

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Seeing families back in school for things like the Christmas fair and nativity performances have been wonderful and we wanted to say a massive thank you to all of our school community for supporting us! This term everyone, even in such difficult times, has shown continuous kindness, generosity and support. Whether this be donating food, toiletries or toys to our December community shop, or simply joining us at one of our festive performances, your presence and support has meant a great deal and is very much appreciated.

We hope that everyone is able to have a restful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing all the children back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## Attendance

This term's class attendance:

<b>Cygnets</b>	<b>92.21%</b>	<b>Goslings</b>	<b>92.16%</b>
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>94.70%</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>94.62%</b>
<b>Finch</b>	<b>96.19%</b>	<b>Robins</b>	<b>93.63%</b>
<b>Magpie</b>	<b>★ 96.91%★</b>	<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>95.47%</b>
<b>Owl</b>	<b>95.44%</b>	<b>Osprey</b>	<b>95.66%</b>
<b>Kite</b>	<b>93.34%</b>	<b>Falcon</b>	<b>94.11%</b>
<b>Hawk</b>	<b>91.35%</b>	<b>Eagle</b>	<b>92.69%</b>
<b>School weekly average:</b>		<b>89.25%</b>	

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



### Christmas Fair – thank you

An enormous thank you to everybody that donated to, helped with and/or attended our Christmas fair. The event was a huge community success and we managed to raise over £1000 for school. This money will go towards supporting enrichment opportunities throughout our curriculum – thank you!



### Book Fair – thank you

Once again, thank you to everybody that attended our school book fair. It was our most successful fair ever and we have already been busy spending our rewards on new sets of guided reading books for our children – thank you!



## Nursery

### A sprinkle of Christmas magic in nursery

We have loved learning all about Christmas in nursery. Throughout the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about lots of different Christmas traditions and enjoyed sharing what we do with our families at this festive time of year. In nursery, we have enjoyed exploring snow, making muddy Christmas puddings, decorating the Christmas tree, learning traditional Christmas songs and so much more!



### A Wiggly Nativity

We are so proud of the nursery for their fantastic Wiggly Nativity performances. Each and every one of you were amazing at singing our songs and performing in front of an audience. Thank you for all the support



from adults at home, from singing the songs to making some wonderful outfits, it made our performance truly special! Nursery, you really were shining, shimmering stars!

### Shout outs - Ducklings

Everlyn for being an amazing role model in Ducklings! Each day you come to nursery with a spring in your step and eagerness to learn. You light up the classroom with your huge smile and kind, caring nature each day. Well done Everlyn!



## Reception

### Christmas Around the World

This week, we have been thinking all about Christmas traditions, things we do at home with our families but also how Christmas is celebrated all around the world. We have especially enjoyed wrapping books to give to our friends on Christmas Eve, an Icelandic tradition and searching for 'sweets' in straw, a Serbian tradition as well as making our own Christmas cards.



### Painting in the Woods

As part of our 'Paint My World' art topic the children went to the forest to explore painting with natural materials. The children explored by mixing different ratios of water and mud to make natural paint. The children then collected sticks, leaves and other natural things to use as paint brushes and create their group masterpieces.



### Stick Man

The children have really enjoyed learning about *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. Although some children were already familiar with the story, they have relished the opportunity to learn it in more detail and be able to retell parts of it to their friends.

We have been really busy doing lots of exciting things in our learning about *Stick Man* over the last two weeks. This has included making flags and sandcastles, building bridges over a river for pooh sticks, creating their own stick men and stick women, painting parts of the story, listening to the story and retelling the story too.



### Shout outs - Cygnets

**Elijah** - For your passion and exuberance whilst performing our nativity. You have shown dedication to learning the words to our songs which you sang with such gusto and delivered your narrator lines so well too! You are a real star, well done Elijah!

**Ayla** - For your exemplary behaviour during the whole class teaching. You demonstrate excellent listening and attention skills and you always try your best, contributing your excellent ideas. You set a wonderful example for your peers and we are very lucky to have you in Cygnets class!

### Shout outs - Goslings

**Jacob Bell** - For continuing to work really hard in phonics. We are really proud that you are practising your phonemes and graphemes at home. It really shows in the amazing progress you have made. A huge well done!!

**Raeya** - For her enthusiasm in the nativity play. She has learned her lines and all the songs brilliantly. Whenever we look across at Raeya during a song she is sitting there singing her heart out, it has been a joy to watch. Well done Raeya!

## EYFS

Over the last few weeks the children have been working very hard rehearsing for their performance of 'Wriggly Nativity'. We think we all agree when we say, what a fantastic show it was! We were so proud of every single child. You really were stars and it was an absolute joy to watch you all up on stage for the very first time.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children for their hard work and also a big thank you to adults at home for their support with costumes, learning lines and of course coming to watch.

Well done everyone!

# Wriggly



# Nativity









## Year 2

### Lights, Camel, Action!

And that's a wrap!!

Year 2 have been working tremendously hard over the last few weeks to put together the most fantastic show for our friends and families! They have been rehearsing every day for their performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' - practising dance moves, perfecting song lyrics and remembering their very own lines. Miss Poulter and Mrs Elsworth want to say a massive thank you to all Year 2, you have all shown tonnes of courage and enthusiasm towards the show and we have burst with pride throughout the whole journey! Thank you again to all the families and friends who came to watch our show, we loved performing to each and everyone of you.

Well done Year 2- You are all F.U.N.K.Y and fabulous!



## Year 3

### University of York Music Workshop

Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visitor from the University and teach them all about singing and how to warm up their voices and bodies.



### Here comes the Vikings

In music we looked at notations and learnt a Viking song. We used the Boomwhackers to practise playing a minim, crochet and quaver notes. Who knew the Vikings could be so loud!



### Christmas Party!

Year 3 loved their Christmas party this week.



### Art: Botanical Art

Magpies put their art skills to the test last week when focusing on botanical art. We looked at the Artist Georgia O'Keefe and used different media to create our large pieces of work.



### Shout outs - Woodpecker

What an amazing Autumn term we've had! Well done to all of Woodpeckers you have been fantastic this term and we have loved every minute.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

### Shout outs - Magpie

Well done to all the Magpie's for a fantastic first term in Year 3. Last week, you blew me away with your amazing assessments and the amount of progress you have all made. Have a fantastic Christmas and see you all in 2023!



## Year 4

### Owl - 'Dementia Yorkshire' Carol Concert

Owl class had a wonderful time singing Christmas carols to members of 'Dementia Yorkshire'. This is a local charity supporting individuals living with Dementia. We even took part in a Christmas card swap! It was a wonderful afternoon and we are looking forward to working with the charity again soon!



### Osprey - Terrific Torches

In our recent DT unit, we have learnt how to make our own torches! We had to use prior learning from science to build working circuits. Then we added a switch using a paper clip so we could turn our torches on and off!



### Osprey - Trash Bang Workshop

Osprey class were very lucky to take part in a Trash Bang music workshop. We were all mesmerised by the many different ways you can use your body to make music! We loved using our bodies, plastic tubes, shakers and buckets to create our own music!



### Owl - Christmas Party

Owl class absolutely adored their Christmas party! It was so lovely to see the children in their party clothes, dancing the afternoon away! We had lots of yummy food and played some fun Christmas party games! It was a great way to end our fabulous term together!



### Shout outs - Osprey

Well done to EVERYONE in Osprey class! You have all worked so hard this half term and you have all been amazing to teach. We have made some amazing progress! I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

### Shout outs - Owl

A HUGE thank you Owl class for all your incredible work over the past term! I have absolutely loved teaching you and it has been a delight watching you all progress. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved break! See you all in 2023!



## Year 5

### Music: The Blues

Last week, Year 5 was learning all about 'The Blues'. Singing songs with bent notes, learning how to play the 12 bar blues and improvising with the blues scale were just a few of the skills that we practised over the week. We absolutely adored learning about the blues chords using glockenspiels - demonstrating lots of teamwork and playing in unison!



### Writing: World Cup

Year 5 became journalists and researched the darker side to the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar. We delved into LGBTQ+ and women's rights and poor migrant working conditions to ultimately question the world's response. We practised our cohesion skills, linking across sentences and paragraphs, to build a strong argument backed up by our own statistics and quotations. Stop press!



### Art: Abstract Self Portraits

Year 5 have had an incredible time creating our very own mixed media portraits of ourselves. Using lines of poetry and collage materials, we created outlines of our faces and abstract backgrounds, thinking carefully about areas of shade and contrasting colours. We are so proud of our finished pieces.



### Shout outs - Falcons

A huge shout out to Elsi-Leigh! You have put so much effort into your learning over the last few weeks! It has been lovely to see you challenging yourself wherever you can and it has made us incredibly proud to see your dedication towards your learning! Keep being incredible, Elsi- Leigh!

A massive well done to Ahsan! Your musical ability has shone through over the last few weeks and you have shown great resilience towards your learning too! Well done, Ahsan.

### Shout outs - Kites

I'll start with a big shout out to the whole of Kites Class for your determination and resilience during assessment week - and for celebrating all the achievements of the first term with big smiles on your faces! I am very proud.

A big well done goes to Lola-Belle this week! After missing some school, you have bounced back and are throwing yourself into everything you do with such commitment. Your stunning artwork celebrates your sunny disposition - keep it up!





### Diary Dates

Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school after Christmas break
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back to school after half term

### 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](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.



# StoryWorld Adventures

FREE First Session!  
Siblings come free too!!



New pre-school classes in York!  
StoryWorld Adventures are active, multi sensory storytelling classes.



Designed & led by experienced teacher & Early Years specialist, Nicola Cook

New stories are told each week in a multi sensory, fun and engaging way. Rhymes, puppets, props, sensory items, instruments and of course, a story, all combine to make



#### Recent reviews:

'...we both had a great time. It's a great way for them to enjoy a story through the sensory and singing aspect... It's a great new class for all ages' - Vanessa  
'...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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# FAMILY CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES THE DEACON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
SHERRINGHAM DRIVE, YO24 2SE

Join us for light refreshments, arts-and-  
crafts, workshops from Circus Skills  
York and Noise Academy, and a  
takeaway food-and-activity hamper.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE.



For more information:



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## WOODTHORPE CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022

1. TESCO - SHARP 4K ULTRA HD 42" SMART LED TV
2. P16 PLUMBING - BACARDI, RED WINE & CHOCS
3. ACOMB GREENGROCER - HAMPER
4. AVON - HAMPER
5. RICHARDSONS - MEAT VOUCHER
6. BENGAL LOUNGE - £20 VOUCHER
7. QUAKERWOOD - £20 VOUCHER
8. MOXIE NAILS - GEL POLISH MANICURE
9. SLOPPY'S BAR & RESTAURANT - £20 VOUCHER
10. BUONGIORNO - £25 VOUCHER
11. PHILL YA BOOTS - JAM, CHUTNEY & MINCEMEAT
12. AINSTY ALES - FOUR ALE CANS
13. WOODFELLAZ - MEAL DEAL 1
14. TOP CUTS - HAIR CUT VOUCHER
15. ALI BARBER - HAIR CUT VOUCHER
16. K9 KEIKI BAKES - STOCKING WITH DOG TOY & TREATS
17. LOCALLY HANDMADE BUG HOUSE
18. ELEMIS GIFT SET FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT
19. WOODTHORPE CHRISTMAS TREES - WOODEN REINDEER
20. WYCG - MYSTERY GOLDEN ENVELOPE
21. YORK DOG PARK - ONE HOUR FREE PLAY FOR UP TO 3 DOGS
22. WOODTHORPE SPICE - £20 VOUCHER

*Merry  
Christmas*



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## Year 5 & 6 extracurricular clubs at York High School

Dear parent/carer,

We are providing extracurricular clubs for children in Years 5 & 6 this term, as follows:

- **Recreational football**

This is open to children in Years 5 & 6 who are considering attending York High School when they reach Year 7.

There is a small cost for these sessions. Sessions are held on the Energise astroturf pitch. These will be fun, recreational sessions with a focus on friendship, teamwork and having fun. These are not intended to be competitive sessions; this opportunity is open to all, regardless of ability.

- **Photoshop Club**

These are FREE sessions, running until Spring 2023, open to *all* children in Year 6, regardless of which secondary school they may be going to.

Photoshop is the leading software package for creating personalised greetings cards, eye-catching posters, and much more. No prior knowledge is required; children will initially be taught the basic skills and will be able to progress at their own pace. There is no cost to attend and colour printouts are provided free of charge.

- **Coding Club**

These are FREE sessions running during Spring/Summer 2023. Details regarding the sessions will be available in early 2023.

Bookings will open after secondary offer day (1st March 2023), initially to children in Year 6 allocated a place at York High School, then open to other children, subject to availability.

If the above days do not suit you, please email us; we may be able to run additional sessions on different days.

**If you wish to register your child's interest in any of the above activities, please either complete the Google form below, or send an email to [reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy](mailto:reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy) with the subject 'Year 5/6 Clubs'**

<https://forms.gle/HHiJ9FPU4NDehcLQ6>

We will contact all respondents in due course, once we have dates and times for the activities you have expressed an interest in. All activities are subject to availability; where places become full we will aim to run additional sessions to cater for demand wherever we can.

Yours faithfully,

Mr L Kay  
Network Manager  
York High School

## Can you help with our cookery wishlist?

- **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.