Slaley First School

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have managed to stay warm today if you have been out and about. The wind has been rather cold but I don't think this has bothered the children too much this afternoon as they have all enjoyed their outdoor learning session.

It's not too late to purchase a Halloween Night ticket if your child would like to attend. Tickets are £10 but include a buffet tea, games and crafts.



You may remember the beautiful poppy net we had on our front wall last November – This year, the wonderful ladies from the WI will be coming along (on Wednesday 14th October) to help the children make another net the same to add to the one we had last year!
How exciting!



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 14th October – WI ladies in school to help children work on extending the poppy net.
Monday 19th October - 9.15am & 2.15pm October - Harvest Festival – If you haven't yet purchased tickets then there is still time – please let us know.
Thursday 22nd October Halloween Party night & Pumpkin Trail.
Friday 23rd October Inset day - school closed
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term, School closed.
Thursday 5th November - Flu Vaccinations in school (Reception Children only)
Wednesday 11th November 3pm - 6pm – Parents Evening
Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day

Mondays - Multiskills Club (Year 1 – Year 4) **3.30pm - 4.30pm** (At Slaley First School.) PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MULTISKILLS ON **MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER (Harvest Festival Day)**

Dance with Pip (Reception to Year 4) **3.35pm – 4.30pm** (At Whitley Chapel C of E First School.) Children will need to be transported by a parent/carer straight after school.

Tuesdays:
Tennis Club with Tom Geary (Year 1 – Year 4) **(3.20pm-4.20pm)** These sessions are arranged directly through Tom.

Wednesdays:
NO CLUBS, however, After School Wraparound will be available as usual (**3.20pm – 5.30pm**)

Thursdays:
Lego Club with Mrs O'Neill (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) (**3.20pm – 4.20pm**).

This year we will be donating harvest gift boxes to our community and we would be very grateful for any harvest gifts (packed in a shoe box if possible) to be brought to school by Friday 16th October We would like non-perishable items, e.g. tins, biscuits, coffee, tea (rather than than fresh vegetables etc if possible.) The gifts will be distributed to older members of the community, or donations will be given to the food bank by the pupils in Pine Class on **Tuesday 20th October 2026**

NEXT HALF TERM – CLUBS (Autumn 2)

Mondays – Dance with Pip (Rec – Year 4) **3.30pm - 4.30pm** At Slaley First School.

Tuesdays:
Tennis Club with Tom Geary (Year 1 – Year 4) **(3.20pm-4.20pm)** These sessions are arranged directly through Tom.

Wednesdays:
NO CLUBS, however, After School Wraparound will be available as usual (**3.20pm – 5.30pm**)

Thursdays:
Christmas Crafts club with Miss Parr (Year 3 /4)

PRAISE ASSEMBLY

Our next Praise Assembly will take place on Wednesday 14th October when parents of children in Larch Class are more than welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

Just a little reminder that school is closed on Friday 23rd October for Staff Training.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Mrs Hayward
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Photographs on Social Media and Dojo

I have recently sent a letter home, but we have had a recent governors' meeting in response to updates of our online safety policy in relation to recommendations regarding AI within new DfE guidance.

It was agreed at our meeting that we would now only be publishing photos of children from behind, in-profile or with their head down and will be removing photographs which show front facing photos from our website / Facebook page and Dojo.

We have only recent asked for such permissions from you all, so where it has been indicated that it is ok to post a photo of your child on our school website/Facebook or Dojo, we will continue to do so, but under our new policy rules.

If you would like to change any permissions at any time, please let us know on admin@slaley.northumberland.sch.uk