

# Woodthorpe Primary School

Headteacher: Mr James McGann  
Chair of Governors: Mrs Amanda Atkins

*Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Jubilee celebrations, the children have had an amazing few weeks looking at Queen Elizabeth II's incredible reign. We have looked at many aspects of her life and finished with a royal garden party! The children really enjoyed the celebrations – a special thank you to Mrs Parker for coming into school and telling year 1 & 2 children about some of the changes that have taken place over the past 70 years.

In the next few weeks we will be holding our sports days and then we will start looking to next year and the transition to our new classrooms and teachers. Our year 6 pupils have already started meeting with teachers from their new schools and will spend the 6<sup>th</sup> July on a transition day. While the year 6 pupils are out of school on this day, we will spend the morning with our new teachers within school in preparation for September.

## Sports Day Updates

Next week we will be busy practicing our sports days, ready (weather permitting!) for parents to come and join us on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. As a reminder, our sports days are due to take place on the following dates:

- 20<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am – KS2 sports morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> June 9:30am – KS1 & Reception sports morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> June 12:45pm – 2:15pm - Nursery sports afternoon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:30am – 11:00am - Nursery sports morning

On your child's sports morning, children will need to bring in their **water bottles** and may come to school **dressed in their PE kits**. We encourage children to come to their sports mornings wearing a **top of the same colour as their house**, (please note this applies to children from reception onwards) these are:

Chestnut – blue  
Oak – green  
Beech – yellow  
Sycamore - red

If appropriate, please ensure that child also brings a hat and is wearing sunscreen, as our field has very few shaded areas. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help. We can't wait to see everybody at one of our favourite events in the entire Woodthorpe calendar!

## Woodthorpe Primary School Summer Fair – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

This year we are very excited to reintroduce our summer fair! On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of July**, we will be offering families the opportunity to join us at our school summer fair which will be running from **3:30-5:00pm**. You will be able to enjoy many different stalls and activities including tombola, raffle, cakes, sweets, ice-creams and so much more!

We would very much appreciate any donations of the following for our Summer Fair stalls: sweets, chocolate, toiletries or bottles of wine. If you do think that you can help with any of the donations above, please hand these into the school office before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – thank you.

All money raised from the fair will go into our school funds to help us to provide even more wonderful opportunities for our school community.

Many thanks for your support & we hope to see you there.



## Nursery

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had lots of fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having our own street party! This week, we have also enjoyed learning all about our magical world and the responsibility we have to take care of it. Have a look at where our learning has taken us...

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

During the last week of term, we had so much fun learning all about the Queen and how she has been in power for 70 years! To prepare for the exciting celebrations we decided to make our own invitations, decorations and practised roleplaying street parties. On the day, we had so much fun getting into the spirit by decorating jubilee biscuits, making crowns and having a large picnic outside!



### Caring for our world

This week we have loved starting our new Science topic: Caring for our world! We began the topic by looking at pictures and videos of the ocean and talking about how special and important it is. On Wednesday, we celebrated World Ocean Day and read lots of stories about our favourite sea creatures. In the stories, we noticed a big problem - there was rubbish in the ocean! Together, we learnt the sad truth of how our beautiful world is being impacted by plastic pollution! Seeing the plastic in the sea led to us wanting to learn about recycling and our responsibility to 'go green' and care for our planet. We made some amazing posters, pictures and collages to help people to recognise the problem and make a difference. Some children have even started to help with the recycling at home!



### Shoutout

This week we would like to give a huge shout out to Finley! We are so proud of how much your confidence has grown in the last few weeks as you have really started to settle into Nursery and enjoy all of the wonderful activities on offer. Well done Finley and keep it up!



## Reception

### Painting the Queen

Reception have been learning all about the Queen and her life for her Jubilee. We painted some beautiful portraits of her and loved sharing our knowledge about her family, her palaces, her jobs and her corgis as we painted!



### Science - Plants

In Science we have started to learn about plants. We have loved replanting herbs in our mud kitchen ready to use and make some delicious recipes. We have also learnt the different parts of a plant and their functions. Reception have been fantastic at using lots of science terminology.



### The Queen's Jubilee

Reception have been so excited about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and absolutely loved taking part in the whole school celebrations. To start our day in a Royal way, we sang the National Anthem. Throughout the day, we enjoyed reading about the Queen, creating crowns, flags and even making the Queen's favourite cake - chocolate biscuit cake! For our lunch, we enjoyed a special picnic outside with our friends. In the afternoon, we loved watching Woodthorpe's own version of Eurovision as each year group had learnt and performed a song and dance from each decade of the Queen's reign. It was so much fun to see and score our favourites! Reception loved the day and it was a fantastic way to mark such a special occasion!



### Shout outs - Cygnets

Archie P - For a super first week at Woodthorpe! You have settled into Cygnets class like you have been with us all year and it has been a pleasure to welcome your smiling face every morning. Well done Archie!

Layla - For trying so hard in phonics at the moment. You are concentrating so well and ensuring that you are using your segmenting fingers. As a result, you are making great progress in phonics. We are so proud of you - well done Layla!

### Shout outs - Goslings

Charlotte - For your amazing writing. We have been blown away by your effort writing independently. You have been writing so much and we are very proud of you applying your sounds and working independently. Well done!

Jacob - For your fantastic effort in phonics and reading. You have worked so hard to learn so many sounds and it is amazing to see you now applying your knowledge in reading and writing. Great job Jacob!

## Year 1

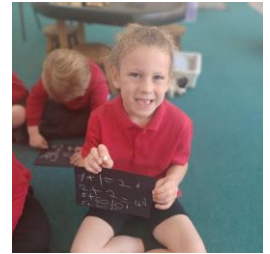
### Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we had a very special visitor! Ms Parker, one of our school governors, came to visit us for the morning and talked to us about the Queen and what she remembers from her coronation! She brought wonderful photographs and artefacts to share with us and we loved listening to her stories. At lunchtime we all enjoyed a glorious picnic in the midday sun and then when we headed back to the classroom, where we made our very own miniature Queen models using card and glue.



### Hummingbird - History - Grandparents toys

This half term, we have completed our history unit, 'Our grandparent's toys'. As we reached the end of the unit, we took a step back in time and practised writing our names using ink and a quill, completed maths calculations on chalkboards and played outside with different toys such as YoYos and marbles. We had such an exciting morning and it really made us think about life when our grandparents were our age!



### Shout outs Kingfisher

A massive well done to everyone in Kingfisher class for their phonics screening this week! You have made so much progress from the beginning of September and have worked so hard to get to where you are. I am so proud of every single one of you, you truly are all amazing!

### Shout outs Hummingbird

A HUGE well done to everyone in Hummingbird class for your amazing efforts in our phonics screen this week! I am so incredibly proud of every single one of you! You have all worked so hard throughout the year and the progress you have all made is remarkable!



## Year 2

### Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

What a super time we had celebrating HRH's Platinum Jubilee. Our highlights included a visit from Mrs Parker who was only 3 years old when the Queen had her coronation, making our very own jubilee crowns and enjoying a picnic lunch whilst waving our Union Jack flags with pride!



### Our Forest Finale

We thoroughly enjoyed our final forest session with Mrs Banham this week: shelter building! After discussing the basic needs of survival, we were shown how to tie a simple knot. This allowed us to attach our ropes and sheets to the trees to create a shelter which was comfy, water and windproof and warm. Once we had built our shelters, we toasted bread on the campfire to make toast which we enjoyed eating with jam and butter.



### Victorian School Day

Our classrooms travelled back in time as we ended our Victorian topic with a typical Victorian School Day. The children looked incredible when they arrived dressed in their wonderful outfits. Throughout the day the children took part in different activities including sewing, gardening, handwriting and arithmetic lessons. Learning about the school rules made us realise how glad we are that we're not in a Victorian school anymore!



### Shout outs - Finch

**Annie** - your continued dedication towards all aspects of school is incredible. You always listen so carefully and challenge yourself in everything you do. You truly are a SUPERSTAR!

**Ryan** - for returning to school with a fantastic attitude. You have made me super proud this week especially in your maths and writing. Keep this hard work up Ryan!

### Shout outs - Robin

**Freddie**- Thank you for working your socks off this week! Every time I look over to you, you are working exceptionally hard and are so keen to impress. You certainly deserved your bronze this week- keep it up!

**Holly**- Your dedication to your writing has been compensable. You've thought so carefully about what you want to include. I can't wait to read the finished piece!



## Year 3

### PE Cricket

For the last half term of the school year, Year 3 have the privilege of 'Chance to Shine' to come into our school and teach us everything we need to know about cricket.

Joe - who is our coach for the half term, has already taught us how to hold our bat properly and what positions we could play within the game.



### English- Robot Dog Hook

Year 3 are moving onto one of our final writing genres, and this one is all about robot dogs! To kick start this new piece of writing, we were really lucky to have a volunteer from the cycle shop 'Cycle Street' to show us all the different parts of a bike and how we would fix it.

This will help us tremendously when we start our sentence stack lessons where we will be telling you how to fix a robot dog!



### The Queen's Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we celebrated in style by making our own crowns and drawing our own portraits of her majesty. We learnt how to dance the Charleston and had a picnic outside with our friends.



### Shout outs - Woodpecker

A huge shout out to Ruby! Your love for reading has grown and grown throughout the whole year and I am so incredibly hard with how much you have started to read at home! This is having a fantastic effect with your reading quiz scores!

A massive well done to Lacie, your artwork never fails to blow me away and I am sure lots of parents walking through the school gates last week were impressed with your stunning Queen self portrait! Go you!

### Shout outs - Maggies

A big shout to Harrison for your outstanding writing about the Queen. You used formal language throughout your writing and you added some amazing fantastic sophisticated vocabulary.

Tilly- For your outstanding reading this week. Tilly your reading has gone from strength to strength and you got 100% on your reading quiz this week. Well done Tilly.

## Year 4

### Science- Sound Walk

To introduce our new science topic on sound, Owl class completed a sound walk around the school grounds! We made predictions to see which areas of the school we thought would be the noisiest and the quietest and compared our findings against this. As we walked, we considered how we could hear these different sounds and why different sounds were heard in different areas. Our favourite sound from our walk was definitely Miss Taylor singing!



### Science - String Telephone

In Science, we have absolutely loved learning about how sound travels and have especially enjoyed experimenting by making our very own string telephones. We learnt how sound travels through sound waves (vibrations) and the best conditions that they can travel in.



### The Queen's Jubilee

Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Jubilee! We started off the day by admiring some of the amazing red, white and blue outfits that people had worn before creating a piece of artwork as a class that contained many different things that are important to our Queen such as her corgis and Buckingham Palace! Then, we adored going outside to consume our picnic based lunch together whilst listening to the national anthem before judging each year group's decade dances! We were incredibly proud of our 60's Twist and we were even prouder to have been awarded second place for it!



### Shout outs - Owl

A huge shout out to Grace! I have been so blown away with the positive attitude that you have adopted towards your English independent writing over the last few weeks! It has been so lovely to see you so driven to succeed and proud of your accomplishments. Well done Grace!

A massive well done to Kayden! You have settled in so wonderfully to our school and you bring such energy and enthusiasm to your learning. You have blown me away with your knowledge and understanding of our current science topic. Keep it up, Kayden!

### Shout outs - Osprey

**Layla T** - I am so proud of how hard you always work at school. You always put amazing effort into your learning and you are a great role model to others in Osprey class. Your independence is admirable and your confidence is growing everyday! Keep being you, Layla!

**Sonny** - I am super impressed with your enthusiasm for our new Science topic. You have a great understanding and knowledge of some many different things and I love that you share this with us all. Sonny, keep being you and keep smiling - you are amazing!



## Year 5

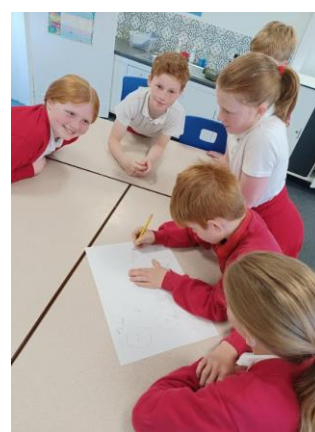
### Queen Jubilee Celebrations

What an incredible honour to be able to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were amazed with all of the wonderful and influential things our Queen has achieved over her reign and how her life and actions are significant worldwide. To celebrate this occasion, in her honour we created a printed art piece to commemorate the Queen and all she does for us.



### Earth and space

Year 5 have blasted off into our Earth and Space unit and what fun we are having! We have learnt about the geocentric and heliocentric solar systems and how our planet is affected by centrifugal force. We cannot wait to dive further into our solar system and deepen our understanding even further. Watch out Neil Armstrong.. Year 5 are here!



### Athletics



3...2...1... GO! Year 5

have been putting their relay and running skills to the ultimate test in our Athletics practice this week and have worked to an Olympic level. We have worked collaboratively to ensure we are an effective member of the relay team and used our lead leg to help us run for distance with speed. There were some phenomenal efforts and fantastic teamwork from everyone!

### Shout outs Kites

Alice - I have been so proud of your dedication and resilience this week. You have truly blown me away with your superb confidence and positivity towards your learning. Thank you for just being you - I am so proud!

### Shout outs Falcons

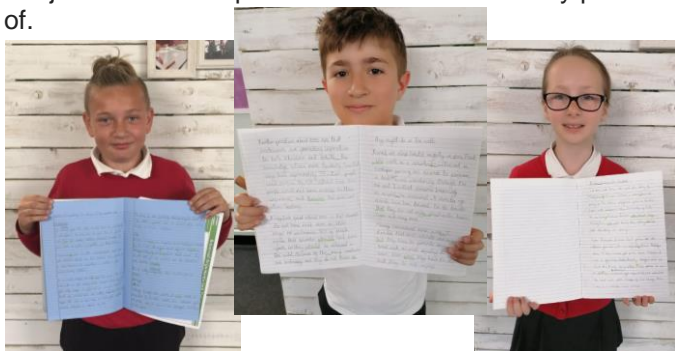
Jay - Your confidence and enthusiasm for learning has blown me away! I am so proud of how you have flourished this year. You never fail to bring your enthusiasm for learning and your bubbly personality into each and every lesson. Mrs Meehan has been so proud of your dedication and attitude to your phonics - you're a star Jay!



## Year 6

### We are Authors!

Year 6 have been working really hard recently with their writing. They have blown us away with amazing vocabulary, punctuation and sentence structures. Here are just a few examples of children we are really proud of.



### Jubilee Celebrations

In order to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, each year group was given a decade to create a dance routine to represent the 70 years of Elizabeth's reign. Year 6 were given the task of a 90s mash-up mix which we loved - watch out Strictly!



### PE - Swimming and Athletics

For PE this half term, we are swimming or taking part in Athletics. This will help to ensure that every child is confident when in the water and so we are fully prepared for Sports Day. We can't wait to show off our skills in front of all of the adults. During our first swimming lessons, it was lovely to see children conquering their fears and improving their confidence - we can't wait to see how you all progress.



### Shout outs - Eagles

Emily - You have come back after half term with a brilliant attitude to your work. It is a pleasure to have you in the classroom - you are always polite and kind to adults and your peers. Well done Emily - keep it up!

### Shout outs - Hawk

Fletcher - You have really impressed us with your independence in your writing in the last couple of weeks. It is also lovely to see how kind and caring you are towards your classmates every day. Well done and keep going!

### Shout outs - Harrier

Zac - I have been impressed with how engrossed you have been with your reading. You are inspiring many other children in our class to read with your fantastic recommendations. Well done for having such a brilliant few weeks - we're all really proud of you!

### Diary Dates

<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Green Apples – York St John visit
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Sports Day
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	AM - KS1 & Reception Sports Day PM – Nursery sports afternoon
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	AM – Nursery sports morning
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 2 Trip to Harlow Carr – letters to follow
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports to be sent home
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 Burnby Hall visit – letters to follow
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception – Askham Bryan Trip – letter to follow
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fair
<b>w/c 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leaver's Week
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Break up from school

### PE Kit expectations

Sport is a core value at Woodthorpe and our PE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum. Please make sure your child is ready to join in, by ensuring they have the correct PE kit with them. Our PE kit consists of the following items:

- Plain, white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Dark coloured jumper and jogging bottoms

For safety reasons, hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Your child will be asked to wear spare kit if theirs isn't in line with our school expectations.

Pictured are examples of our kits for warmer and cooler weather throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PE kit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school office.



### Woodthorpe wrap-around care

We are delighted to be able to offer full wraparound support for our families. This starts from 7.50am and continues until 5:45pm daily. Our offer includes care for all of our children, from nursery to year 6. *Nursery pupils must book wraparound care sessions through the nursery as, due to the childcare funding, they receive, the charges are different.*

**Breakfast Club:** (7.50-8.50am) **£4/session £3/siblings.** Children have a wide range of breakfasts and also have the chance to play games with their friends or take part in a morning physical activity to really help wake them up.

**After School Club** (3.15-5.45pm) **£8/session £7/sibling.** At after school club, children start the session by having a snack and completing a 'circle' activity. From this, pupils then have the option to complete activities with their friends, take part in physical activities or relax with a book or film.

**If you are interested in our wrap-around care options, please pop into the office and ask for our wraparound care administrator, Caroline Young.**

### Childminders

Within our local area there is also a number of Ofsted registered childminders, a full list of these are available via the YorOK website: <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Childcare/childcare.htm>

The school also holds an up-to-date list of local childminders who are able to offer 15 and 30 hours care, please contact the school directly for this information.



### Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office ([admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy)) or call in person to discuss 01904 806464. **You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:**

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>  
For further information and support, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



### Message for parents of children in Year 5:

This term **York High School** are running after school recreational football sessions at Energise, in conjunction with York City FC Foundation, for any **Year 5** students who may be considering attending York High School from September 2023. Registration is open now; places are limited and subject to availability.

If any students are interested, parents can complete the registration form at the following web address:

<https://forms.gle/pNm1bGhW6twetrfb9>

Alternatively parents can email [reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy](mailto:reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy) with the subject "Year 5 Football". If they do not have internet access they can call us, or visit our reception.

Kind regards,

York High School



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Early bird entry available  
until Monday 21 April  
(the Queen's birthday!)

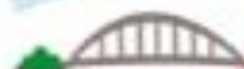
# Join St Leonard's Hospice on **Saturday 18 June** for the Jubilee Walk!

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# Summer fair

Come and join the fun!

Petting farm, BBQ & refreshments,  
prosecco tent, homemade cakes,  
tombola, games & fun for the  
children. Oodles of prizes  
and much, much more...

Pop-up shop for children's  
toys and clothes.

**£1 entry donation for adults**

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01904 777 777 [stleonardshospice.org.uk](http://stleonardshospice.org.uk)



# Sunday 3 July

12noon to 4pm at St Leonard's Hospice  
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# Woodthorpe Festival

Sunday 10th July 2022

12 - 6pm

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