:

https://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_holidays/

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2208/Holidays-in-term-time>



PANTOMIME

The Whole School will be going to Bishop Auckland Town Hall on **Monday 8th December @ 10.00am** to see Jack and the Beanstalk. We can't wait!



PARKING

This is just a friendly reminder to please take care when dropping off and collecting pupils at school. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that residents' drives and gateways are not blocked under any circumstances. While we understand that the roads around our school are public highways, we would really appreciate it if you were mindful when parking and show respect for our residents.

Also, we encourage you to turn off engines when stationary, as vehicle exhaust emissions contribute to air pollution, affecting our children and community. If you need a place to park, the Black Horse is a great option.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Archie, Jack & Eden

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Katherine & Redd

Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Theo, Jessie & Oliver

Keep Up the Good Work!

CORE VALUE SUPERSTARS

LOVE / KINDNESS / HONESTY & RESPECT

Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Esther, Freddie & Rosie

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Archie, Thomas & Carenza



Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Mason, Hugh & Ben

SAFEGUARDING

At Ingleton C of E Primary School, we are passionate about and committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment.

Any concerns about children are passed through the members of staff who are trained as Designated Child Protection Leads. In our school, these are myself (Mrs Whitaker) and Mrs Street-Poulsen. We also have two link Safeguarding Academy Councillors - Mr Deakin and Mrs Hawlor.



Mrs Whitaker



Mrs Street-Poulsen



Mr Deakin



Mrs Hawlor

We have robust policies in place to ensure the well-being of our children. These policies underpin our practice and values shared by every single member of staff in our school. Copies are available from the school office or via our website www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/safeguarding & http://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_policies

Please note that if you are ever worried or concerned about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

FRIENDS OF INGLETON SCHOOL (FOIS)

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A huge thank you to FOIS for organising and running the Halloween Disco at the end of half term. The event was a great success and lots of fun was had by all. FOIS have kindly organised lots of Christmas events over the coming weeks.

We hope to see you there!

Your support is really appreciated.

THANK YOU!



Christmas Wreath Workshop

We would love to welcome you for a festive afternoon of wreath making on

Saturday 29th November (1.30pm-3.30pm) at Ingleton Village Hall.

£25pp - your ticket will include a wreath ring, all moss and foliage and decorative ribbon. Tea and coffee too!

Snap your tickets up now while you can as places are limited.

www.pta-events.co.uk/fois



Friends of Ingleton School
Registered charity 1098249



Ingleton Village Hall

Saturday 29th November 1:30-3:30pm

£25

Includes all rings/foliage/ribbon/ refreshments

Please bring any additional decorations you would like to add.

Tickets available at www.pta-events.co.uk/fois

Friends of Ingleton School Christmas Fayre

Friday 5th December 3:00 -5:00pm

Ingleton School hall

Home bakes

Stalls

Refreshments

**Christmas
crafts**

Raffle

**Santa's
Grotto**

Tombola



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 3rd November** - Pupils return to school / Start of Autumn Term 2
- **Tuesday 4th November** – Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 5th November** - Y5/Y6 Multi Skills @ Staindrop Academy (am)
- **Monday 10th-Friday 14th November** – National Anti-Bullying Week
- **Monday 10th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Thursday 13th November** – World Kindness Day
- **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need
- **Saturday 29th November** – FOIS Christmas Wreath Workshop (1.30pm-3.30pm) Ingleton Village Hall
- **Sunday 30th November** - FOIS Christmas Wreath Workshop (1.30pm-3.30pm) Ingleton Village Hall
- **Friday 5th December** – FOIS Christmas Fayre (3.00pm-5.00pm)
- **Monday 8th December** – Whole School Pantomime visit - Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- **Tuesday 9th December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 2.45pm
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 18th December** – Christmas Carol Service @ 11am at St John's Church, Ingleton
- **Thursday 18th December** - School Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 19th December** - Christmas Parties (pm)
- **Friday 19th December** - Last day in school / Break up for Christmas
- **Monday 5th January** – Pupils return to school / start of Spring Term

Term Dates 2025-2026

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring half-term 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day 2026	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Summer half-term 2026	Thursday 21 st May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026	TBC

Teacher Training Days **2025-2026**

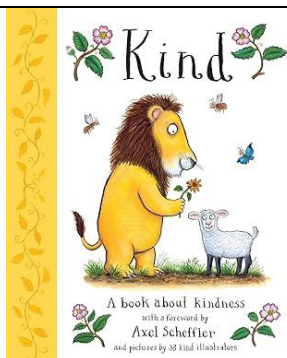
- ~~Monday 1st September 2025~~
- ~~Tuesday 2nd September 2025~~
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026



Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. K. Whitaker & The Ingleton Team x

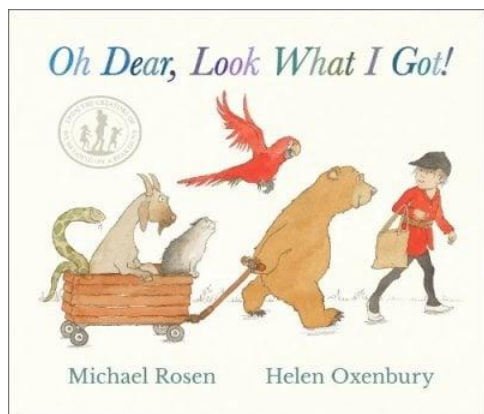
Recommended Reads



KIND BY ALISON GREEN (AUTHOR). AXEL SCHEFFLER (ILLUSTRATOR)

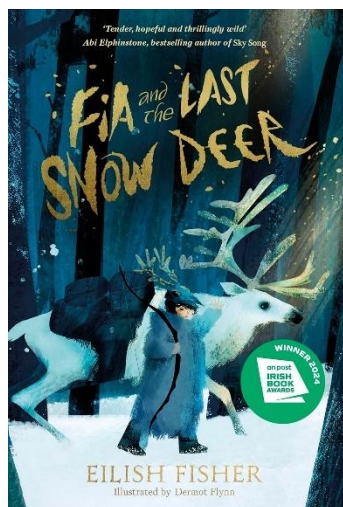
Imagine a world where everyone is kind - how can we make that come true?

With gorgeous pictures by a host of the world's top illustrators, Kind is a timely, inspiring picture book about the many ways children can be kind, from sharing their toys and games to helping those from other countries feel welcome.



OH DEAR LOOK WHAT I GOT BY MICHAEL ROSEN (AUTHOR). HELEN OXENBURY (ILLUSTRATOR)

From beloved author and illustrator pairing Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new picture book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending. Young readers will love joining in the rhyming text and guessing what comes next in this hilarious picture book, sure to become a timeless classic.

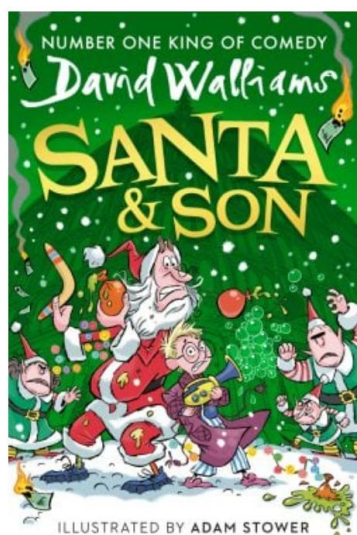


FIA AND THE LAST SNOW DEER BY EILISH FISHER (AUTHOR). DERMOT FLYNN (ILLUSTRATOR)

Born under the same solstice sky thirteen years ago, Fia and her reindeer Solas have a powerful and unbreakable connection. But now, struggling to survive a seemingly eternal winter, Fia's village turn their sights on Solas - both for the meat the last remaining reindeer can provide and an ancient prophecy promise that an ultimate sacrifice will once more return sunlight and life to the world ...

Refusing to allow the worst to happen, Fia and her cousin Mish run from the village with Solas, seeking out the Deer Mother - the mythical being who wakes the sun at the winter solstice and who they believe is their only hope of saving Solas and their village. But the wilderness is harsh and shadows lurk at every turn. Can they make it to the Deer Mother? And, if they do, what choices will they face to bring back the sun?

A truly timeless verse novel set in snowy pre-historic Ireland, about hope, kindness and the power of friendship, from exceptional new writing talent, Eilish Fisher, brought to life with stunning illustrations from Dermot Flynn.



SANTA & SON BY DAVID WALLIAMS (AUTHOR). ADAM STOWER (ILLUSTRATOR)

From number one king of comedy David Walliams comes his first Christmas caper - packed full of hilarious toy-shop action!

The perfect Christmas gift for kids of all ages,
Hilarious seasonal adventure from king of comedy David Walliams,
A fun, funny and heartwarming story for the whole family.

It's the night of Christmas Eve.

In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies.

Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs!

Santa & Son is a hilarious action adventure, and sure to become a Christmas classic.

