

# 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 25th November 2022**

We have had such a busy few weeks within school and highlighted some really important events such as Odd socks day, Anti-bullying week and Children In Need. I was so thrilled to hear about our year 2 girls who had done their own fundraising for Children in Need, showing just how caring and thoughtful our school community continues to be.

Our gift of warmth event was very successful and we were so glad to see such lovely items find a happy new home – thank you to everybody who was part of this event. If you do require any warm clothing for your children, please just pop into the school office, we have plenty still available and would be happy to help.

Over the next few weeks we head into one of our busiest times: Christmas! The sound of jingle bells can be heard echoing around school as we prepare for our nativities and Christmas celebrations!

Next Wednesday, our popular school book fair returns where every book purchased goes towards new books for school and then on Thursday our Christmas Fair will be in full swing 3:30-4:30pm, where we hope to raise funds for school enrichment – we hope to see you all there.



## Attendance

This week's class attendance:

<b>Cygnets</b>	<b>94.14%</b>	<b>Goslings</b>	<b>94.14%</b>
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>100 ★%★</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>100 ★%★</b>
<b>Finch</b>	<b>97.04%</b>	<b>Robins</b>	<b>93.21%</b>
<b>Magpie</b>	<b>96.67%</b>	<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>92.76%</b>
<b>Owl</b>	<b>96.07%</b>	<b>Osprey</b>	<b>97.50%</b>
<b>Kite</b>	<b>92.31%</b>	<b>Falcon</b>	<b>98.21%</b>
<b>Hawk</b>	<b>94.83%</b>	<b>Eagle</b>	<b>92.41%</b>
<b>School weekly average:</b>		<b>95.54%</b>	

**Our whole school attendance so far this term is: 94.90%**

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 5  
This week's winner was the parent of a child in Year 4  
Congratulations on winning a £10 amazon voucher!



## Children In Need

We wanted to say an enormous thank you for your support with Children In Need, whether buying some of our Pudsey merchandise or sending in a donation with your child, we were so thrilled with the generosity of our school community. With your help, we managed to raise over £300 – thank you!

We also wanted to say an enormous well done to a group of our year 2 girls, who raised over £500 (!) for Children In Need by their books and bakes sale – what kind and thoughtful children we have in our school!

## Christmas Fair



If anybody has any bottles or toiletries that they are able to donate for raffle prizes, we would really appreciate your help. Please bring these to the main school office by Friday 25th November. For any keen bakers out there, we are also hoping to hold a cake stall, so please can any donations be brought to the main school office by Thursday 1st December – thank you so much.

**We hope to see you all there for our Christmas Fair Fun!**

## Book Fair



Our Book Fair returns on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November!** Just in time for Christmas, we have brand new titles, old classics and a range of pocket money stationary available. Please note that there is an online purchase option available, but cash is preferred.

Our Fair will take place in the KS1 hall, at 8:30am each morning and after school until 3:45pm after school (except Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>), finishing on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Every single purchase goes towards replenishing our school library – thank you so much for your help!



# Nursery

## Communities

This week in nursery we have had so much fun learning all about our families and the community we live in! We have enjoyed celebrating everyone's differences in interest, eye colour, hair colour and skin and how even though we all have similarities differences, we are all special! These conversations inspired us to make our own family members and play with our own mini me's!



## Around the world and different jobs!

In Ducklings, we have been very busy learning all about the different jobs in our community! We have played doctors, become builders and been bus drivers on the nursery bus. We have also been amazed to learn how big our world actually is by exploring maps and learning the names of different countries.



## A visit from the police

We had a very special visit from the police this week! It was so much fun learning all about a day in the life of a police officer and finding out about the different parts of their uniform. However, the best bit was dressing up as a police officer!



## Shout outs - Ducklings

This week we want to give a huge shout out to Theo for being such a kind and caring friend to his peers and for thinking of some brilliant questions for the police! Well done Theo.



## Reception

### Children in Need

Reception loved raising awareness for Children in Need. We learnt what Children in Need is and all the boys and girls it helps. We also thought about who we can help and how. The children were super at sharing their ideas and listening during our circle time. We loved being active and joining in with a Joe Wick's Children in Need live workout too.

Throughout the rest of the day, we also loved doing lots of spotty Pudsey bear crafts including, creating pictures, dot-to-dot Pudsey faces and masks. It was a SPOTacular day!



### A Visit from the Church

Reception had some special visitors from our local church. Father Luke introduced us to the Bible and the importance of this book to Christians. Then, Anne shared a story from the Bible with us. We are really looking forward to learning even more about Christianity as part of our R.E. topic.



### Geography - Communities

As part of our geography topic we are learning about communities. We are learning about people who are familiar to us including our friends and family. The children have made wonderful paper dolls of their classmates and lolly stick houses for their families.

We have also been comparing life in England to other countries by discussing where we have visited and how they are different. We have also been looking at life in countries within the Arctic Circle and comparing it to England. Some of the children were very disappointed that we will not get to see a polar bear in Woodthorpe!



### Shout outs - Cygnets

**Albie** - For being such a polite, caring and helpful member of Cygnets class. Albie you set an example for all of your peers and you have such a kind attitude to both your peers and teachers. Thank you for always looking out for our class members!

**Luna** - For your excellent work in phonics and reading. You are trying so hard and showing such enthusiasm when practising your sounds and reading, especially when using your segmenting fingers. We are so proud of you - well done!

### Shout outs - Goslings

**Ayda** - For always trying your best and pushing yourself in your learning. We can see how hard you are working especially during phonics sessions. Well Done!

**Joshua** - For being an amazing member of our team. Joshua is always polite and friendly to everyone. Joshua you have a passion for learning and it shows in how well you listen and contribute in class. You are a role model. Well Done Joshua!

## Year 1

### Kingfisher - - Geography

In our fourth geography lesson 'Where are the different places in school?' we used our knowledge from the lesson before to create a map of the playground! We worked as a team and had to add the symbols in the correct places. Have a look at our masterpiece below!



### Hummingbird - Geography

Hummingbirds have been thoroughly enjoying our Geography topic 'What is it like here?' We went and explored our playground to see if we could spot the features on our map!



### Year 1- Computing

In our new computing topic 'algorithms unplugged' We continued discussing what an algorithm is. To help us understand how they work, we teamed up with our partner to see if they could follow our written instructions on dressing the doll!



### Shout outs - Kingfisher

A huge shout out to Thomas for his absolute love and passion towards reading! It is amazing to his sense of enjoyment that he gets from reading!

A big well done to Theo for his recent attitude towards school, your behaviour has been fantastic and you have put your all into everything you have done!

### Shout outs - Hummingbird

A big shout out to Daisy for her fantastic phonics skills! You join in with all aspects of the lesson with enthusiasm and joy!

A huge shout out to Emily D for always being such a kind and considerate friend! You are always so caring. Well done Emily!



## Year 2

### Algorithms

This week in computing, we have continued to look at what an algorithm is and how they are used. To help us understand how they work, we teamed up with a partner to see if they could correctly build a Lego sculpture using our verbal instructions.



### Engineering

Who knew you could make a bridge from paper by simply folding, twisting, bending and scrunching?! The children created some amazing designs, with the strongest managing to hold the weight of 7 toy cars.



### Football Fever has come to Year 2!

This week, we had a fantastic afternoon filled with teamwork, football and fun! After starting our writing unit, which is based on different English footballers, we were excited to have a visit from a fabulous football coach. The children began by practising some important skills before taking part in a mini tournament where they represented different countries taking part in the world cup. We were so impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of the children.



### Shout outs - Finch

**Jayde** - for some amazing maths work this week. I have been really impressed with the increased confidence you have during lessons while completing independent work. Keep up this fantastic attitude!

**Lily** - your determination during reading and phonics is incredible. You work so hard every single day and it makes us super proud! Keep this up Lily - you're doing a fab job.

### Shout outs - Robins

**Mollie W and April** - You are both making me so proud with how enthusiastic you are within our nativity singing practise. It is so wonderful to see you both putting in 110% effort to learn all the new words and dance moves. I can't wait for the rest of the school and your family to see you both perform!

## Year 3

### Fitness - Boxing



We have been practising our boxing skills in our fitness sessions and are getting really confident with the different techniques: jab, cross, hook and uppercut.

### Computing- Animations



We have been very technical this week, and have made our own animations in computing. Using the programme Scratch, we changed the animation coding and watched our sprites move across our computing screens.

### Forest School

We have been doing so many amazing things at our forest school sessions over the last few weeks. We used flints and steels to make fire, rain gauges to see how much rain we could collect and even made our very own apple crumbles.



### Shout outs - Woodpecker

#### **James:**

We are so impressed with your love of reading and how much reading you do at home. You have already read over 50 times this half term - what a star!

#### **Marie:**

For always working your very, very hardest in every lesson. Your work is always beautifully presented and you have so many great ideas. We are always super proud of you - well done!

### Shout outs - Magpie

**Jacob-** For your outstanding writing this week. Jacob, the class were blown away by your description of a volcano and the language that you used. Keep shining Jacob.

**Lily-** For your persistence in reading over the past two weeks. Your home reading book has been quite a challenge and I was incredibly proud of you for passing your quiz and getting the Magpies 73,000 words. What a superstar! Keep up this amazing reading.



## Year 4

### Osprey - We are spies!

In Osprey class, this half term we are dancing as spies as part of our PE unit. We have had to get into character by listening to the 007 theme tune, and moving like we are spies! We have been using freeze frames, so we worked as a team to choose our favourite four to include in our dance.



### Owl - Children in Need

Owl class had such a wonderful day celebrating and raising awareness for 'Children in Need'. We came to school wearing our best spotty outfits. We even had some brilliant 'Pudsey' inspired costumes. It was really lovely to discover how the money raised helps so many young children and families across the UK.



### Rainforest Magic

Last week, we started our new Geography topic, 'Why are Rainforests important to us?' We began our Rainforest journey, discovering where in the world Rainforests are located. We learnt about the world's different biomes and compared the biome's different landscapes, plants and animals. We then discussed the different layers of plants and trees found in a tropical rainforest. We were amazed at the different types of plants found in the rainforest such as the beautiful Amazonian flora, known as the Hanging Lobster Claw!



### Shout outs - Owl

**Karis** - A huge congratulations for reaching gold on our class reading chart! You have worked so hard, reading every single night to finally be crowned the first person to reach gold in Owl class. Well done, Karis!

**Jayden** - Well done for passing so many of your reading comprehension quizzes! Your brilliant quiz scores demonstrate a brilliant understanding of the texts you are reading! You're a superstar!

### Shout outs - Osprey

**Teddy** - A massive well done to Teddy for his hard work in computing! You produced an amazing piece of work on Scratch, and it was so brilliant you shared it with the whole class on the board. Amazing work, Teddy!

**Connor** - Well done to Connor for his amazing work in maths this week! You have been challenging yourself to complete as many challenges as you can, and your confidence in maths has grown by doing this! We are so proud of you, Well done!



## Year 5

### RE- Christianity

Over the last two weeks, Year 5 has been lucky enough to have a visit from both Father Luke and Yoyo to support us in learning more about Christianity. We learnt about what Christians do to show their faith by discussing how they read the bible, worship and pray. We then discussed how Christians cope in hard times, using the Easter story to help us.



### Computing- Programming Music

This half term, in Computing, Year 5 is learning how to program music using Scratch. By debugging our codes and tinkering with the block palette, we have been able to program pieces of music that include loops. We cannot wait to construct our own soundtracks over the next few weeks!



### Bollywood comes to Woodthorpe!

Year 5 spent three weeks learning the key moves of Bollywood dance. They perfected their group routines and practised dancing in unison to the music. Then we enjoyed watching the children perform to one another to show off their new skills. They demonstrated such joy - we are very proud.



### Shout outs - Falcons

A huge shout out to Lucie! You are putting so much effort into our Geography topic this half term and I am incredibly proud of the positive role model you are to our class! Keep being a superstar!

A massive well done to Grayson! It has been lovely to see you so motivated in our English lessons this week. You have shared some really insightful contributions, well done!

### Shout outs - Kites

A big shout out to Sonny who has been sharing his fantastic skills on Scratch in Computing this half term - we have heard some wonderful musical compositions.

Well done to Jules - you are an absolute superstar! You have shown kindness in class helping others and always volunteer to take on more responsibilities. Thank you!

## Year 6

### Geography- Population

We have been fascinated to find out about the different factors which impact population growth and decline. We looked at the difference between the birth and death rates of different countries and looked at push and pull factors too!



### Boxing

One of our favourite fitness lessons will always be boxing: it allows us to use to every muscle in our body to ensure maximum strength. Check out some of our moves.



### Bletchley Park Visit

A big thank you to Mr Gibson from Bletchley Park who came to enhance our coding knowledge this week! We absolutely loved learning about what makes an effective password and why some are easier to hack than others.



### Shout outs - Eagles

**Bobby**- for being a polite, hard-working and dedicated member of our class. Thank you for putting your all into everything you do, you're a star!

### Shout outs - Hawks

**Noah** - I have been very impressed with your progress in maths - since October, you have improved your score by 17 marks! You really do deserve it as you have been eager to learn and, during each week's arithmetic, you are determined to beat your previous score. Hawks are so proud of you!



### Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th November- Monday 5th December	Book Fair: Before school: 8:30-8:50am After school: 3:20-3:45pm in the KS1 Hall
Thursday 1st December	Christmas Fair 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 8th December	Nativity performance time: EYFS - 9:30am Year 1 - 2:00pm
Friday 9th December	Nativity performance time: Year 1 - 9:30am EYFS - 2:00pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas performance – 2.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	Year 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 13th December	Year 3 - Christmas Party
Wednesday 14th December	Year 4 - Christmas Party & Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14th December	Reception -Christmas Party Nursery - Christmas Party <b>PM</b> session
Thursday 15th December	Year 1 Christmas Party Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 15th December	Nursery - Christmas Party <b>AM</b> session
Friday 16th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school after Christmas break

### 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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# 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.