



Newsletter

Friday 8th November, 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It's been wonderful to see all the children back in school, ready to embrace a new half term filled with learning and excitement. The energy and enthusiasm they've shown has been truly heartwarming, and we're thrilled to see everyone diving back into their routines, friendships, and learning with such positivity.

In the first week back, we had a fantastic visit from the Fire Brigade, who taught all the children about fire safety—a crucial lesson during the bonfire season. The firefighters shared valuable information on staying safe around bonfires and fireworks, and the children were fully engaged, asking insightful questions and absorbing this important guidance.

In addition to the Fire Brigade, we also welcomed the Community Policing Team to school. They spoke to the children about how to keep safe in our local community, discussing practical tips and the importance of looking out for one another. They then returned last week, bringing along a police car which our Reception children got the opportunity to explore—a truly exciting experience for our youngest pupils!

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time during their football coaching session at South Axholme Academy. They represented Westwoodside with great pride and displayed excellent teamwork and determination. It was a joy to watch them develop new skills, cheer each other on, and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

As well as all this, all of our children looked exceptionally smart for School Photograph Day. Information on how to order the photographs will be sent home in the coming days, so keep an eye out for that.

We also have some staff news to share. Unfortunately, our caretaker, Mr. Shellbourne, will be away this term after badly injuring his leg over the half-term break. He'll need this time to recover fully, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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In happier news, a huge congratulations to Mrs. Heather, who recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy! We are so happy for her and her family and wish them all the best as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

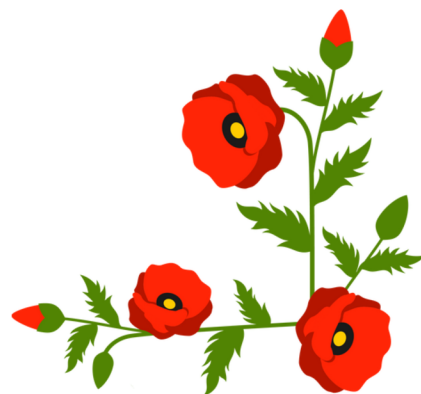
Moving forward, our newsletters will be sent out fortnightly. We hope the level of detail and information included in each newsletter will keep you well-informed, but to ensure you stay updated on school events, please make sure you are receiving notifications from the School Jotter app and regularly checking the diary for all the exciting upcoming events.

As we embark on this new term, all the staff at Westwoodside Church of England Academy are eagerly looking forward to the weeks ahead. We're excited to create more meaningful learning experiences, nurture our pupils' growth, and make this term a truly rewarding one. Thank you for your continued support as we journey through this half term together, filled with opportunities, learning, and cherished moments.

Warm regards,

Aaron Rush

Deputy Headteacher



Stars of the week



N	Freya T
R / 1	William T
1 / 2	Rachel
3 / 4	Chris
4 / 5	Millie
6	Ellie



Breakfast Club!

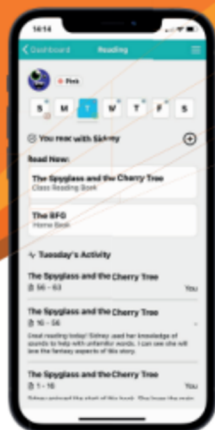
Don't forget we offer a Breakfast Club!

Breakfast club is open every morning from 7:30 AM to 8:50 AM. We offer a range of healthy breakfast options to help your child start their day energised and ready to learn.

The cost is £3.50 per session. If you're interested in booking a space for your child, please contact the school office for more information or to reserve a space.



YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS A BOOMREADER SCHOOL



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Boom Readers of the week

A huge congratulations to our Boom Readers of the Week! These children have earned the most gems on BoomReader by showing fantastic dedication to reading both in school and at home.

Well done to all of you for your hard work and enthusiasm—**keep it up!**

R/1 Harrison
1/2 Florence
3/4 Benjamin/Amelia
4/5 Emily D
6 Chloe S

**Further Congratulations to
the class with the most reads!**

**Yr
4 / 5**

Attendance

A top priority at Westwoodside



At Westwoodside Church of England Primary Academy, we are committed to ensuring outstanding attendance and punctuality for all our pupils. Regular attendance is crucial for maximizing learning opportunities, and we rely on parents and carers to help encourage a positive attitude towards attending school. Research shows that pupils who attend school consistently not only achieve better academic results but also build stronger friendships with their peers.

Our school's minimum attendance target is 96.5%, and we expect all pupils to meet or exceed this. Every day matters, and maintaining good attendance will have a significant impact on your child's overall progress and development. Let's work together to support your child's success in both learning and social growth.

**Together, we can ensure that all our pupils
have the best possible opportunities for success!**



Upcoming Events

Something for the fridge door...



- Mon 11 Nov - Year 6 Remembrance day trip to Haxey
- Mon 11 Nov - Nursery and Reception Book Chatter afternoon
- Wed 13 Nov - Weekly SEND Coffee Morning. 9:15am
- Thu 14 Nov - Library Van visits school
- Wed 20 Nov - Weekly SEND Coffee Morning. 9:15am
- Tue 26 Nov - Year 2 visit Wesley Church for The Christmas Journey
- Wed 27 Nov - Weekly SEND Coffee Morning. 9:15am
- Fri 29 Nov - Friday Family Read Morning. 8:50am
- Wed 4 Dec - Author Visit: Susannah Lloyd – Badgers are Go! Workshop for KS1 and KS2
- Thu 5 Dec - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to The Cast Museum and Theatre
- Thu 5 Dec - Library Van visits school
- Fri 6 Dec - Westwoodside Pond Lights Switch-On (village pond)
- Thu 12 Dec - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day
- Mon 16 Dec - Elf Run for Whole school to raise money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice
- Tue 17 Dec - Nursery and Reception Nativity 10am
- Tue 17 Dec - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
- Wed 18 Dec - PTA Christmas party 4:30pm
- Thu 19 Dec - Whole School Christmas Service led by KS2 at Haxey Church 2pm
- Fri 20 Dec - Class Christmas Parties and End of Autumn Term
- Mon 6 Jan - Return to School for 2025 Spring Term



***Remember to see further dates please log into the School Jotter App
where you can view and subscribe to the school calendar***

Half Term Hero Awards



A huge well done to our fantastic half-term heroes! Their dedication, hard work, and positive attitude have made a real impact on those around them. Whether it's supporting their peers, going above and beyond in their learning, or contributing to the wider school community, their efforts have not gone unnoticed. Each of them have shown true commitment and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.



Well done to all our half term heroes



Coughs, colds, and bugs

Since returning from half-term, we've seen a rise in coughs, colds, and bugs in school. We've increased our cleaning of key touchpoints and are encouraging the children to wash their hands more regularly throughout the day.

If your child is able to attend school despite minor illnesses, we ask that they continue coming in. However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding whether your child should be in school with certain bugs, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Temperton in the school office for advice.



After School Clubs

From exploring music and performing arts to honing athletic skills, there's a wide range of opportunities for your child to discover new passions and develop valuable skills.

MONDAY

Forest School for Reception to Year 2

TUESDAY

Dance Club for Year 1 to Year 6

WEDNESDAY

Music Club for Reception to Year 2

Multi-sports Club for Year 3 to Year 6

THURSDAY

Choir for Year 2 to Year 6

Multi-skills club Reception to Year 2

FRIDAY

Performing Arts for Year 3 to Year 6

To register for any of the After School Clubs, simply contact the office or click on the links on any of the flyers which are on the school notice-boards, or which you will have received via email from the school.

This Week at Westwoodside!

Take a look at some of the fantastic experiences we've had in school this week!



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