

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 17th March 2023

Over the past two weeks, we have all been watching our chicks hatch and grow – all the children and adults have loved spending time with them. You will see from all of the pictures just how special this has been (the chicks have now left us and gone to a free-range farm).

Over the Easter holidays, we will be doing some improvements for our reception outside area. We will be creating a new sand area and developing our outdoor stage. We are asking families to see if they have any unwanted metal pots and pans that they might want to donate. These will go into our outdoor kitchen or be used to make a music area for the children.

And finally, just a thank you for supporting with school attendance. Across the country school's are really struggling to maintain good school attendance. Although ours isn't yet back to the same levels seen before the pandemic, we are doing well and have better attendance than the national average.

Class attendance this week

Cygnets	96.89%	Goslings	87.63%
Hummingbirds	95.86%	Kingfishers	91.72%
Finch	96.30%	Robins	93.33%
Magpie	96.33%	Woodpeckers	95.90%
Owl	96.07%	Osprey	93.33%
Kite	93.45%	Falcon	★★97.04%★★
Hawk	92.76%	Eagle	92.67%
School weekly average:		94.34%	

Our whole school attendance so far this term is: 95.17%

Thank you to all those parents who managed to get their child to school on time every day! As a reminder, if your child is absent from school, please call 01904 806464, followed by option 1 to report the absence.



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 R
Congratulations on winning a £10 Amazon voucher!



Easter Treats Sale

Date: Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March

Time: 3.20-3.30pm

Location: Front of school.

To help replenish some of our art and DT resources, we are going to be holding an 'Easter treats' sale on Thursday the 30th & Friday 31st March. We will be selling a variety of cakes, biscuits, and chocolates – the perfect Easter treat!

If anyone would like to donate cakes, biscuits or sweet treats, to help with the sale, please bring them along to the office by Tuesday 28th March. Thank you so much for your support & we hope to see you there!



Nursery

What's the weather today?

This week in Ducklings, we have been making the most of the variety of weather we have had by conducting our very own weather experiments! We have been wondering what might happen if we leave our mud cakes outside overnight, painting in the rain, making snow characters and also wonderful wind streamers. This has further inspired us to become weather reporters by plotting the weather on the map of the United Kingdom and making our own weather artwork.



Our beautiful world!

We have loved learning about our amazing world! In nursery we have been thinking about what we appreciate in our world such as the beautiful sea, the trees and flowers. We have loved learning about David Attenborough and his important work.

We all know we need to respect and care for the natural environment around us!



The chicks

We have loved our special visitors in school the last two weeks. Ducklings have really enjoyed watching the eggs turn into fluffy, little chicks! Nursery have been amazing at making observations, being calm and quiet and gently stroking the chicks.



Shout out

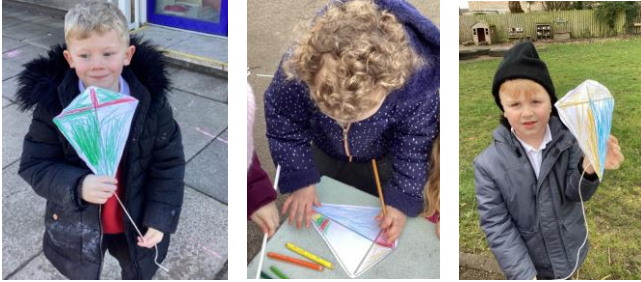
A huge shout out to Dona! Dona, you always blow us away with your fantastic behaviour and amazing knowledge of the world.

Each day you share fascinating facts with great confidence. Well done Dona!

Reception

Making Kites

We have been learning about the weather as part of our geography topic. We enjoyed exploring the windy weather by designing, cutting out, making and flying our very own kites.



Hockey Skills

The children had really enjoyed playing different ball games. This week the children have been able to play with hockey sticks. The children showed great control and determination in manoeuvring the ball around the cones. The children even used stopwatches to practise their maths skills and time each other.



Chicks in Spring!

Spring is well on its way and we have had chicks in school! The children in Reception have been so excited to watch the magical process of the egg hatching followed by our chicks growing. We loved seeing them in their incubator, watching out for any cracks in the shells and then finally holding them after they had hatched. Each child was so sensible, kind and gentle with our tiny new arrivals - we are really proud, well done Reception!



Shout outs - Cygnets

Stanley - For working so hard to look after our classroom and ensure our resources are cared for by tidying up so well. You have been so careful, helpful and respectful of our new resources. Thank you Stanley!

Adaline - For trying so hard with your handwriting and in phonics. We are so proud of the effort you are putting in and this is really showing in your work - well done Adaline!

Shout outs - Goslings

George - Over the last two weeks George has really worked hard to push himself both in class and at home. It has been brilliant to see. It has also been noticed by the lunchtime staff that George has been kind to others. Well Done George!

Delilah - Delilah for trying really hard in guided reading sessions. Delilah has even asked to take her book and carry on reading independently after our guided reading sessions. It is wonderful to see that love of reading and seeing you work hard to improve your reading Delilah!

Year 1

Kingfisher- Maths

Kingfishers have recently been looking at length and height in maths. During our maths lesson this week, we used cubes to measure different objects in the classroom!



Hummingbird - PE

In our PE, send and return unit the children have enjoyed exploring different ways to use their hands to hit a ball to a partner. We then challenged ourselves to hit the ball into a hoop or through a hoop!



Year 1- Chicks

Year 1 have loved watching their new friends in school! We have followed their life cycle from an egg to a fluffy chick. We have been so gentle and caring when holding the chicks and have even named some!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

Annabelle- For your fantastic attitude towards learning! You have blown me away with your dedication and can-do attitude. Keep this up!

Amie- A big shout out for your fantastic handwriting. You have been trying really hard to include your ascenders and descenders.

Shout outs - Hummingbird

Archie - A big shout out to you for trying incredibly hard with your handwriting, I have seen how much effort you have been putting into your leading lines!

Amelia - For putting so much effort into phonics sessions! You have been fantastic at spotting digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words! Well done.

Year 2

Forest adventures

In the last couple of weeks, Year 2 has had some exciting adventures down to our school forest. We have had the opportunity to start our very own campfire and toast waffles, we have made natural art work and we have even been on the hunt for different birds' nests!



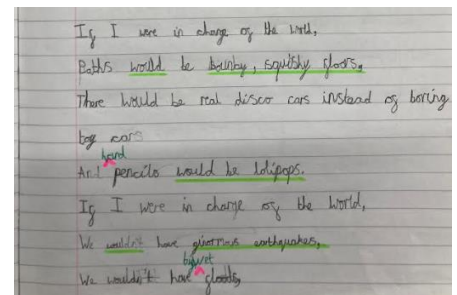
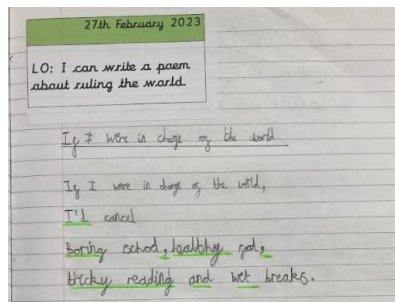
Spring is coming!

We have absolutely adored looking after our school chicks this week. We were really brave and gentle when handling the chicks, ensuring they felt safe and calm. We learnt all about the life cycle of a chick and even got to witness one cracking out of their shell! We will miss you little chicks!



Poetry

Year 2 have been writing their own poems 'If I were in charge of the world'. They had some incredible ideas including trampolines for paths, lollipop pens and geography lessons which would be adventures around the world. They showed real thoughtfulness when wanting to end pollution, racism, bullying and wars. We loved reading these.



Shout outs - Finch

Caelan - for coming to school everyday with the most amazing attitude. I'm super proud of the determination you show when questions become trickier or you're given a challenge. I'm super proud of you! ☆

Oliver M - for your incredible reading! Listening to you read with such fluency and expression is an absolute pleasure and joy. Keep it up Oliver ☐

Shout outs - Robins

Phoebe - For working really hard on your spellings this week. You got all five of them correct in your spelling test and confidently read each one! We are so proud of you!

George - For showing so much kindness to others. Every day I see you helping other robins in lesson time, playing wonderfully with your friends and constantly showing beautiful manners! You're a superstar George!

Year 3

Visiting the chicks



Woodpecker - Computing

In computing this week we were finding out all about the different parts of a computer, including the ROM, RAM and hard drives. We really enjoyed scanning QR codes to find clues about the different parts.



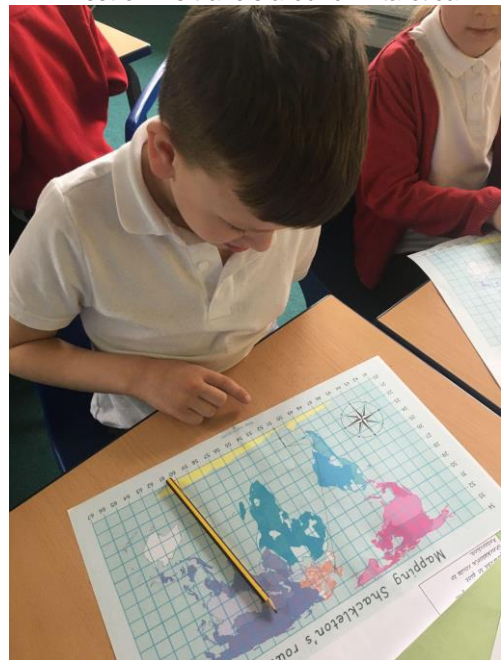
Shout outs Woodpecker

Holly - We are always so proud of how hard you work in class. You always listen carefully and make sure you apply all of the skills that we have been practising. We loved reading your last piece of writing about your robot bird - well done!

Max - A huge well done to Max! You have worked so hard this week in maths and we are so proud of your hard work and perseverance. You have also done fantastic work in our SPAG lessons - well done.

Shackleton's Expedition:

Our Geography lessons this week, we focused on Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica and learnt how to read a four figure grid reference. We listened to Ernest Shackleton's voice notes about his time in Antarctica before plotting them on our own expedition maps. We could not believe some of the things that happened to Ernest on his travels around Antarctica.



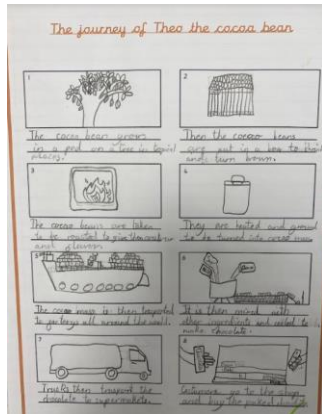
Shout outs - Magpie

Sophia- For working independently in Maths this week. You have continuously challenged yourself in all of your work and we even moved onto a yellow challenge. Well done Sophia, keep this up.

Ethan- For your wonderful progress in Lexia. You have gone from strength to strength each week and this is really paying off in your reading and phonics. Ethan you make Mrs Meehan and I proud every week and we look forward to seeing you continue your amazing journey this year. Well done superstar!

Osprey - Where does our food come from?

In Osprey class, we have been enjoying our new geography topic! We have been learning about where our food comes from, and how it can impact the environment. We have looked at the journey of a cocoa bean, and we loved finding out how chocolate is made!



Owl - Keen Gardeners

Owl class were so excited to see that the daffodil bulbs we planted in October had finally sprouted! It was a very long wait!



Every day, we took it in turns to water the bulbs and ensured they received the right amount of light to achieve the perfect growing conditions. It has been such fun to watch the growing process unfold! We are looking forward to planting Dahlias next.



Owl - Chicks

Owl class have absolutely adored spending the last few weeks watching the chicks grow! It was such a magical moment watching the very first chicks hatch. We have loved visiting the chicks daily and have all enjoyed taking special care of the new arrivals. We

have discovered how to correctly and safely handle the chicks and how to make sure all their needs are met. We especially loved feeding time watching all the chicks flock to their food bowl!



Osprey - Visiting the chicks

Osprey class were delighted when we found out we would be looking after chicks! We visited them before they hatched, and discussed how they grow and what they will look like. When the chicks hatched, we couldn't wait to meet them! We learnt how to hold them safely, and we discovered if we stayed very still, they would fall asleep in our hands!

We love visiting the chicks and we can't wait to see how much they grow!



Shout outs Osprey

Connor - A huge well done to Connor for developing your confidence at swimming over the last three weeks! You have been loving your swimming lessons because of your hard work and determination. Keep up the amazing work swimming superstar!

Leila - A massive well done to Leila for your hard work in maths! You have been completing your work independently and offering help to others. We are so proud of you!

Shout outs - Owl

Franky - A huge thank you for all the amazing reading you complete at home! You are racing through our class reading chart! You're an absolute star!

Lucy - You have made me so proud with the level of enthusiasm you have shown towards our new guided reading book 'Wonder'. In every guided reading lesson, you demonstrate a great understanding of the different characters and their feelings. Keep it up Lucy!

Year 5

Science: The Life Cycle of a Chick

Over the last two weeks, Year 5 have adored having the opportunity to observe chicks hatching. Our science topic this half term has been based on reproduction and life cycles, so we have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to see these processes happen in real life!



World Book Day: Kindness Tree

On World Book Day, we celebrated the book *The Girl Who Planted Trees* by Caryl Hart by creating beautiful leaves for our upcoming school Kindness Tree! Each year group was inspired by a different artist - from Van Gogh to Georgia O'Keeffe - and produced fabulous effects using a range of art materials. We will be proud to see these on the Kindness Tree and the leaves will be a stunning reminder of the trees each class planted at school this term.



Computing - Micro:bits

This week, Year 5 have tinkered with Micro:bits! In the first lesson, we explored the coding needed to create an animation on our Micro:bit and saw the LEDs light up as we downloaded our code! Next, we mimicked the coding needed to take a poll - focusing on input and outputs as well as adding in our own sounds and images! We thoroughly enjoyed discussing all things coding: loops, variables, conditions are just a few examples!



Shout outs - Falcons

A massive shout out to Josh! I have been blown away with your knowledge of coding, programming and micro:bits! It has been lovely to see you being so supportive and helpful to your peers too.

A huge well done to Elsie! Your knowledge of tenses in our SPaG lessons this week has been incredible. You have made me incredibly proud by confidently discussing the difference between perfect and progressive tenses! Keep being a superstar, Elsie!

Shout outs - Kites

Well done to Layla L for her confident approach to percentages, decimals and fractions! You have shown great skill in maths in the spring term - keep shining!

A big shout out also goes to Sonny for his incredible coding skills in computing lessons (pictured above). He went above and beyond what was asked of him and I couldn't be prouder of our budding coder!

Year 6

Leading a healthy lifestyle

In year 6, we know how important leading an active lifestyle can be. That's why we put our fitness levels to the test in circuits this week where we focussed on the intensity of our workout. We then considered the changes which had happened to our bodies as we exercised: increased heartrate, deeper breathing, tiring muscles and sweating!



Wimbledon Ready

Year 6 have been practicing different tennis shots ready for their interhouse competition. During their doubles matches, they have been trying to use a forehand shot to hit a lob over their opponent. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm and resilience and it has been lovely to see some great progression.



Woodthorpe's chick creche

Year 6 have been besotted with Woodthorpe's new additions! Over the last few weeks, we have had the opportunity to visit the chicks and see them grow. It has been an incredible experience, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed - having cuddles was a particular highlight!



Shout outs - Eagles

Savannah - for always working your absolute socks off! You always make me super proud with your resilience and determination to succeed and thank you for making me smile every day too.

Shout outs - Hawks

Logan H - I have been extremely proud of your maths work this week. You have worked tirelessly to improve your understanding and it was great to see how pleased you were with your progress! Continue building these skills so that you can confidently tackle the maths reasoning.

Diary Dates

Tue 21 st March	Year 5 Trip to Scarborough
Wed 22 nd March	Year 4 Owl Trip to York St John University
Tue 21 st & Wed 22 nd March	Parents Evening
Thurs 30 th & Fri 31 st March	Easter Treats Sale – at front of school
Mon 3 rd April to Fri 14 th April	Half Term
Mon 17 th April	Teacher Training Day
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 4 th May	School Closed for Polling Station
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	Half Term
Wed 26 th July to Thurs 31 st August	Summer Holidays
Fri 1 st Sep	Teacher Training Day
Mon 4 th Sep	Teacher Training Day

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.

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Week 1: 3rd-6th April
Week 2: 11th-14th April
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- Information**
Children will be provided with a free, healthy lunch and will take part in a nutritional workshop

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