Woodhouse Primary Academy

Newsletter: Friday 23rd October

The pathway to success

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This week's attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.3%	93.3%	98%	100%	90%	91.2%	93.9%

Whole School: 94.3%

Well done to Year 3 for winning the attendance prize this week!

Please support us in helping your child achieve 100% attendance.
If they are in school, ready to learn, they are on the pathway to success.



Celebrating our school values

This week we celebrated the value of **Respect**.

Congratulations to our *Stars of the Week*: we are very proud of you all!

Y1 – Frankie F
Y2 – Jaxx C-G
Y3 – James W
Y4 – Isaac W
Y5 – Thea J
Y6 – Annie W



Thank you!

Our Harvest Food Bank Appeal has been a huge success! Thank you to all our families for your generosity. We delivered your donations to the Food Bank who send their heartfelt thanks. Congratulations to Preston who won the family hamper!





T-shirts wanted!

Any donations of pre-loved T-shirts or long-sleeved tops to protect the children's uniform during art lessons will be most welcome!

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2

Reception Parent/Carer Phonics Event	11th November
Children in Need Day	13th November
EYFS Reading Together Parent/Carer Event	18th November
Assessment Week Years 2-5	23rd November
Staff Training Day	27th November
Parents' Evening	1st December
Assessment Week Year 6	7th December
Christmas Celebration Years 4-6	15th December
Christmas Celebration Years 1-3	16th December
Christmas Celebration Nursery & Reception	16th December
Little Rainbows, Nursery & Reception Christmas Stay and Play Event	17th December
Celebration Awards	18th December

Please sign up on Arbor for next term's extra-curricular activities.

After school clubs run from 3.30pm – 4pm. Parents/Carers are responsible for your child's journey home.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Craft Club (Y1-6) After School	Book Club (Y6) Lunch Time	Art Club (Y5-6) After School	Dance (Y4-6) After School	School Leaders (Y3-6) Lunch Time
Reading Booster with Miss Claydon - Y6 by invitation After School		Lego Club (Y1-6) After School		Football (Y4-6) After School

PE Days – please make sure children bring their PE Kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1, Y2	Y3, Y4	Y5, Y6	Y1, Y2	Y3, Y5, Y4 Y6 Swim

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Spotlight on Year 1!



Hello everyone!

I'm Miss Hayes, and I am a familiar face around the school, having worked at Woodhouse Primary Academy for the past 10 years.
This year, I have the pleasure of being the Year 1 teacher, and what a wonderful class we have! It has been lovely getting to know the children already, and I am excited to see where our learning journey takes us this year. Year 1 is such a special year, filled with creativity, curiosity and lots of new learning opportunities.

In Year 1 So Far...

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 1 and have already impressed me with their confidence, resilience and, most importantly, their kindness towards one another. In **English**, we have been exploring the story *Meesha Makes Friends*. The children have been developing their skills in orally composing sentences before writing them down independently. We have used time adverbials to write diary entries about how Meesha was feeling throughout the story. A key focus has also been developing handwriting skills and ensuring letters are formed correctly. In **Maths**, we have continued to strengthen our understanding of number. The children have been working on their subitising skills, developing their knowledge of place value and are currently learning how to solve simple number problems. During our afternoon lessons, our learning has taken us in lots of exciting directions. In **History**, we have been learning about **Auckland Castle**. In **Science**, we have explored microhabitats and the creatures that live in our school grounds, while in **RE**, we have been learning about who Jesus is.

Where Our Learning Will Take Us Next...

Over the coming term, our English learning will be centred around the book *Nibbles*. I am looking forward to seeing what mischief Nibbles gets up to! We will also continue developing our handwriting skills and sentence writing, including using the joining word **and** to extend our ideas.

In **Maths**, we will continue developing our understanding of number by exploring place value within 20 and then 50. We will also begin learning about different shapes and their properties.

Our afternoon topics will include learning about our local area, categorising animals, exploring painting techniques, and learning more about ourselves and how to keep safe in the world around us.

Don't Forget...

Homework

- New homework is set every Friday and should be returned by Thursday.
- Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- Children receive additional behaviour points each time their reading diary is signed by an adult at home.

P.E.

- P.E. takes place every Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school with their full P.E. kit.

Water bottles

- Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day, as staying hydrated is important for learning and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to continuing our learning journey together in Year 1 and helping every child reach their full potential.

Miss Hayes

Year 1 Class Teacher