

Woodthorpe Primary School

Headteacher: Mr James McGann
Chair of Governors: Mrs Jenny Parker

Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.

Friday 21st July 2023

The end of another amazing year at Woodthorpe Primary – thank you for the support that you have shown throughout the year, we have all really appreciated the lovely messages and comments. Our job is made so much easier because we have such fantastic children who make us smile every single day!

Over the holidays, we invite children to take part in our summer 'Extreme Reading' challenge. We would love for children (and their family and pets) to have a photo taken of them reading in the most unusual or amusing place. We will then display these pictures within our library area in the new academic year. Please email over the summer and we will keep an eye out for the pictures coming in. It would also be great if as many children as possible could go to the library to take part in the York Summer Reading Challenge.



We also wanted to thank our school community for such a fantastic Summer Fair yesterday! There was such a community feel and it was just wonderful to see everybody. Together, we have raised over £1000! This money will go directly to activities and enhancements for the children in the new school year – thank you so much!

Struggling to find free activities over the summer holidays? Well, look no further! The YorOK website has a multitude of ideas and suggestions to keep you and your family busy, for further details, please see the following [website here](#). York's Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) offers fun activities for keeping active, being creative, and trying something new over the school holidays. Children and young people in receipt of free school meals can also receive up to sixteen sessions of free activities and nutritious food during the summer holidays. Each day will include: a healthy meal and a selection of activities ranging from sports, drama and creative workshops, nature activities, and much more. For more information, please see the HAF website [here](#).



Community Group Winners

Huge congratulations to Teddy and Aniella who won the Woodthorpe Community Group 'help a neighbour' competition. Their winning posters were chosen by the Community Group to feature as part of their campaign to help combat loneliness within the community. They were both thrilled and so happy with their prizes!

Class attendance this YEAR!

Cygnets	93.12%	Goslings	92.22%
Hummingbirds	95.46%	Kingfishers	95.59%
Finch	95.50%	Robins	94.11%
Magpie	🌟🌟97.00%🌟🌟	Woodpeckers	95.44%
Owl	95.62%	Osprey	96.44%
Kite	93.43%	Falcon	93.32%
Hawk	93.45%	Eagle	91.54%
School average for this year		94.46%	

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 4
Congratulations on winning a £10 Amazon voucher!



South Bank Multi Academy Trust: Festival of the Arts



After months of practice, we finally had our time to shine and the absolute time of our lives at the South Bank MAT Festival of the Arts! The day was jam packed with rehearsals, sound checks and other activities, until at 5pm we started to see all of our families and friends arriving! The nervous energy filled the air, but we were confident that the audience was going to love our performance. Then the time came and Woodthorpe absolutely raised the roof! Starting with an electric performance from our rock group, followed by a phenomenal dynamic dance routine, finished off with a stunning performance from our choir. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! We are immensely proud of each and every child that took part and can't wait for next year already!

Nursery

Traditional tales

For the last two weeks in nursery we have been getting cosy and snuggling up to listen to all our favourite traditional tales. We have loved listening to the stories The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and so many more! All of these stories have inspired us to make our own story puppets, create delicious porridge in the mud kitchen and take on the role of many traditional tales characters!



Paper chains

This term we have been working hard using our fine motor skills as we have learnt how to make paper chains. We all had so much fun exploring how long we can make these chains and choosing which animals to create! Everyone had so much fun creating snakes, spiders and caterpillars.



Shout out

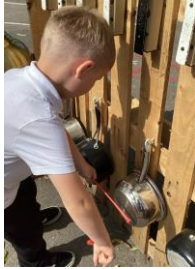
Ducklings, what a magnificent year! A huge shout out to you all. You are all stars! Together we have learnt so much, had lots of fun playing, making friends and creating lifelong memories. It has been magical to watch you all shine. You truly are amazing as our youngest members at Woodthorpe and we could not be prouder of you! For those Ducklings moving onto their next exciting learning adventure we wish you all the best for your very first year starting school; you will all be fantastic. We also cannot wait to welcome back our returners for another wonderful year ahead.

Well done Ducklings!

Reception

Music and Movement

The children have thrown themselves into their music topic with a bang, quite literally! We have explored beat, tempo and pitch as well as learning and performing a song with Makaton signs.



Computing- Introduction to Data

For our computing topic we have been looking at data. This started very simply asking the children to sort and categorise things in different ways. The children have also enjoyed exploring pictograms and branching databases.



Art - Clay Animal Sculptures

In Reception for our Art topic we have enjoyed exploring clay using both our hands and tools. For this project the children planned their animal sculpture, sculpted it referring to the plan and then painted them. We are incredibly impressed with the high levels of concentration, fine motor skills and creativity in producing their artwork.



Shout out to Reception!

Reception, what a fantastic year we have had! You have all been absolute superstars and we are so proud of each and every one of you and everything that you have achieved this year. Together, we have learnt so much and had so much fun. We are so proud of the progress you have and the confident, mature, determined and resilient learners that you have become. There have been some wonderful memories made this year that we will treasure forever. You have all made a brilliant start to your learning journey at Woodthorpe School and are now ready for your next adventure in year 1 - we can't wait to see where this will take you!

Year 1

DT

Year 1 loved their new art topic 'Woven Wonders'. Inspired by the artist, Cecilia Vicuña's the children were tasked to create art work using knots, plaits and weaving. Have a look at some of our wonderful work below.



Kingfishers- Maths

Year 1 have recently started their new maths topic 'time'. We began the week with a practical session where they used their very own clocks to practise and apply setting the time to o'clock and half past. They have absolutely blown me away with their time knowledge!



Hummingbirds - Music

Hummingbirds have thoroughly enjoyed their new music topic 'Superheroes'. During this topic, children delved into the world of superheroes by looking at their theme tunes and distinguishing the difference between pitch and tempo. They finished the week by creating their own superhero theme tune in groups!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

A huge shout out to **everybody** in Kingfisher class. We have had a fantastic year full of many memorable moments. You have been an absolute joy to teach and it has been incredible to see your determination and positive attitudes from the beginning of the year to the very end. I will miss every single one of you but look forward to hearing all about your journey in Year 2. I hope you have the most wonderful summer!

Shout outs - Hummingbird

A massive shoutout to everybody in Hummingbird class. We have had an incredible year together! We have made lots of memories and shared so many fun experiences. It has been an absolute pleasure being your year 1 teacher, you have all been amazing. Thank you so much for your hard work, determination, perseverance and wonderful personalities. You have all grown so much since our first day together. Have the most wonderful summer and I know you will all be amazing in Year 2!

Year 2

Cricket

Year 2 have been really lucky as they have taken part in a number of cricket sessions with Jo from Chance to Shine. He has made our cricket sessions great fun whilst also practising and developing new skills. We especially loved the game 'Kings and Queens' where we practised our throwing and catching!



Hidden Sugars and Healthy Wraps - DT

To 'wrap' up our last DT unit of the year, Year 2 have put their knowledge of healthy eating to the test to make a well balanced healthy wrap. We began by looking at the amount of sugar in different drinks and were shocked by how much is in some of our favourite drinks. Next, we tested our taste buds as we tried different combinations of food.

After designing our wraps, we enjoyed creating them before enjoying a teddy bear's picnic without friends.



Shout outs - Finch

A huge shout out to **everybody** in Finch class. Your enthusiasm in our topics, determination to succeed and positive attitudes towards your work is outstanding. You have wonderful personalities and have made me smile every day. You truly have been a wonderful class and I will miss every single one of you but look forward to hearing about your successes in Year 3. I really hope you all have an amazing break over the holidays with your families as you make some new memories and have fun!

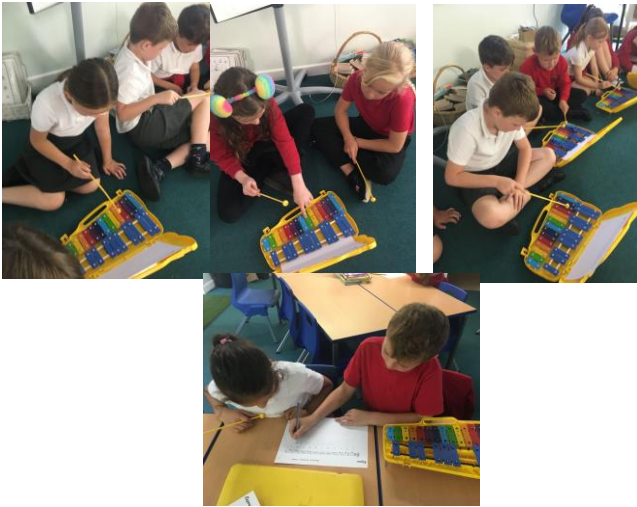
Shout outs - Robins

And just like that, our Year 2 journey is coming to an end! What a wonderful year we have had together as Robins. I want to give a huge well done and thank you to all of you in Robin class, your hard work, resilience and enthusiasm you have all shown all year round has been remarkable and I really will miss each and every one of you next year. I hope you all have a brilliant and well deserved summer break and GOOD LUCK FOR YEAR 3!!

Year 3

Playing an Indian Rag

Year 3 have loved learning all about Indian music. We loved moving to the different music and have been using the glockenspiels to play a 'rag'. We also enjoyed making up our own rags using the six key notes.



Fantastic Fitness

Our final fitness session of the Summer term and we worked so hard. Running, skipping, jumping and step ups - we were amazing!



DT- Constructing a castle.

Year 3 have been putting their structures knowledge to the test by building their own castles. We first looked at the key features that make up a castle before designing and creating our own castles using a folding, scoring and assembling technique.



Shout outs - Woodpecker

Sending a massive shout out to all of Woodpecker class. We have been blown away this year with your positive attitudes, endless enthusiasm and your hard work in everything you have done! You have been the most fantastic class who have made us smile every single day. We will miss each and every one of you but we know that you will be amazing in Year 4! We hope you all have a super holiday 😊

Shout outs - Magpie

A huge shout out to **everyone** in the Magpie class for their amazing year in Year 3. You have all worked incredibly hard and the progress you have all made is phenomenal. We have made some many memories throughout the year and I am sure you will all continue to shine in Year 4 next year. Keep shining Magpies, you are all amazing

Year 4

Year 4 - DT - Pavilions

As part of our DT unit, 'Pavillions', we have loved designing and creating our own 3D structures! We first researched different styles and types of pavilions, concentrating on their purpose and use. We also discussed the different uses of materials. We then had to work in teams to design our own pavilions to meet specific design criteria and themes: nature and Summer. We had to use a range of skills to clad our pavilions using different styles and techniques. We had lots of amazing designs, and we are very proud of our final results!



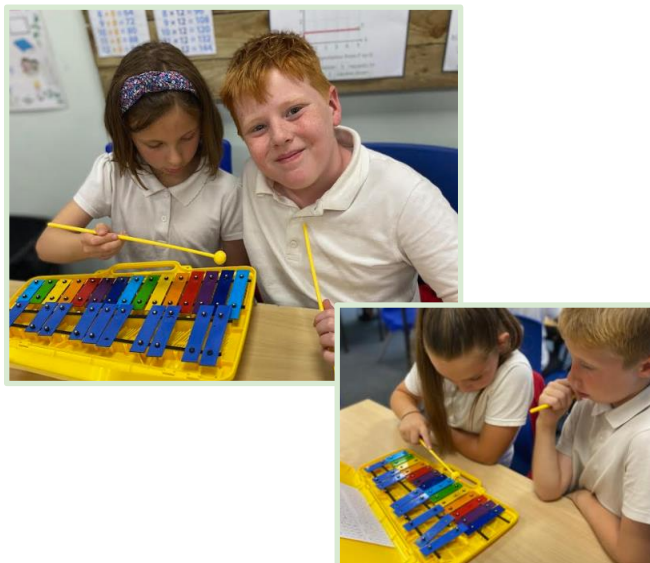
Owl- Thank you!



A HUGE thank you to the whole of Owl class! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all this year. We have made so many happy memories, which we can all look back on fondly! You have all shown an incredibly positive attitude toward your learning and have all demonstrated determination and perseverance when faced with difficult challenges. I have adored our time together and wish you all the best of luck in Year 5!

Osprey - Music - Rock and Roll

In our recent music topic, we have been learning about the components of rock and roll music. We have learnt how to do the hand jive, how to sing 'Rock Around The Clock', and how to play a walking bass line on our glockenspiels.



Shout outs - Osprey

A massive well done to every member of Osprey class! You have all blown me away this year with your resilience, determination, hard work and positivity. I am extremely proud of everything you have all achieved, and everyone has produced some outstanding pieces of work. I have loved teaching you and I wish you all the best of luck in Year 5! Well done Osprey class, you are all shining stars!

Shout outs - Owl

Charlie - Your letter to your new teacher is incredible! You worked independently to write beautifully punctuated sentences. Your new teacher will be thrilled to receive your letter!

Phoebe - I am so impressed with the amazing powerpoints you have created at home! It was a delight to share your dolphin powerpoint with the class!

Year 5

Art: Interactive Installations

Over the last few weeks, our Art topic has been based on creating our very own installations: both found object sculpture and temporary box installations. We have been developing our knowledge of the artist's 'concept' and the 'viewer experience': using lighting and effects in our work!



Music: Composing Music to Represent Colour

In Music, Year 5 have been looking at the Hindu festival Holi. We have considered how colour can be used to present different interrelated dimensions of music like the pitch, tempo and dynamics. Using this musical language we created our own graphic scores!



French Cafe Day

Last week, Year 5 went on a trip to York High School and embarked on a flavourful adventure by hosting our very own French cafe! We immersed ourselves in the language, crafted charming stalls and shared a taste of France with our friends and family. It was an unforgettable day of cultural exploration and culinary delights and we were incredibly proud of how we were able to hold excellent conversations in French!



Shout outs - Falcon

A huge shout out to everyone in **Falcons** class! You have all blown me away this year with your positive attitudes, determination and willingness to succeed. You have all blossomed into fantastic, mature and independent individuals and I am so proud of every single one of you. You have all made incredible progress and we have made some fantastic memories. I have adored teaching you this year and I cannot wait to see how your journey progresses into Year 6! Well done, Falcons, thank you for being such shining stars!

Shout outs - Kite

A special mention goes to Kite's 'Golden Children' who achieved 10 silver awards this year: **Angel, Chloe, Elizabeth and Luca!** Thank you for working your socks off this year and going above and beyond in everything that you do! As the year comes to a close, I want to celebrate the progress that every single member of **Kites** class has made this year - you have worked extremely hard and I am proud of your individual successes and emerging talents! Have a fantastic summer holiday - you all deserve it!

Year 6

Forest School- Welsh Cakes

What a delicious way to end our class forest school sessions with Mrs Banham by making Welsh cakes! We are now professionals in outdoor cooking: measuring, mixing, baking and of course, eating!



Baking

For our summer fair, year 6 made the decision to bake various treats using their maths knowledge of ratio and proportion to help. We have been super busy baking our goodies in preparation: a huge shout out to Miss Trend and Mrs Dale for their help!



Wet and Wild

A highlight of leavers' week has been our wet and wild session where we took part in different water related challenges: pass the sponge, dodge the water balloon and water bucket relays! Everyone had a great time and loved getting soaked!



Shout outs - Eagles

To all of Eagles class: thank you for a fantastic year and for all your hard work; you should be so proud of everything you have achieved. I have loved teaching you, every single one of you is an amazing person and I wish you all the very best of luck in the next step of your journey. Keep in touch, we're always here for you and would love to hear how you're getting on! *

Shout outs - Hawks

To all of Hawks class: What a year it's been! I have been extremely impressed with all of your progress and hard work. You should be really proud of your achievements - I know I am! Over the year, I have seen your great personalities shining through, your confidence grow and your determination to improve and I know that you

Diary Dates

Tues 25 th July	Last day of term
Fri 1 st Sep	Teacher Training Day
Mon 4 th Sep	Teacher Training Day
Tue 5 th Sep	Children back to school

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



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Become a School Governor at Woodthorpe Primary School.

From September 2023

**Make a positive contribution to your community.
Develop your own professional skills.
Help shape experiences for the next generation**

School governors are volunteers who work with school leadership to provide vital support and direction. They help set the strategic vision, oversee the budget and supportively challenge the school's leadership team.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives.

**Want to know more?
Get in contact with us at the school office
admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy
We can't wait to hear from you!**



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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.



**The best view comes after the
hardest climb...**



West Thorpe Scout Group are currently recruiting young people and adult volunteers to join all four of our groups at West Thorpe Scouts:
Squirrel Scouts for 4-6s,
Beaver Scouts for 6-8s,
Cub Scouts from 8-10.5s
Scouts for 10.5-14s.

Sometimes, life can be hard. But Scouts is about building those 'Skills For Life' to help conquer those challenges.

It's not always easy, but it's always great fun! Join the journey with us, explore the great outdoors and make amazing friends that will stick with you for life! For more information, get in touch with Tom on join@wtscouts.co.uk

York Mind have got a great opportunity for schools in York! It is for young males and young people representing as male.

York Mind have funding to run six weeks projects within school. At first it was for young males attending offsite and out of school hours but we did not receive many referrals, thus we had to change tack. This funding has come from a Tadcaster based family whose son died by suicide in December 2020. You can read about this here in this link: <https://www.yorkmind.org.uk/events/the-bruce-projects/>

Although the projects have come about by an extremely sad situation, we believe that a positive can come from the situation. We have created an Active minds provision for your school which entails, one hour of movement and half an hour of chat with York City Knights. The chat will be a place for the young males to have an opportunity to talk about their thoughts/feelings/hopes/futures amongst peers. Yes, we will talk about suicide, as that is the subject matter and why this project exists, however this will be done in a sensitive and delicate manner. But I must reiterate that talking about the subject matter doesn't encourage or lead someone to take action; rather, it reduces the risk.

Please see the link below for more information about our projects.

<https://www.yorkmind.org.uk/events/active-minds/>

This project is created with and for young men, in response to the knowledge that generally young men stop talking around age 11. We want to change that!

Following on from these sessions we would like to invite these young people to another provision we will be running in the summer term. It is football at York City ground on 6th June at 4pm till 5:30. If a young person is interested in this extra provision a referral will need to be completed on the link above, we have limited places.

Brass & Woodwind Lessons

Music in Schools (York) is an organisation that teaches KS2 children to play musical instruments in schools. We are passionate about encouraging children to learn an instrument and have been teaching in Woodthorpe Primary school for over 25 years.



Learning a musical instrument can be a truly enriching experience for children, providing them with a creative outlet and fostering skills such as discipline, perseverance, and teamwork. Research also shows that playing an instrument can have positive effects on academic performance and cognitive development.

We offer lessons on a variety of brass and woodwind instruments including trumpet, cornet, clarinet, flute, and saxophone all taught by Mrs Hanson every Tuesday.

If you are interested in your child learning a brass or woodwind instrument, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We will be happy to provide you with more information, answer any questions you may have or arrange for your child to try an instrument.

Further information can be found:

www.musicinschoolsyork.org.uk

info@misYork.org.uk

Tel: 01904 215071



Can you help our breakfast and after school club?

Our Breakfast and After School Club are currently looking for some additional 'small world' toys to help support the activities on offer. We would be really interested if anybody could help us with Barbies, dinosaurs, Sylvanian Families, animals, cars etc. If you think that you could help, please drop any donations at the school office – we can guarantee that they will be going to a very loving home! Thank you so much for your help,

Wrap around care team.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Saturday 8 July to Saturday
9 September

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Sign up from Saturday 8 July!

Children sign up at their local library, read 6 books of their choice over the summer collecting special stickers and rewards along the way, and everyone who completes the Challenge receives a certificate, medal, and a huge sense of achievement!

Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge is more than a fun activity for children who already love reading. The Challenge gives children the choice of what to read, in whatever format works for them and at a level they are happy with, which all helps to encourage reluctant readers to pick up a book over the Summer holiday.

There is also a fantastic programme of low cost events happening across libraries throughout the summer, providing children and families with the opportunity to try new and exciting activities at an affordable price

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1ST AND 15TH
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9.30AM-
12.30PM



TUESDAY TOTS

EXTRA

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Face painting

Lunch

Circus skills



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WHO Five years and up

WHERE Various locations in York and Selby

WHEN Throughout the School Holidays

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11am-12pm 8-10/11-14 years



Book in advance using the QR code. Limited spaces will be available for turning up on the day. Parental supervision is required for 11 and under.
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3-4pm 8-10/11-14 years



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