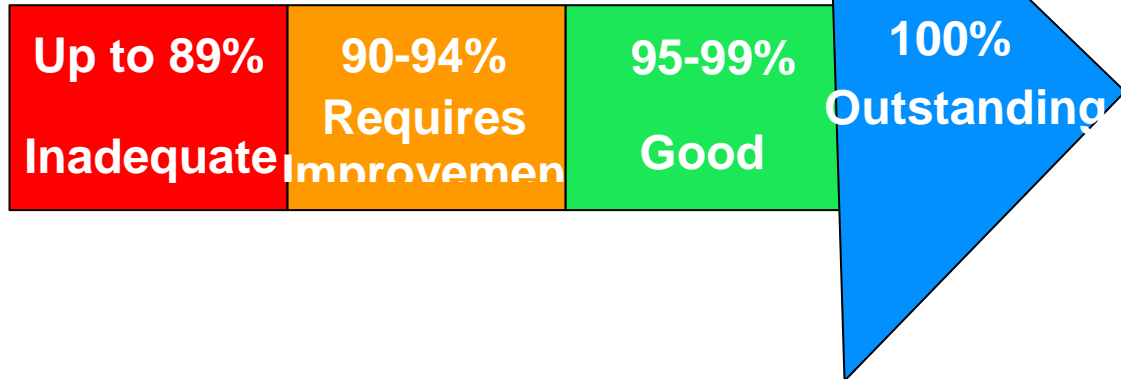




## Our Attendance so far:



We are trying really hard to get to 98% attendance for the whole school. We will give an update on our attendance so far on every newsletter.

### **Spooky Science Day Tuesday 23rd October**

All classes will be taking part in Spooky Science Day. We will be carrying out lots of experiments and dressing up for the day. When choosing costumes please remember that we have young children in school so nothing too frightening and **no clown costumes.**

### **Football Tournament**

Well done to the pupils who took part in the football tournament. They did well and their behaviour was excellent.

Congratulations also to Ellie Brown who has been selected to play for Northumberland County and has her first match next week. Well done Ellie.

### **PTA Non Uniform Day**

We had a fun non uniform day which raised £187 for our PTA. This money will be used to help to fund extra activities for your children.

### **Mini Vinnies Cream Tea**

Our Mini Vinnies group are very keen to work in the community and recently held a cream tea in the St Wilfrid's Hall on Claremont Terrace which raised £133. This will be used to help to fund the Community School Clothing Scheme. Well done Mini Vinnies.

### **Community School Clothing Scheme**

This scheme recycles unwanted, good quality school uniform. The scheme is local and we have a representative who comes into school to take and distribute uniform. The organisation can be contacted through their Facebook page and is open to everyone.

### **Hardship Fund**

A group of our parents have noticed that some families may find it difficult to afford all of the opportunities offered at St. Wilfrid's such as trips and residentials because of the cost. As parents will be aware, school budgets are seriously stretched and the majority of the money which comes in is spent on staffing and running costs leaving little to subsidise additional activities. If you would like to contribute to a hardship fund please send donations to the office, clearly marked for the "Hardship Fund". Some parents have also offered to pay for their own and another child to go on school trips to ensure that everyone can go at no additional cost to the school. This is purely voluntary and has been suggested by some really thoughtful parents - thank you so much for your kindness.

### **St Wilfrid's Grounds**

As you will know we are lucky to have extensive and very beautiful grounds. For the last four years one of our governors, Mr. Langley has been responsible for the upkeep of the grounds and has asked for volunteers to help with this we would like to thank him and the volunteers who have given time in the last few years to help.

This year we drafted in Ace Of Spades gardening services and along with Mr Langley they have worked tremendously hard over the last two days to cut back trees and bushes, clear paths and cut the field back ready for the winter. The site is now looking very smart and our thanks go to them for their hard work.

**If you have any ideas for the (free or very cheap!!!) development of the grounds and especially if you have any contacts for gardening items such as pots, compost, plants etc. we would love to hear from you.**

### **Health and Safety**

Mr. Wilkins has completed a full walk around of both the interior and exterior of school on behalf of the governors. He will report to the Full Governing Body in November.

### **Remembrance Sunday and The Poppy Appeal**

We will be selling poppies in the week beginning 5th November to commemorate those who have given their lives for us or have suffered life changing injuries as a result of conflict.

### **Prayers**

We would greatly appreciate your prayers for our staff. Several of us have had bereavements and family illnesses to cope with this term. I would like to thank staff who has continued to give of their best for the children and the school in these circumstances.

**School closes for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 26th October and reopens on Monday 5th November.**