



Westwoodside Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week full of excitement and learning here at school! We were delighted to have another visit from the library van, giving our pupils the chance to explore a wonderful selection of books and spark their imagination. Adding to this, we had a very special mystery reader from the library surprise our nursery and reception classes with engaging stories, to the delight of the children.

Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a memorable school trip this week to the Old Rectory and Wesley Church, discovering more about the creation story in a lively and interactive session that brought the story to life.

Playtime has been filled with laughter as children have set hula hoop records on the playground. It has been wonderful to see our pupils having fun, encouraging each other, and building teamwork and coordination skills.

Looking ahead, we are very excited for the upcoming CAST school trip for Nursery, Reception and Y1/2. This promises to be an inspiring experience for our younger pupils, and we know it will be a highlight of their week.

Thank you to all families for your continued support. Together, we continue to make School a vibrant, learning-focused, and community-minded school.

With best wishes,

Mr Aaron Rush

Interim Head of School



Visit our school Facebook page to see all the wonderful learning opportunities taking place at Westwoodside!



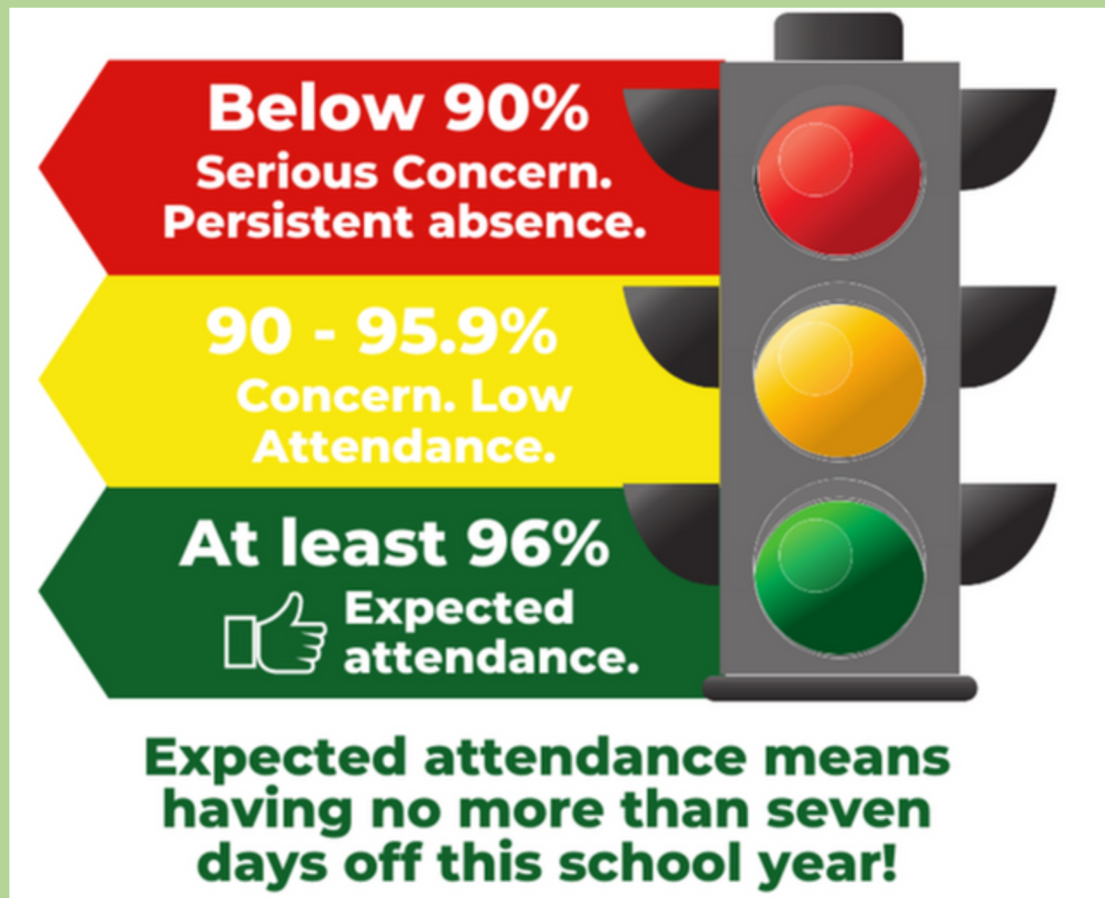


The Week at Westwoodside in pictures!



Attendance

A top priority at Westwoodside



Whole
school
attendance
this week

93.93%

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



DECEMBER

- **2nd** - PTA Meeting
- **5th** - Trip to CAST - Nursery - Year 2
- **5th - Evening** - Pond Lights - choir to sing
- **8/9th** - Group 1 Bikeability Y5/6
- **10th** - Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day (whole school to wear Christmas Jumpers)
- **10th** - EYFS Christmas Performance
- **11/12th** - Group 2 Bikeability Y5/6
- **15th** - Choir to sing at Nicolas House Care home, Haxey
- **17th** - Santa Sprint Afternoon (supporting Lindsey Lodge) - *more info on next page*
- **18th** - Christmas Service - Haxey Church
- **19th** - Children break up for Christmas break

JANUARY

- **5th** - Children return after Christmas break
- **5th** - Haxey Hood Competition
- **5th** - First session of Pre-Pedal - Nursery/EYFS/Y1
- **8th** - Flat Stan First Aid Session - EYFS - Y6
- **13th** - PTA Meeting
- **20th** - KS2 (Elm & Oak) Trip to Magna

FEBRUARY

- **3rd** - PTA Meeting
- **13th** - Children break up for half term
- **23rd** - Children return to school

MARCH

- **5th** - World Book Day
- **20th** - Sublime Science Day (funded by the PTA)
- **31st** - Easter Service - Haxey Church - 2pm



The logo of WWS (Walsby Way School) is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a blue background with a gold border. At the top, the letters 'WWS' are written in large, gold, serif capital letters. Below the letters, there is a gold cross. In the center of the cross, there is a gold icon of an open book with a lit candle on the left and a gold cross on the right. At the bottom of the shield, there is a gold banner with the text 'BELIEVE & ACHIEVE' and 'LEARN & GROW' in blue, sans-serif capital letters.

This is a sponsored event where the children will be required to complete a route on the school field/playground, the children will journey through different festive zones, collecting fantastic treats along the way to be transformed into Santa!





Haxey Hood



The Haxey Hood officials invite all the children of Haxey and Westwoodside schools to decorate a hat.

Competition

Children to decorate a Haxey Hood style hat.

Bring your Haxey Hood hat to school on

Monday 5th January 2026.



The Haxey Hood officials would like to bring back a tradition of decades gone by, of the wearing of hats on children during Hood Day.



Westwoodside PTA

Email: ptawestwoodside@outlook.com

Facebook group: Friends & Family of WWS School

SumUp Shop including pre-loved uniform:

<https://westwoodside-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Chair: Michaela Cooper (Harrison, Yr 2)

Secretary: Hazel Krčo (Natalija, Yr 3 & Tijana, Nursery)

Treasurer: Andrea Goddard (Jasmine, Reception)



Reminder that our virtual school fair is open until this Sunday!

Every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school.



Please join us this Sunday at the Westwoodside School Fundraiser Christmas Market at The Carpenters Arms - **29 November 2025 from 2pm**

Rainbow Raffle

A big thank you to everyone for the coloured items donated last week on non-uniform day. Everyone's generosity has enabled us to make double the amount of hampers than we expected. Raffle tickets can be bought from the following places:

- ★ The Carpenters Arms on Saturday 29th November 2pm-5pm
 - ★ Westwoodside Pond Lights Friday 5th December 6pm onwards
 - ★ Outside school every drop off and pick up from Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December.
- Raffle tickets are £1 each or a whole book for £5.

A special guest 🎅 will draw the raffle on Wednesday 10th December. Winners will then be contacted.



PTA Events Coming up:

- 29 Nov · 2 pm – Christmas Market @ Carpenters Arms - Come and enjoy some Christmas gift shopping as well as fun games.
- 1 - 5 Dec · Drop off & Pick-up – Raffle tickets sales - PTA members will be selling tickets at school.
- 2 Dec · 6 pm – PTA Planning Meeting Let's plan together! Join us for a cuppa and a chat about upcoming school events.
- 5 Dec · 6 pm – Westwoodside Pondlights switch on - PTA will be joining in the festive fun at this year's Pondlights
- 10 Dec · Raffle draw - Coloured hampers raffle drawn at school by a special guest.
- 19 Dec · 3:30 pm – End of term tuck shop - Celebrate the last day of term with a sweet treat!

Westwoodside PTA



SATURDAY

WE LIVE HERE - HAXEY
PRESENTS

29
NOV

HAXEY
MEMORIAL
HALL
DN9 2HN

HAXEY CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON 2025

5PM
MEMORIAL
HALL OPEN

5PM
TRACTOR RUN
LEAVES
WILLOW FIELD

6PM
LIGHT SWITCH ON

BAR
SANIA
STALLS
RAFFLE

FAIRGROUND
ILLUMINATED

TRACTOR RUN
SANTAS POSTBOX

LETTERS AVAILABLE TO
WRITE ON THE NIGHT.
SANTA WILL REPLY





Christmas

in EPWORTH

Sunday 30th November
from 10am to 3pm

P
FREE
in centre of
EPWORTH &
at SOUTH
AXHOLME
ACADEMY

Enjoy a fabulous festive family
day in Historic Epworth



Food & Drink



Craft & Gift Stalls



Music & Entertainment



Children's Rides



& many local shops open for
Christmas shopping 📺



For more info please visit **f** **LoveEpworth**

Organised by The Epworth Business Forum

KIDS SWIMMING LESSONS

Spaces available for group swimming lessons - 5 years+
Monday & Thursday 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 11.00am

BOOK NOW Contact reception on 01427 8754937

The Perfect IntroDUCKtion to Swimming

Puddle Ducks

Swimming Lessons for Babies & Children 0-4 Years

Teaching independent swimming from birth!
Our classes encourage a respect for water and a lifetime longing to jump in and have fun.

Why is teaching your child to swim important?
The physical & mental advantages gained from swimming are well documented. Here are some key facts about how it benefits your child:

- It provides a complete physical workout, strengthening your child's heart, lungs and respiratory system.
- Learning to respond to key words can make your child sharper mentally, increase levels of awareness and understanding and improve communication between you.
- Swimming facilitates development of crucial higher brain functions, core muscles and co-ordination.
- You and your baby feel relaxed and confident in the water.

Programmes designed by child swimming experts

Can you recommend a friend?
Recommend a friend to join & both receive £10 credit!
t: 01302 578001 doncaster@puddleducks.com
Find more information at puddleducks.com

We want every child to love swimming, respect the water and swim beautifully. That's why our standards are the highest and our approach is unique.

At Puddle Ducks, our highly trained and qualified teachers are experts at identifying children's levels of ability and adapting activities to the individual, nurturing confidence and encouraging natural ability.

#differentswimschool
Our lessons are taught in specially selected pools with limited class sizes, classes incorporate rhyme (our bespoke songs have been written by professional musicians) and movement based on extensive child development research. Our programmes and teacher training are continuously developed in the latest techniques, ensuring our teaching standards remain the highest.

We're a proud member of the Swimming Teachers' Association

Find us on

Swimming Lessons ages 4-10

SWIM ACADEMY

FREE taster session!

So, you want your child to learn to swim.
Let's help them learn the right technique, in the right environment, with the best people.
Let's give them the courage to be fearless, make friends, swim strongly and have fun.
Then let's see where those skills might take them.

Let's do this.
You've decided to take your child to swimming lessons, but why should you choose Swim Academy?

LET'S BE AWESOME.
We train, we teach, we continue to learn, at the highest level, so that your children are taught in the best possible way, from their first class to their graduation.

LET'S GET THERE.
We set clear targets and meet them. Track the progress of your superstar swimmer through your online account and follow their progress every step of the way.

LET'S OWN IT.
We don't knock children down; we build them up. Our strokes are deconstructed so that nothing is ever 'wrong' because they're always started out right.

LET'S GO FURTHER.
We are continually evolving and improving our programmes in line with new research and guidance on swimming and child development, but also in line with what we learn internally about our swimmers and the way they progress through our programmes.

We're a proud member of the Swimming Teachers' Association

LET'S HAVE FUN.
Children learn through experience, not through repetition. We keep our classes fun, lively, varied and exciting to help your child stay engaged and challenged in the water.

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Find more information at www.puddleducks.com

Swim Academy is brought to you by the experts at Puddle Ducks

Safeguarding

at Westwoodside
Church of England Academy



Welcome to the Westwoodside Safeguarding Update

At Westwoodside Church of England Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility—and our top priority. Anyone who comes into contact with children and their families has an important role to play in ensuring their safety and well-being.

The purpose of these newsletters is to share helpful updates that may support children and families within our community, guiding you to the right sources of help and advice whenever needed.

To access this weeks update please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/www-safeguarding>

If you have any safeguarding concerns,
please do not hesitate to contact us using our details, below



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