

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 11th November 2022

Next week we will mark the national Anti-Bullying week. We will mark the start of the week by wearing odd socks to recognise that we are all different and unique. The messages that we will be sharing with the children are about reaching out and talking about any worries that we might have.

We will also finish the week with our Children in Need day when children are invited to wear something spotty! We are not collecting any money within school for this but will have our 'gift of warmth' stall at the school gate on Thursday and Friday.

Finally, thank you to parents for having children all prepared for their photographs on Thursday, the children all looked amazing!

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

Cygnets	97.70%	Goslings	96.84%
Hummingbirds	92.78%	Kingfishers	95.69%
Finch	99.38%	Robins	97.92%
Magpie	96.39%	Woodpeckers	95.11%
Owl	95.24%	Osprey	★ ★ 99.70% ★ ★
Kite	92.95%	Falcon	91.38%
Hawk	92.53%	Eagle	92.24%
School weekly average:		95.40%	

Our Whole school attendance so far this term is: 94.73%

Thank you to all those parents who managed to get their child to school on time every day!

Keep up the good work Woodthorpe!



100% attendance parent winners

Last week's winner was the parent of a child in Year 2

This week's winner was the parent of a child in Year 5

Congratulations on winning a £10 amazon voucher!



We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 14th November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day

On Monday 14th November, we are inviting children to come to school wearing odd socks to mark the beginning of anti-bullying week.

Over the course of the week we will be learning all about who we can speak to if we are ever worried about bullying.

Thank you for your support.



#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay



Children in Need 2022



This year, Children In Need is on Friday 18th November. On this day, we are inviting children to come into school wearing their 'Spot-tacular' outfits! This could be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty bobble or a spotty t-shirt – it really is up to you! We welcome any donations as families see fit, or feel free to donate online by clicking [here](#).

On the day, children will be participating in Pudsey activities and as a special treat, any children who have school dinners will receive a Pudsey biscuit for pudding!

Merchandise

We have a range of Pudsey merchandise for sale, including wristbands and badges. These can be purchased from Wednesday 16th of November and all funds will go to Children In Need.



Gift of warmth

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of quality, warm clothing that has been donated by our school community – thank you so much for this. Clothing will be available to our families next Friday (18th November) to pick up and all donations will go towards our Children In Need fundraising.



Nursery

It's melting!

In nursery we have been exploring how materials can change from one state to another. We have become scientists and conducted our very own experiments. We have enjoyed exploring what happens to ice over time as well as what happens to a chocolate button when it is in our warm hands!



Remembrance Day

This week in nursery we have been learning about Remembrance Day. To support our understanding of this day, we talked about the significance of the poppy and what happens on the 11th November. This inspired us to make our own poppies and draw them for Remembrance Sunday.



Diwali

Before half term, the nursery enjoyed celebrating the festival Diwali. We enjoyed learning all about the festival and how it is the festival of light. We worked in teams to create beautiful rangoli patterns using glitter and sand. They looked wonderful!



Shout outs – Ducklings - A huge shoutout to Mila for your amazing Remembrance Day picture and for being a kind, caring and respectful member of our class. Well done Mila!

Reception

Diwali

In Reception, we really enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival Diwali. We learnt that it is the festival of light and explored the story of Rama and Sita. We also learnt that to celebrate, Hindus often create Rangoli patterns which are thought to bring good luck. Reception loved getting creative and making some of their own.



Natural Patterns

Reception had a fantastic time in the forest creating our own natural patterns using items that we found around us. We worked so hard on them and were very proud of our work. Look how beautiful they are!



Electricity

We have enjoyed learning about electricity as part of our Science topic. We had a walk around school to find things that are powered by electricity. This included us all paying a visit to the school office! We also looked at the dangers of electricity so we can be safe and have loved learning how to make a bulb light up. To do this we used bulbs, batteries and wires to make circuits. The children have been really enthusiastic with this topic, especially playing with the battery powered racing cars in the classroom.



Shout outs - Cygnets

Stanley - For his fantastic enthusiasm for writing! You show such excitement and determination to improve and it shows in the wonderful writing that you produce independently. Well done Stanley!

Lenny - For your excellent work in phonics, you are now remembering so many of your phonics sounds! Your reading is progressing really well and you are working so hard blending sounds to read. Keep up the hard work Lenny!

Shout outs - Goslings

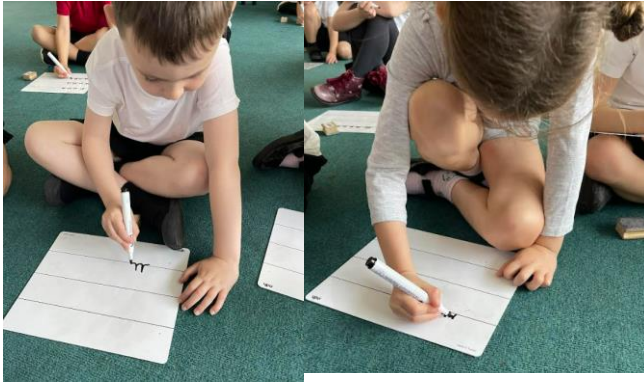
Jacob H - For amazing work with his phonics and reading. Jacob. It really does show how hard you have worked on your phonics. You can recognise all the sounds we have learned and blend words when reading. Well done Jacob!

Delilah - For her enthusiasm and being a role model to the rest of the class. During carpet learning times Delilah is always making the right choices and is ready to learn. Thank you for being amazing!

Year 1

Kingfisher- Handwriting

In Kingfisher's handwriting this week, we looked at long letter families. We tried really hard, starting with our whoosh and ending with a hook!



Hummingbird - English

On our English experience day, we recreated scenes from the story 'Grandad's Island'. The children really enjoyed freeze-framing key moments from the story, and taking on a role as either Grandad or Syd!



Year 1 - Geography

Our exciting new geography topic started by exploring Google Earth and looking at our local area. We then had to label the features on an A3 aerial photo of Woodthorpe. Have a look at some of our fantastic maps!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

A huge well done to Bobby for gaining independence in Maths. You worked so hard the other day and ended up with all green in your book, well done you!

To Eva, for your enthusiasm in phonics! You have been trying so hard and putting all your effort into everything that you do lately, well done!

Shout outs - Hummingbird

A big shout out to Emily S for your amazing effort in phonics lessons. You are always ready to learn and try your very best. You are a great role model! What a superstar!

A big well done to Elijah for putting a huge effort into your reading! You have really taken your time to blend your words. It has been a pleasure listening to you read!

Year 2

Brilliant Basketball

Year 2 demonstrated some amazing basketball skills whilst taking part in a mini basketball tournament. The children showed some amazing dribbling and passing skills. We were also very proud of their team work too.



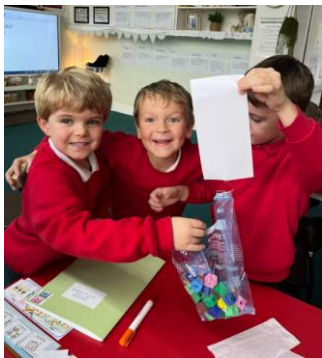
SOS - We have a bug!!

In Year 2 this half term, we are learning how to use algorithms, what a bug is and how we can debug those errors. To kick our unit off, we practised giving the computer robot a set of instructions to be able to help him make his way back home. We had to debug any instructions that were not quite right.



Science Experiment Fun

We are having so much fun within our Science unit - 'Uses of everyday materials'. The Christmas elves are super prepared and asked for our help to see if we could find the strongest paper to use to wrap all of the presents for Christmas. After thinking about how we could test the different papers and what we needed to do to ensure it was a fair test we began our testing. We couldn't believe how strong some paper was!



Shout outs - Finch

Ethan - for your incredible reading. It is such a pleasure listening to you read and talking to you about the events in the story as you have a great understanding of the characters and events. Keep up this hard work Ethan!

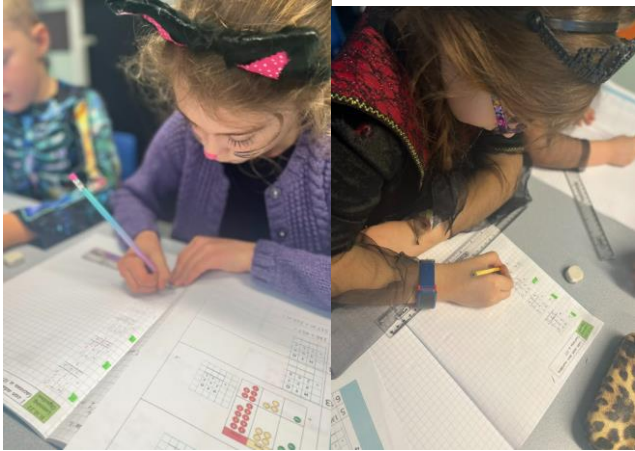
Leni - for working incredibly hard during maths. You have become increasingly confident throughout the week and your determination to succeed has been wonderful to watch.

Shout outs - Robins

This week's shout is to **Lexie** and **Eliza** who have already earned a 'Rock Legend' title on TT Rockstars!! Lexie can officially answer her times table questions in 3.6 seconds and Eliza answers her questions in 6.3 seconds. This is AMAZING girls and those scores are going to be hard to beat!

Year 3

Maths



We have been doing column addition and subtraction in maths.
We have all really enjoyed it and our teachers have been blown away by how good we are! Well done Year 3.

Music

We were very lucky to have a visit from Neil Foster - a DJ from Radio York. We found out all about his job and how he chooses which songs to play on his show. It was really interesting!



Forest

Year 3 had their first forest schools session this week. We used mirrors to look at reflections in the forest and how different animals would see the world through their vision.



Shout outs - Magpie

Harry- For your outstanding Maths this week. You have worked completely independently in all of your lessons and I am incredibly proud of you. Keep this up superstar!

Olivia- Well done for your fantastic phonics this week. Mrs Meehan and I were blown away by your perseverance with your reading of Phase 5 words and this is having a huge impact on your reading. Keep shining Olivia.

Shout outs - Woodpecker

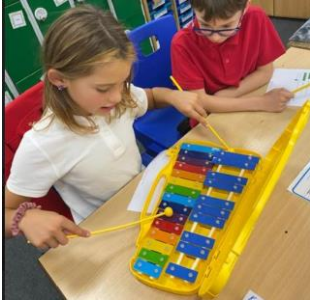
Alfie - For such an amazing improvement in your handwriting. We are so proud of how hard you have worked to make your letters smaller and neater. Keep up the hard work, well done!

Jessica E - Well done with your fantastic maths work. You have worked super hard on your column addition and subtraction and we are so impressed - great work!

Year 4

Osprey - Music - Motifs

In Osprey class, we explored rhythm and repeated motifs in music. We had to work in teams to create our own motifs. They had to be simple enough to repeat the pattern continuously, but detailed enough to show it was a motif (a repeating pattern). It was a very noisy lesson, but we really enjoyed making our own music and sharing our ideas with the class.



Owl - YoYo - Christianity Workshop

In Owl class, we took part in an RE workshop with YoYo. We discovered different ways Christians view God, with examples from the Bible, using different forms of expression. We discovered that the Bible was written by over 40 different authors who are responsible for penning the words Christians read and reflect upon today. We were also interested to discover that the Old Testament took around 1,000 years to write!



Year 4 - RE - Wedding Bells!

As part of our Christianity unit in RE, we visited St. James the Deacon church to experience a Christian ceremony. Fr. Luke and Mrs Wands helped to deliver a pretend wedding! We had brilliant costumes, hymns to sing and even rings! It was also a special treat to listen to the organ, played by the church's very own organist. We had such a wonderful time and it was great to learn about the different parts in a wedding.



Shout outs - Osprey

Everyone in Osprey class! You have all had an amazing first half term, and I am so proud of what you have all achieved. Every member of Osprey works together, which means we are able to complete some amazing work.

I can't wait to see what we achieve over the next half term!

Shout outs - Owl

Amelia.F - A huge well done Amelia for working tirelessly to improve your cursive handwriting! It has been a pleasure watching your handwriting improve and I know how proud you are of the progress you have made.

Tilly - I am so proud of your outstanding behaviour and positive attitude to school! Keep it up Tilly, we are all so proud of you!

Year 5

Music: Ancient Egypt Composition

In Music, we have been learning how to compose our very own music. Using hieroglyphic notation to help us, we chunked a piece of music down into sections before using stave notation to create our own pieces. Finally, we composed our own Pharaoh funeral tunes and performed them to our classmates using glockenspiels.



DT: Doodlers and Electrical Circuits

As part of our DT topic, we learnt all about motors and different motorised products. We were then able to create our own simple circuit using: batteries, motors, wires and battery packs. After this, we designed our very own doodlers by using our moving circuit to create a little creature, who could draw his very own patterns.



RE- Reflective Workshop

In Year 5, we were kindly given the opportunity to attend a Yoyo reflective workshop. We discussed and took part in many activities that helped us to reflect on different aspects of our lives; considering things we are grateful for at home, at school, in our local community and across the world.



Shout outs - Falcon

A huge shout out to Ryley! You have blown us away with your understanding of circuit components in our DT lessons and your understanding of gravity during science this week. You put so much effort into our wider curriculum learning and we are so proud of you!

A massive well done to Verity. You are such a supportive and kind member of Falcon class and you are an inspiration to us all. Your dedication to reading is phenomenal, keep shining brightly!

Shout outs - Kites

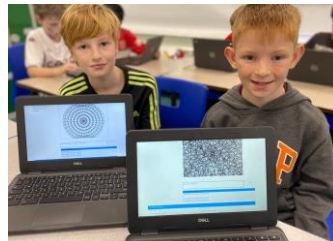
A big shout out to Louie who confidently shared his science and D.T knowledge with his team when deconstructing, investigating and building with doodlers - it was a joy to see!

A huge well done to Riley, Luca, Shivesh, Lolaa H, Olu and Elizabeth for demonstrating amazing netball skills in our inter-house netball competition. Super teamwork, strong passes and moving into space!

Year 6

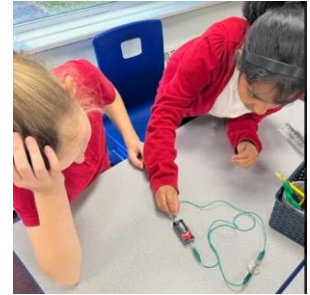
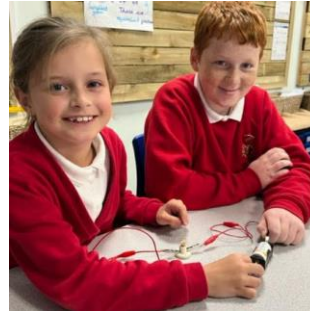
Computing- Coding

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed using the programming language 'Logo'; we gave commands including fd, bk, rt, lt to create intricate shapes and designs. By repeating the commands fewer times, our design was less compact.



Science- Electricity

To kick-start our new science topic, we shared our knowledge about what we already knew about electricity. We confidently created a simple circuit which sparked our thirst for expanding our knowledge in this area further!



Let's Do Uni Club



Over the half term holiday, some children took part in a club organised by York St John University. They were able to experience life at uni, take part in some sample lectures and meet student ambassadors. We were so proud to hear how well they all did and we even received a lovely email from the staff there which we loved reading.



I wanted to let you know that all of the children who attended York St John's Let's Do Uni Club last week from Woodthorpe were an absolute credit to the school - they behaved well, showed independence and maturity, engaged in a real range of activities relating to higher education and careers, representing the school in an exemplary light and really making us smile along the way!

Our team and the student ambassadors who worked with us on the event would like to pass on our sincere thanks and we look forward to running it again next year.

Shout outs - Eagles

Carter- thank you for always bringing a smile to all our faces. You are working incredibly hard at the moment and it is a pleasure to look through your work. Your attention to detail, particularly in Guided Reading, is a particular strength of yours and you should be really proud of yourself, as I am.

Shout outs - Hawks

Sayem - for being such a great role model in Hawk. You offer valuable contributions in lessons and you're always engaged and listening. Keep up the good work!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November	Pudsey Merchandise On Sale before and after school
Friday 18th November	Children in Need – Wear something Spotty
Friday 18th November	Gift of warmth - Warm clothes can be purchased from our stall for a donation of your choice. All funds raised will go to Children In Need.
Tuesday 22nd November	Parent/teacher meetings 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 23rd November	
Thursday 24th November	Year 1 children visiting St. James the Deacon Church (am).
Wednesday 30th November- Monday 5th December	Book Fair – KS1 Hall Before school: 8:30-8:50am After school: 3:20-3:40pm.

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) **£4.20/session £3.15/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) **£8.20/session £7.18/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) 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.



Books & Bakes

for Children in Need



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'...It was lovely - very relaxed and the time flew by, Nicola was great and I particularly loved the sensory element.' - Rebecca

Two classes:

Crawlers and Toddlers - 6mths to 2yrs
Pre-schoolers - 2yrs+



Mondays

- Foxwood Community Centre
C&T: 9.45-10.30, Pre-S: 10.45-11.30
- Fulford Social Hall
C&T: 1.00-1.45, Pre-S: 2.00-2.45

Fridays

- Wilberfoss Community Centre
C&T - 9.45-10.30, Pre-S: 10.45-11.30
- St. Andrew's Church Hall, Bishopthorpe
C&T: 1.00-1.45, Pre-S: 2.00-2.45

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HealthyMe

Christmas Holiday Club

at Osbaldwick Primary School, YO10 3AX (Lane site)

Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd December

8:30am - 4:00pm

Rec - Year 7 (5 - 12 year olds)

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- **Wooden spoon**
- **Mixing bowl**
- **Measuring jug**
- **Weighing scale**
- **Whisk**
- **Baking tray**
- **Cupcake tray**
- **Masher**
- **Oven gloves**
- **Peeler**
- **Pan**
- **Chopping board**
- **Grater**
- **Rolling pin**
- **Pastry brush**
- **Spatula**
- **Sieve**



Any donations would be very gratefully received – many thanks for your help.