

Woodthorpe Primary School

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

Friday 19th July 2024

What an incredible year we have had! One of our busiest and most exciting years to date, with so much to celebrate! On behalf of Woodthorpe Primary School, I wanted to thank each and every member of our school community for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for what we do. Whether it's a smile on the gate each morning, a kind email, or words of encouragement, we appreciate it so much and it really does make a difference.



One of our absolute highlights of the school year has become our 'Artsfest' Barbican event and this year was incredible! Seeing our children so confident, happy and proud really does mean so much. Thank you to everybody who helped to organise, run or even attended the evening – and what an evening it was!

Special thanks must also go to our families for supporting our 'superhero run' for St Leonards Hospice, as well as our school fair. Both events are such a shining example of our community involvement.

We continue to be amazed by our incredible children, their progress, determination, kindness, and support for their peers. We are all so proud of our children and hope that you enjoyed reading about all of the successes within the latest school reports.

We wish our families a very happy and safe summer and are looking forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Tuesday the 3rd of September, ready for another exciting year ahead!

Class attendance this year!

Cygnets	94.94%	Goslings	95.58%
Hummingbirds	95.04%	Kingfishers	95.48%
Finch	95.98%	Robins	95.14%
Magpie	93.47%	Woodpeckers	94.85%
Owl	95.85%	Osprey	96.34%
Kite	94.85%	Falcon	95.77%
Hawk	94.50%	Eagle	93.64%
School average for this year		95.14%%	

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 leave a voice mail, report the absence on parent mail or email
admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy



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 6
Congratulations on winning a £10 Amazon voucher!



Random act of kindness

This week our random act of kindness goes to Maci Leigh in Year 3. In her own time at home Maci Leigh has been very busy making paper hats for everyone in her class. She has spent so much time making them, decorating them and even adding names on too! It was so lovely of her to do this and her friends have loved them! This is such a thoughtful act of kindness which has made others very happy! Maci Leigh has really embraced 'generous' in our Woodthorpe Character!

A huge thank you to our school community who have taken the time this year to send through nominations for random acts of kindness. We have been blown away with the amazing things our children do!

We are looking forward to seeing what random acts of kindness we hear about on our return to school in the Autumn term!

If you would like to nominate your child at any point, please email the school office with the subject 'Random Act of Kindness', the name of your child, a description of what they did and a photo (where possible). This will then be passed on to Miss Britland. Should you be unable to email a nomination in, please contact the school office and request to speak to Miss Britland.

Nursery

Paper Chains



Ducklings have loved all things paper chains! Together we have been busy learning how to make a paper chain. Some of us have cut out our own strips of paper, decorated the strips of paper and then learnt how to join these together to make huge paper chain decorations. Nursery have also loved thinking of creatures they could make out of paper chains including long snakes, spiders with lots of legs and very hungry caterpillars!

Final weeks in Ducklings this year!

We have had a wonderful final couple of weeks in nursery. Here are just some magical moments! Together we have loved painting in our art studio, making tasty treats in our mud tray, toasting a marshmallow or two at forest school, making fantastic constructions with our friends, exploring the water area and balancing on obstacle courses. We have had a great time playing and learning together!



Shout outs - Ducklings

A huge shout out to all our amazing Ducklings! We have had a fantastic time together this year. We are very proud of all our wonderful children for their enthusiasm to learn, amazing imaginations in play as well as being kind and caring friends. Well done Ducklings for a magical year together!

Ask us about...

How to make a paper chain! We can show you how to make decorative paper chains or even a creature made out of a paper chain!

Reception

Clay Animal Sculptures

Reception have been busy designing and making amazing animal sculptures this week. They really enjoyed using clay to sculpt their animals and then used paint to bring them to life. They all did a fantastic job of copying their designs really carefully. Hopefully they all managed to get them home in one piece!



Fun in the Rain!

Cygnets had a fantastic time in the forest exploring different ways to collect and transport water as well as building dens to shelter from the rain too!



Run for Heroes!

Reception loved dressing up as their heroes and completing a fun run in aid of the wonderful charity St Leonards Hospice. Every child joined in so well and had a fantastic time raising money - well done!



Shout outs - Cygnets

Alex - For his super imaginative sentences in our morning carpet sessions. We have been amazed with your creative mind and the different things that you have come up with as well as your super writing.

William - For trying really hard in phonics and with your reading and writing. You have been really concentrating in carpet sessions, reading at home and trying your best when segmenting for spelling - well done William!

Shout outs - Goslings

Eve H - For having a really positive attitude to learning, for always trying your best with everything that you do and for being polite and helpful at school. Well done Eve - you are a superstar!

Millie - For working really hard on your writing in phonics and during your time in continuous provision. It's lovely to see how keen you are and how much you enjoy writing. Well done Millie!

Ask us about...

We have been practising our number bonds to 10, ask us how many different ways we can make 10!

Year 1

Superhero Run!!

We got our bodies moving last week in our superhero fun run in aid of the fantastic charity St Leonards Hospice. We loved dressing up as our favourite heroes and had a super time raising money! Well done to everybody that joined in!



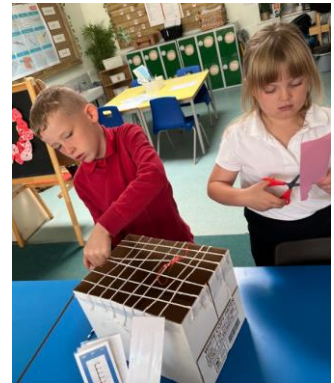
DT - Puppet making!

In DT, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers have been creating their very own hand puppets based on the characters from the well known story - 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We explored different ways to connect pieces of fabric together and we made our puppets based off our very own designs.



Getting Crafty - Art!

In art last week, Year 1 practised their newly learnt craft skills to create some fantastic modern art sculptures. We used techniques such as wrapping, knotting, weaving and threading. Both classes showed heaps of perseverance especially when we were learning to plait!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

A HUGE well done to Kingfishers for the most amazing year! You have all worked incredibly hard and should be so proud of yourself for everything that you have achieved. I have adored teaching you and I hope you have a well-deserved, fun summer! I can't wait to hear what you get up to in Year 2 with Miss Newson and Miss Poulter!

Shout outs - Hummingbird

And that's a wrap Year 1! I want to say a HUGE thank you and well done to all of Hummingbirds for all of your hard work and fun memories we have shared together this year! You have all been a delight and pleasure to teach and I hope you all have a well-deserved, fun summer!! See you all in September as fabulous Year 2's!

Ask us about...

What has been your child's favourite memory of Year 1?

Year 2

What a year Robin and Finch have had!

We have shared and made some amazing memories this year with both our classes and are incredibly proud of every single member of Year 2 this year. We just want to say a huge thank you to all our children for their hard work and dedication this year. We loved our last Wednesday - completing the Jelly Baby Challenge and having a Teddy Bear's picnic.



Texture Hunt!

In Art, we have been exploring how to create different textures with paint. We went out to the Forest to find different textures.



Finch KS1 Attendance winners!!

Finch were super excited last Friday when they won the attendance award for KS1. We LOVED having an ice cream van visit and the ice cream was delicious too.



Shout outs - Robin

Robin class - you have been absolute superstars this year and we are super proud of all of you! You have worked so hard all year and made some brilliant progress and we know you will be amazing in Year 3. We have made some fantastic memories and we hope you have a wonderful summer! We will miss you.

Shout outs - Finch

I just want to say a HUGE well done to every member of the Finch class. You have all worked exceptionally hard this year and I am going to miss you all in Year 3. I have no doubt you will all continue to shine throughout KS2. Keep shining and make lots of memories.

Ask us about...

What has been your child's favourite memory of Year 2?

Year 3



Magpie - Egyptian designs

In art, we have taken inspiration from our Egyptian history topic to create our own Egyptian scroll designs. We looked at a range of different Egyptian patterns and symbols before creating our own design using wax crayons. We are so excited to make our own papyrus paper in our next lesson!

Woodpecker - Looking ahead



In PSHE this week, we reflected on the year we've had and looked towards our next year. We wrote on ribbon mobiles what we are looking forward to in school next year, a change we want to make next year, how we feel about growing up, and what we can do with our worries about growing up. We feel prepared to positively go into our next year!

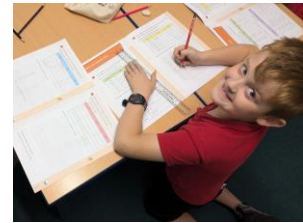
Woodpecker - Time Odyssey!



We had so much fun on our trip to the Yorkshire Museum last Friday! We took part in the 'Time Odyssey' experience, where characters from the Egyptian times, Stone Age period and Roman age needed our help so that they could return through a time portal! We loved interacting with the museum in this way and found lots of treasures.

Magpie - Data collectors

In our statistics topic in maths, we discovered how to collect and present data. We first had to collect data from our friends in the classroom before deciding how to best present our findings. We discovered how to create bar charts and pictograms. We had great fun finding out different information from our peers such as their favourite colour and how many pets they have!



Shout outs - Magpie

A HUGE well done to everyone in Magpie class! We have had the most amazing year and I am so proud of all the progress you have all made. You have all worked your incredibly hard and I hope you all have a wonderful Summer!

Shout outs - Woodpecker

Well done to everyone in Woodpecker class for an incredible year in Year 3! I am extremely proud of all the work you've produced, discussions you've had, and progress you've made. It's been a pleasure teaching you all - I hope you have the most amazing summer!

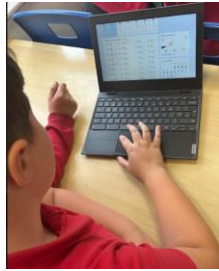
Ask us about...

What has been your child's favourite memory in Year 3?

Year 4

Osprey - Computing - Weather presenters

In Osprey class, we have been enjoying our final computing unit of Year 4; Data handling - Investigating weather! In this lesson, we explored different weather forecast websites and completed a spreadsheet to display the information we found. After that, we became our very own weather presenters and explained the weather for the next day!



Owl - PE - Swimming

Owl class had an amazing time swimming this term. We have learnt a number of different swimming strokes, practised getting in and out of the pool and for our last session we had fun with the floaties! We can't wait for swimming again in Year 5!



Osprey and Owl - Art - Fabric of Nature

In Osprey and Owl class, we have enjoyed being creative in our art unit; Craft and design: Fabric of nature! In this unit, we have made our own Batik's, using inspiration from the rainforest. We made moodboards to help us choose a colour scheme before working with our fabric!



Shout outs - Osprey

A huge well done to everyone in Osprey class! You have all made excellent progress and I am extremely proud of you! Your kindness, resilience and determination has made this year amazing, and you have all been a pleasure to teach. Thank you for all your hard work and I wish you lots of luck for Year 5!

Shout outs - Owl

A massive well done to everyone in Owl class. You have been a fantastic first class for me and I have loved getting to know every single one of you. Thank you for all your hard work and lovely memories. Have the best summer and have a great time in Year 5! - Miss Walker

Ask us about...

What has been your child's favourite memory of Year 4?

Year 5

French Cafe!

Year 5 had a fabulous time visiting York High School for our French Cafe day! In the morning, we learnt some important French words and phrases and practised using these to order and serve a range of French delights. We then spent some time creating our fabulous French Cafes. We were blown away by Year 5's creativity and attention to detail with their cafes. We were thrilled to welcome our parents to the cafe and impress them with our new French skills. A huge thank you to Mrs Inkley and York High for organising such a fantastic day!



Arts Fest - Barbican

We are so proud of all our children who performed at the Barbican Arts Fest! It was a brilliant day of rehearsals, creativity and fun. Everyone worked so hard to perfect their performances and we spent the whole day getting ourselves ready for the final performance. We also had time for a drama and music workshop to keep the creative juices flowing! It was a joy to see so many parents and families coming out to see us perform in the evening. Thank you to all of those who came and helped make it a truly special celebration.



A final shout out

Well done to all of our fabulous Year 5s! You should be so proud of all the incredible things you have achieved this year. We have been so impressed by your kindness, resilience and determination in everything we have done. It has been a joy to teach you all and we know you are all destined for great things in Year 6. Good luck and keep safe over the summer holidays!

Ask us about...

Can you recall the numbers 1-10 in French?

Year 6

Leavers' Week

We have thoroughly loved our Year 6 leavers' week! From the lively party to our exhilarating water fight, every moment has been filled with joy and laughter. Our final forest session was a wonderful adventure, we had a blast playing a range of board games and our trip to the park was a lovely treat. The exciting quizzes, including a fun challenge of recognising images of ourselves, added to the excitement of the week. We will miss the children incredibly, having watched them grow and develop across their Woodthorpe journey. They have become strong, resilient and mature individuals and we are so proud of the progress that they have made.



A huge, heartfelt shout out to all of our amazing Year 6s. You have filled our days with curiosity, laughter and incredible moments of growth. From the first day of primary school to this special leavers' week, watching you transform into the remarkable individuals you are today has been a privilege. Your determination, perseverance and wisdom have inspired us daily. Keep shining brightly, Year 6- everyone here at Woodthorpe is so proud of you!

Ask us about...

We have made so many incredible memories during our time at Woodthorpe Primary School. From our beach day in Year 2 to leavers' week in Year 6, ask us about them!

Diary Dates

Fri 19 th July	Last day of term
Mon 2 nd Sep	Teacher Training Day
Tue 3 rd Sep	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

Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share [this useful website](#)– where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety.

For further information support and copies of our own Woodthorpe digital newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



Ducklings Nursery at Woodthorpe Primary School

Now accepting pupils for September 2024 and beyond

Our fully qualified and highly experienced Nursery team are welcoming 3 and 4 year olds to Ducklings. Our inspiring and nurturing environment provides hands-on immersive experiences for your child, using the natural environment to promote exploration and independence, helping your child become school ready.

We accept both 15 and 30 hour funding and provide wraparound care. Parents are also able to pay for additional sessions that are not funded at a rate of £4.20 an hour. You can also use the Government tax free scheme to pay for your sessions.


Please visit www.woodthorpeprimaryschool.co.uk/ducklings-nursery to apply for a place, or pick up an application pack from the school office. You can also email us at ducklings@woodthorpe.southbank.academy



YORK ACORN RLFC

LITTLE ACORNS (AGE 3-6)

SESSIONS
FRIDAY
5:45pm - 6:30pm



OUR FUN, STRUCTURED PLAY SESSIONS, WITH ENGAGING AND QUALIFIED COACHES, SUPPORTING OUR LITTLE ACORNS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

AIMING TO TEACH BASIC RUGBY SKILLS; HOW TO CATCH, PASS, KICK, RUN WITH THE BALL, PLAY AS PART OF A TEAM AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

YORK ACORN RLFC

For more information, contact:
MARTIN - 07585809474

Crafty Fox Kids Club

After school craft club

St James the Deacon,
Woodthorpe
Mondays (term time)
3.45-4.45pm

(Pre-booking essential)

For more information visit:
www.craftyfoxkidsclub.com



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3-5PM

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SENSORY
PLAY

MAY 25TH
STARTS AT
3PM

St. James the Deacon Church,
Sherringham Drive, YO242SE

 [stjamesthedeaconchildrenandfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesthedeaconchildrenandfamilies)

Cricket Club

If your child is interested in joining a cricket club, please see the posters below or alternatively follow [this link](#) to see where the closest clubs are to you.



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All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised t-shirt**

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Join us for some outdoor fun in the woods at St Nicks Nature Reserve. Sessions include a campfire lunch.

Search for events at www.stnicks.org.uk or contact Christine@stnicks for more info

Free places for children with HAF vouchers.

**22nd – 24th July
14th – 16th Aug**

**Family sessions 10 – 12.30
Over 8s – 12:30 – 3pm
£7.50**

Nature crafts

Tool work

Tree climbing

Den building

Games

Fire lighting

FOOD BANK

DONATIONS NEEDED

We have provided food parcels to families in need since last summer and due to a growing demand we are now launching a food bank. This will enable us to better support those in need within our community.

Any donations of food are gratefully received, as long as they are unopened and in date - see below for some ideas.



DROP-OFF LOCATION

St. James the Deacon Church
Sherringham Drive,
Woodthorpe, YO24 2SE

DROP-OFF TIMES


Tuesdays 9-11am
Wednesdays 9-11am
Thursdays 9-12pm

Or contact Nicola or
Fr. Luke for an
alternative drop off
time.



ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Soup
- ▶ Pasta
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Tinned tomatoes
- ▶ Pasta sauce
- ▶ Beans/lentils/pulses
- ▶ Tinned meat
- ▶ Tinned vegetables
- ▶ Tea/coffee
- ▶ Tinned fruit
- ▶ Biscuits
- ▶ UHT milk
- ▶ Toiletries
- ▶ Hygiene products



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam



Brownies
68th York




**Girls have nonstop fun,
learning and adventure**
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: Exempted from registration



Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)



Dear Parent/Carers,

We are delighted to announce the launch of two new websites www.raiseyork.co.uk and www.yorksend.org. They have been created with children and young people, parents, carers and professionals to make it quicker and easier for local families to get the information they need about local services and community support.

The **Raise York** site is part of the city's new network of Family Hubs; a project funded by the Department for Education to bring together organisations supporting children and families in a 'one stop shop'. A network of people, places and online support from pregnancy through to adulthood (age 19 years, or 25 years for people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), the aim is to make it easier to get advice, help and support on a wide range of topics including infant feeding, mental health support, health visits and parenting classes.

In partnership with Raise, York SEND Local Offer (yorksend.org) is also being relaunched onto its own site. The new website site provides a dedicated resource for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, their families and the professionals working with them.

The York SEND Local Offer sets out services and activities available to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities; support is available from birth to 25 years old. Our website provides helpful information for families at every stage of their journey, whether this is to learn about what Special Educational Needs are, to find out about the support available with or without a diagnosis, or to understand what preparation for adulthood looks like for young people with disabilities, the website covers all.

Take a look at both websites:

www.yorksend.org

www.raiseyork.co.uk

If you have any questions, please email yorklocalofferSEND@york.gov.uk