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Newsletter

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As we approach our February half term break, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community and we genuinely enjoy seeing everybody each day.

We have put together a shorter 'bulletin' style newsletter this week so that we can keep you updated with important upcoming events & dates over the next few weeks.

Hopefully you will have seen the parent's evening email that has been shared. We always enjoy seeing everybody on these evenings and will be offering families tea, coffee and a sweet treat in the KS2 hall. We will also have a selection of family games, books etc available in case you have a little while to wait.

We have sent out information relating to our family Comic Relief competition, we cannot wait to see the talent videos and hope that you have lots of fun putting these together!

Our 'sending our love' campaign has gained great momentum and we have already had so many donations into school - thank you so much for your help and support with this and if you haven't had chance to bring your items in yet, please do not worry, we will be accepting these up until the 2nd of March. Once again, we really appreciate your help and support with this - thank you!

Please note that we will also be emailing out the individual posters across the next few pages so that you are able to access the hyperlinks.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.



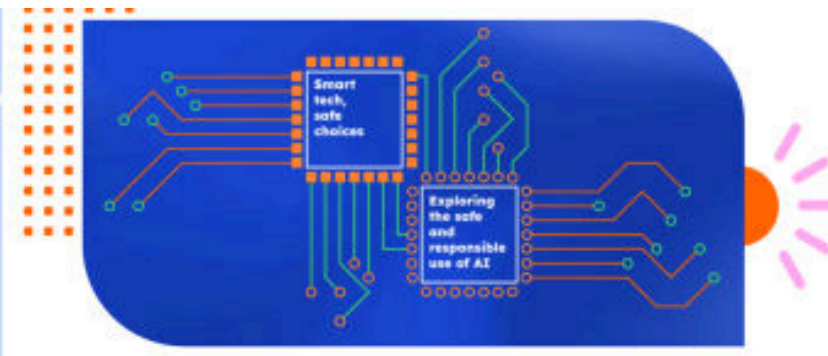
Class attendance this half term

Cygnets	95.5%	Goslings	95.7%
Hummingbirds	94%	Kingfishers	95.6%
Finch	★ 96.4% ★	Robins	95.6%
Magpie	96%	Woodpeckers	94.3%
Owl	96.1%	Osprey	95.2%
Kite	95.1%	Falcon	96%
Hawk	96.3%	Eagle	94.9%
School average for this year		95.46%	

Thank you to all those parents who manage to get their child to school on time each day, it really does make a difference. Missed days really add up - if you have any queries about attendance, or would like any support with getting your child into school, please speak to a member of our attendance team who would be glad to help.

As a reminder, if your child is absent from school, please call 01904 806464, followed by option 1 to leave a voice mail, report the absence on parent mail or email admin@woodthorpe.elts.org.uk, thank you.

Safer Internet Day 2026



"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI"

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights the available support.



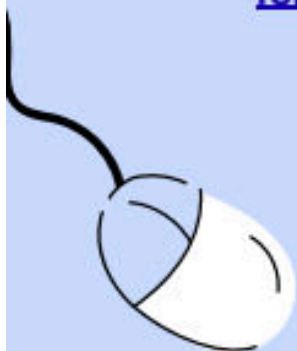
From voice assistants, to chatbots and algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

You can complete [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child

Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for parents and carers](#) [here](#)

You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child



Safer
Internet
Day 2026 | Tuesday
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

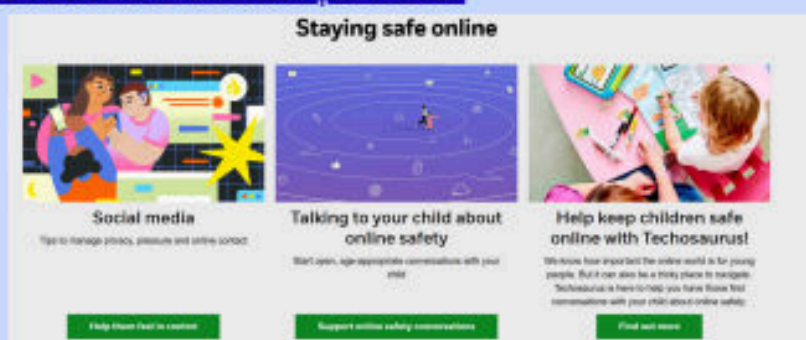
- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?



In addition to this, you may like to explore some of the other websites below. Parents/carers should pick as appropriate for their child and age.

NSPCC:

- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Talking to children about AI | NSPCC](#)
- [Support & advice for families | NSPCC](#)



Internet Matters:

- Supportive video – [Get advice for using artificial intelligence safely | Internet Matters](#)
- [A guide to artificial intelligence \(AI\) for parents | Internet Matters](#)

Childnet:

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

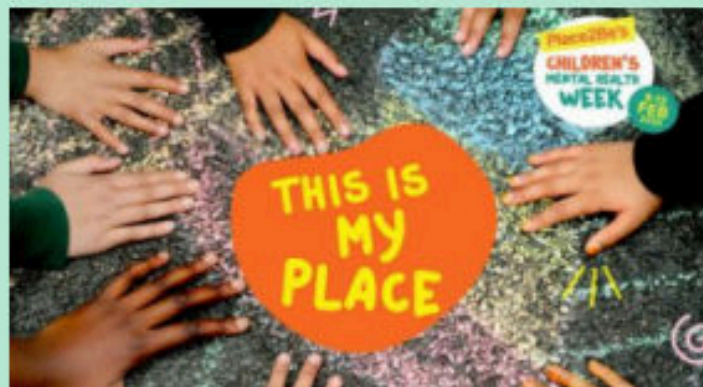
Stay safe online!

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our team.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Week 2026
9 - 15 February



This year's theme, This is My Place, focuses on belonging. It explores what it means to feel part of something, whether that is family life, school, friendships or a wider community. (Place2Be)

Place2Be

We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

This year, Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week will aim to support the groups and systems surrounding our children. We'll encourage peers, families, schools and communities to create inclusive and nurturing environments, where children and young people feel they belong and can say "This is My Place".

(Information taken from Place2Be -
Children's Mental Health Week)

Below are a range of links for suggested websites and resources which you can use to support your child. Please pick as appropriate for your child/their age.

- [Top tips for making friends | Childline](#)
- [Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)
- [Families and communities - Children's Mental Health Week](#)
- [Parenting Smart](#)
- [How to support your child's mental health – Place2Be](#)
- [Family wellbeing - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Raise York](#)
- [Advice for parents and carers: talking mental health with children at primary school | Anna Freud](#)



Random Acts Of Kindness Week 2026

15th-21st February

This year, 'Random Acts of Kindness Week 2026' falls in our February half term. We would love to hear from our amazing children about what random acts of kindness they can do during the holidays. Today, your child will be coming home with the 'Jar full of kindness sheet'. In the stars, children can write any random acts of kindness which they do this half term. All completed forms are to be returned to class teachers to celebrate kindness in our school!

Some random acts of kindness ideas could be:

- Bake a sweet treat (with adult support) for a family member, friend or even a neighbour
- Create and share affirmation cards (kind words and positive messages) for people in your family
- Donate some toys you no longer play with to charity
- Help with some 'jobs' at home as guided by your adult
- Do something to help look after our environment, for example go on a litter pick or create a birdfeeder

It would also be fantastic if parents/carers could email in a couple of photos of what your child gets up to during the week to the school office via admin@woodthorpe.elc.org.uk FAO Miss Britland, if you do, you may feature on the next newsletter! Thank you.



Spread Kindness wherever you go



School Information

Coming soon...

☀️ We've been busy planning lots of exciting activities for our children and families to enrich their time in school! 🎉 Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming events. We can't wait to share them with you!

Thursday 12th February	Training Day - no children in school
Friday 13th February	Training Day - no children in school
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 23rd February	Back to school
Wednesday 25th February	Y5/Y6 Penathlon activities at York High
Thursday 26th February	Farmer Carl to visit EYFS
Wednesday 4th March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 5th March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	Photograph Day - class photos
Tuesday 10th - Monday 16th March	Book Fair
Wednesday 11th March	Y4 School Trip to Dalby Forest
Tuesday 24th March	Family Easter Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm
Friday 27th March	Y2 School Trip to Elvington Air Museum
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	Back to school
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th April	Y5 & Y6 Residential at Peat Rigg



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) £4.70/session £3.70/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) £10.00/session £8.40/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 email the school office.

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.

Your child may be entitled to additional funding!

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.elc.org.uk) 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

