

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 13th January 2023

Happy New Year! We have had a lovely start to the new term with year groups starting some amazing new topics. In good work assembly today, year 4 children were explaining their new science topic on sound, other children were talking about PSHE and the hopes and dreams they have for the future... while another year group showed off their incredible writing. We have such amazing pupils at Woodthorpe who are such a credit to our community.

Thank you to everyone who continue to donate school uniform and warm winter coats to our community shop. The shop will be open every Thursday after school but you can also request items directly from the school office as we now have so much stock that we can't actually get it all out every week! This is a pay as you feel shop and any money that we do raise goes back into supporting the community.

We know that lots of children were lucky enough to receive wireless devices for Christmas and with this comes a lot of fun and excitement, but also some careful consideration in how to ensure that children are safe online. To help support children with some key safety points, we have attached a poster to the back of this week's newsletter which is ideal to discuss with your children at home - we hope that you find this useful.

Attendance

This term's class attendance:

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| Cygnets | 90.99 | Goslings | 88.47 |
| Hummingbirds | 96.88 | Kingfishers | 96.98 |
| Finch | 92 | Robins | 95.47 |
| Magpie | 94.85 | Woodpeckers | 98.75 |
| Owl | 97.73 | Osprey | 98.38 |
| Kite | 97.09 | Falcon | 89.90 |
| Hawk | 95.63 | Eagle | 94.70 |
| School weekly average: | | 94.84 | |

Our whole school attendance so far this term is: 94.18 %

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 3
This week's winner was the parent of a child in Year 4
Congratulations on winning a £10 amazon voucher!



Our musical superstar!

We are always so keen to celebrate our talents within school and this week we were absolutely blown away by the musical talents of Alanna! Alanna has been playing the harp for little over a year and already has a large repertoire of musical pieces under her belt!

After hearing of her talents, Mrs Grason-Taylor invited Alanna to perform during assembly and the entire school were transfixed by the beautiful melodic sounds of the harp.

Thank you for sharing your talent Alanna, we are extremely proud of you and in awe of your musical progress in such a short space of time - we cannot wait to hear more!

Nursery

Welcome back Ducklings!

This week we have been delighted to come back to the nursery and also welcome some new children into Ducklings. It has been so exciting to make new friends and get to know the new children and their families! We have loved playing, learning and exploring together!



To Infinity and beyond!

We have loved our new learning all about Space. In nursery we have been learning about what we can find beyond our sky. We have learnt all about the solar system including which planet we live on and many other planets too - we have learnt so much!



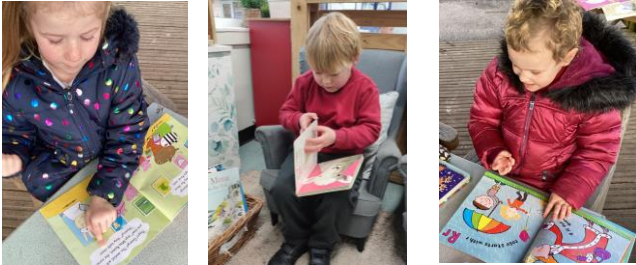
Shout out

A huge shout out to all the Ducklings! We have been super impressed with how everyone has settled back into nursery. We are so proud of our returns for making our new Ducklings feel so welcome and also for our newest members for being superstars at Woodthorpe.

Reception

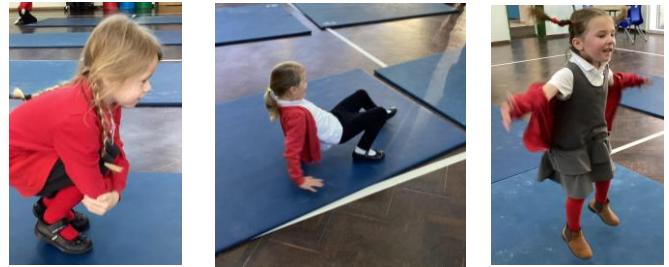
We love Reading!

In Reception, we have a real love of reading. We love looking at all sorts of books with our friends inside and outside and sharing stories together or spotting graphemes that we have learnt.



Gymnastics

Reception have kicked off their gymnastics P.E. unit by exploring different shapes and movements. We loved doing star jumps, straight jumps and bunny hops as well as learning the tuck position and how to move like a camel and a crab!



Animals - Caring for Living Things

Since returning after Christmas we have been learning about animals. We have looked at how to care for pets. This has included the children working in our vets and grooming animals. We have had visitors come and tell us about their different pets and what they do to care for them. The snail visiting from Nursery was very popular!! Our next visitor is a man who trains horses and the children are very excited to meet him. Next week we will be moving on to explore wild and domestic animals as well as animal habitats and how important it is to care for them.



Shout outs - Cygnets

Kyson - For working so hard in phonics, we are so proud to see you joining in so enthusiastically and using your segmenting fingers. This is really helping you to remember your phonemes. Well done Kyson!

Elysia - For making such a fantastic start back at school. You are trying so hard and it is a pleasure to see how much you love being at school. We are very proud of how well you are listening and joining in too. Fantastic work Elysia!

Shout outs - Goslings

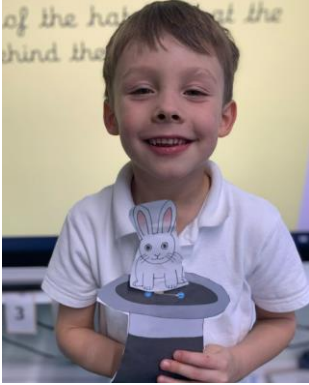
Lara - For always being kind in class. Lara is usually one of the first to offer to help, especially tidying up. It has really been noticed by us so thank you Lara and well done!

Sam - Has worked really hard in the second Autumn term and since coming back. This is especially the case in his phonics and reading. Well done Sam, we are all really proud of you!

Year 1

Year 1- DT

To kick-start the new year Year 1 started their DT topic 'movers and sliders'. We learnt all about the direction of movements and explored the mechanisms required to make these work, by creating up-and-down sliders for a magician's hat!



Year 1- Mini-Beast detectives

It was a sunny afternoon in the forest this week! Year 1 turned into minibeast detectives as part of our new science topic 'Animals including humans'. We found lots of wriggly worms and even found a centipede. We were even able to recall the characteristics of each mini-beast!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

Ivy- A huge well done to Ivy, you have settled into Kingfisher class so well and have absolutely blown me away with your engagement in phonics. Well done!

Henry- A shout out for your brilliant science! You were able to recall all your prior learning from reception and could tell me lots of facts about minibeasts.

Shout outs - Hummingbird

A huge shout out to Bryan for the effort he has been putting into guided reading sessions. It has been such a pleasure listening to you read with confidence and expression.

A shout out to William for your handwriting! I have seen such an improvement and you have been working super hard on it. Well done!

Year 2

Computing - Touch Typing

Within our computing session this week, we learnt all about how to type faster using the 'touch typing' technique. We found it really challenging to keep our eyes on the screen and use all of our fingers but had lots of fun mastering the technique.



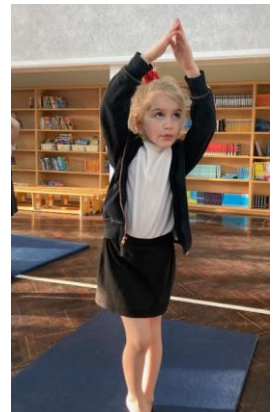
Maths - Counting Money

To kick start our Spring term, we have been really enjoying our new maths unit: 'money'. We have been using our learnt knowledge of the different coins and notes to be able to find, compare and make totals.



PE - Yoga

This week, in PE, Year 2 have been getting zen by relaxing and stretching our muscles through yoga and meditation. We were really impressed with some of the postures and poses the children were able to perform. After the session, we felt calm, positive and relaxed.



Shout outs - Finch

Jayden - you have amazed me with your quick calculations when working with money, what a great life skill you have! Well done Jayden.

Sophie M – every day you come to school with an incredible attitude and try your absolute best. Thank you for being such a positive role model in Finch class.

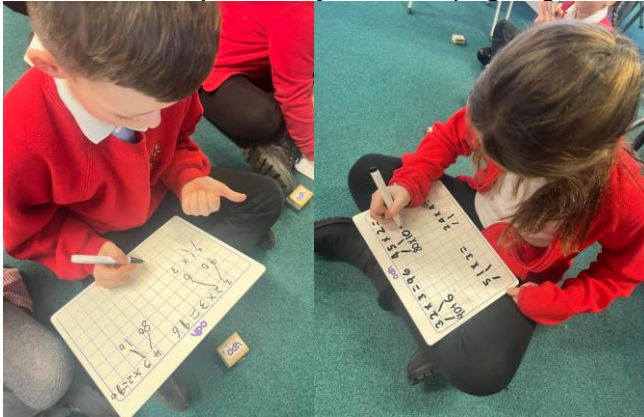
Shout outs - Robin

Sophie - You made me really proud within our PE fitness lesson this week Sophie! You were determined to do 10 sit ups and with a little bit of teamwork...YOU DID IT! Well done for showing so much perseverance and determination.

Connor- For making me smile by reading with different voices for each character in guided reading. You really made the story come alive! Well done you!

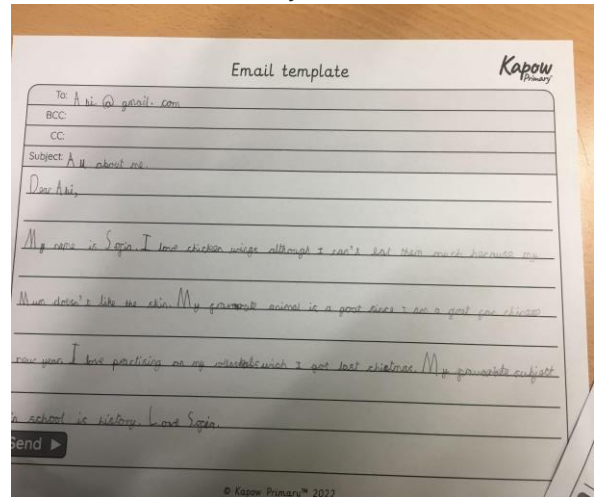
Maths

We've been working really hard on our multiplication this week and even though we have found it quite tricky we've kept going!



Computing- Lets send an email!

Within our computing session, we looked at how emails are written, who we send them to and how they are a great form of communication. We then had a practice at writing our own emails to our friends and sending Woodpeckers a cheeky email to say hi!



Science

In Science, we have been investigating how water is transported within a plant. What a great opportunity to get out the food colouring and use some white flowers and celery to see how the coloured water will transport within the flower!



Shout outs - Woodpecker

Daisy - for her amazing contributions in class this week! She has blown us away with her confidence and how hard she is trying to explain questions fully, using our technical science vocab! Well done Daisy, we are so proud of you!

Daniel - for his wonderful reading AND writing this week! It is clear all your hard work is paying off as you are moving up the levels in your reading and your handwriting is always improving! Well done Daniel, keep it up!

Shout outs - Magpie

Ryan- For challenging yourself in Maths this week. Ryan you worked out our multiplication questions with confidence and could explain to the class how you had got your answers. Well done.

Ethan- your writing this week has been outstanding! We have loved hearing you read out your sentence stackers and how you have put your own twist on each sentence to make them your own. What a superstar!

Year 4

Osprey - DT

In Osprey class, we have been adapting a recipe as part of our DT unit! We started our topic off in the best way...taste testing biscuits! It was then time for us to make our own, and add a new ingredient to improve the recipe. We even had a special guest come and try our creations. We loved baking our biscuits and they were delicious!



Owl - Gymnastics

This week, we saw the launch of our new PE unit, gymnastics! As part of our first lesson, we experimented using different styles of jumps to travel around the room. We then created a sequence of jumps to ensure we touched all four corners of a gym mat! At the end of the lesson, we performed our sequences to the class to showcase the different jumps we had used. We are already looking forward to our next lesson, learning all about rolling!



Year 4 - Reading Challenge

A massive well done to all the Year 4 children who took part in the reading and times tables challenge over Christmas! It was amazing to see so many children continue to work hard over the Christmas holidays. Our reading charts are looking fantastic!



An extra special well done to the children from Year 3 and 4 who won the challenge, keep up the great work!

Owl - Fabulous Fruit!

To conclude our DT topic 'Adapting a Recipe' we created our very own fruit salad product. We had to design our recipe, thinking carefully about our target audience. We also had to



consider our packaging. We discussed what would make our packaging attractive and persuade customers to buy the product. We also had great fun designing a product logo! Finally, we got to taste our finished product!

Shout outs - Osprey

Buddy - A huge well done to Buddy for your amazing efforts in every lesson! You have been working so hard, and you have produced some amazing pieces of work.

Ben - Well done to Ben, who has been working extra hard on his handwriting! Ben has been taking his time and his hard work has been paying off!

Shout outs - Owl

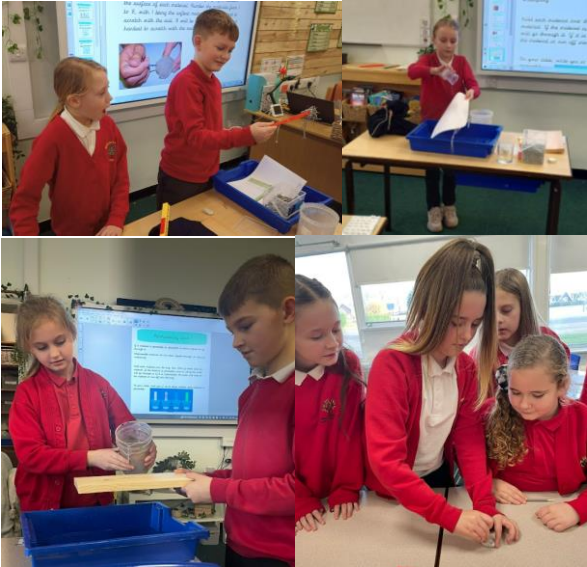
Poppy - Thank you so much Poppy for all the amazing reading you do at home! It has made such a difference to your reading confidence and you are now reading with fluency! Owl class are all really proud of you!

Phoebe - Your handwriting is incredible! It is always such a delight to mark your work Phoebe as your presentation is outstanding! You're an absolute star!

Year 5

Science - Properties of Materials:

This week, in Science, we have been looking at the different properties and changes of materials. We tested for hardness by scratching the materials with a nail and we tested their permeability by measuring how much water they could absorb. We have also discussed the solubility of different substances by combining them with the solvents to see if they dissolve.



Fitness - Skipping Games:

We built our skipping skills in P.E Fitness this week in groups. Remembering to bend our knees, jump to miss the rope and jump in with our partners was step one. Next, we tried turning by 90 degrees on each jump - counting how many we could do. Finally, we lengthened the ropes to see how many children could jump in unison!



Forest Schools - Survival Skills:

Across this half term, in our Forest School sessions, Year 5 will be learning lots of different survival skills. We thoroughly enjoyed our first session, where we were constructing our very own shelters. We learnt how to tie a variety of different knots that would help make our structures strong and safe before considering how to make our shelters windproof and waterproof.



Shout outs - Falcon

A massive shout out to Verity! You have blown us away with your determination and resilience this week in both our Maths and Science lessons. You have worked extremely hard to grasp long multiplication and you have also shown a fantastic understanding of materials! Well done, Verity!

A huge well done to Ahsan! Your knowledge and understanding of binary coding and data handling in our Computing lessons has been incredible so far this half term! We are incredibly proud of you.

Shout outs - Kite

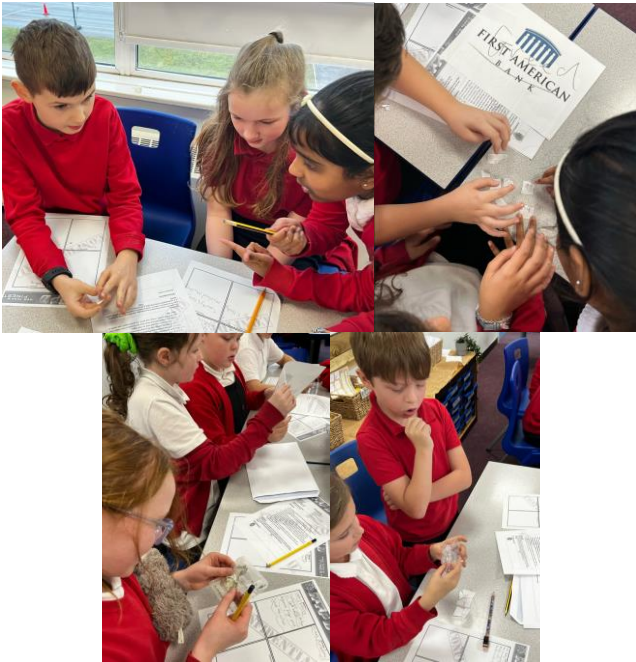
A big shout out to Logan this week - you've tried really hard in all of your lessons, especially maths and laying out your numbers in the columns correctly. Well done!

Well done to Lola-Belle for making a fantastic start to the Spring term! You've edited your work in maths with confidence, worked well with partners and you always have a smile. Keep shining bright!

Year 6

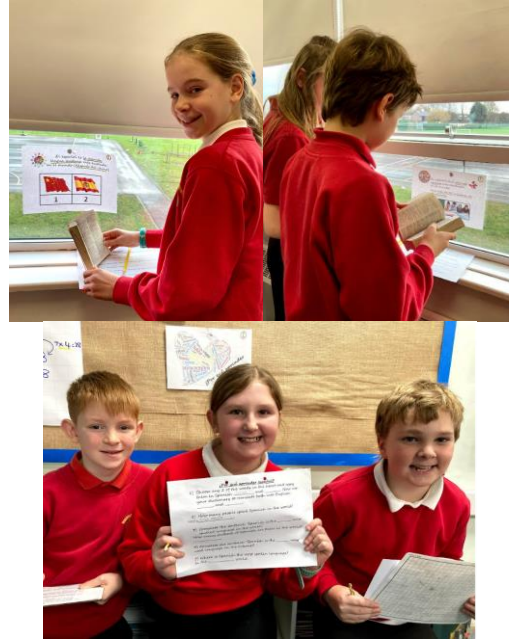
The great Woodthorpe whodunit?!

This week, year six have been delving into the depths of crime fiction. Tasked with examining evidence including suspicious witness statements and clues left at the crime scene, year 6 were able to make their own deductions about the brutal bank robbery. We can't wait to put on our detective thinking caps and start writing our very own chilling crime thriller!



Viva Espana!

Year 6 started their Spring term in Spanish learning about the importance of Spanish as a world language. They had to use good dictionary skills, reading comprehension skills and strong team-work to work out the meaning of some key facts in Spanish posted around the room in order to answer some specific questions. Well done Year 6!



Yo-yo Bible Workshops

This week, year 6 have been lucky enough to participate in their first of several Yoyo Christianity workshops. We have been learning all about the bible, including how the bible is organised and what each of the sections mean. Everybody particularly enjoyed trying to find the different sections in the quickest time!



Shout outs - Eagles

Harry - We have been so impressed with how much you have been engaging with our learning. Your enthusiasm in maths has been particularly infectious, to the point where you didn't want to put your book down! We always really appreciate your input and how you are not afraid to give things a go. Thank you for your constant dedication and thirst for knowledge - you are such an asset to our school.

Shout outs - Hawks

Imogen - for being such a kind, caring and conscientious ambassador for our school. You have been so friendly, welcoming and helpful to school visitors and have such an infectious positive attitude - thank you!

Diary Dates

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| Monday 30 th January | Yorkshire Museum Roman Trip – Year 3 |
| Friday 10 th February | Break up for half term |
| Monday 20 th February | Children back to school after half term |
| Monday 27 th February – Wednesday 1 st March | Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Residential |

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.



As an additional support for internet safety, please see our 'new devices' guide overleaf – this is particularly useful for those who received devices over the Christmas period.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

Be suspicious of new information

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Don't give away personal information

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