Westwoodside Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What another busy and exciting week it has been here at Westwoodside! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher evenings, and we hope these have helped to strengthen the strong home–school links and open communication we are committed to maintaining throughout the year.

It's been brilliant to feel a real buzz around reading in school this week as we welcomed both the Travelling Book Fair and the Mobile Library, helping to further ignite pupils' love of reading. In addition, our local Fire Brigade visited school to deliver an important talk on fire safety ahead of Bonfire Night and the fireworks season—a valuable reminder for everyone about keeping safe while enjoying the celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement—it really makes a difference.

With best wishes,

Mr Aaron Rush

Interim Headteacher

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

This Week at Westwoodside!

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

The past week has been full of exciting learning experiences. Today, Year 5 and 6 were visited by Humberside Fire & Rescue, who delivered an engaging session all about fire safety.
Across the school, pupils took part in activities for World Mental Health Day, learning practical ways to keep their minds healthy and positive.
There has also been a real buzz around reading, with children thoroughly enjoying the books they have borrowed from the mobile library or purchased from the Book Fair.







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)



The Westwoodside village barn dance, held in July at J & J Fretwell's farm on Doncaster Road, proved another great success. The event raised enough funds to keep the much-loved Pond Lights running for another year, while J & J Fretwell generously donated £2,000 to the Westwoodside School PTA.

We are hugely grateful for the donation which will be going towards our big project for the year which is transforming the quad area in school. Stay tuned for more information soon.

A heartfelt thank you to the Haxey Hood for their generous donation of £150 at their recent presentation evening — and to everyone who contributed during January's event to make the donation possible..



PTA Events coming up:

23 Oct · 4:45–6:30 pm – Autumn Disco :
Tickets on SumUp Shop

25 Oct · 12–3 pm – PTA Pumpkin Patch
Join us at Westwoodside Playing Field for a fun-filled afternoon of pumpkins, games, and autumnal cheer. A perfect family outing!

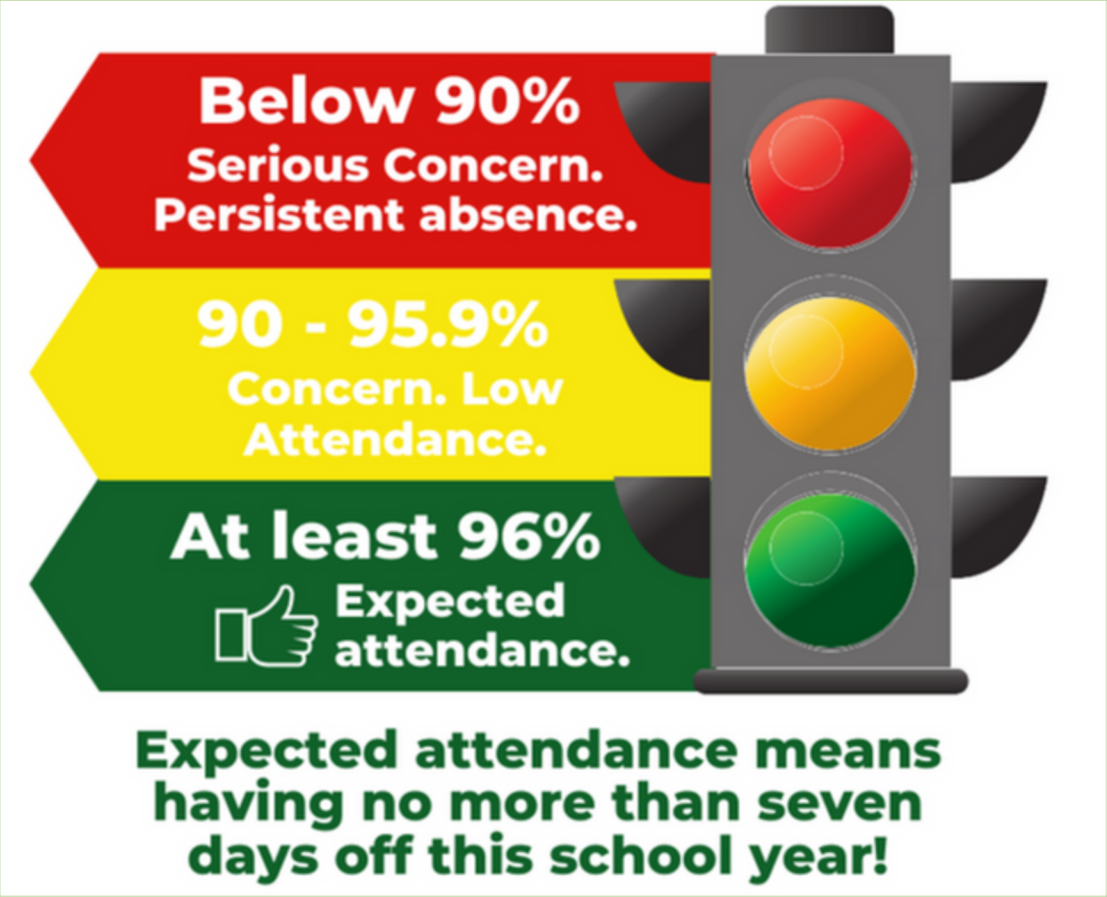
4 Nov · 6 pm – PTA Planning Meeting
Let's plan together! Come along to share your ideas and help shape upcoming events. Everyone is welcome.

7 Nov – Crazy Hair Day
Let your creativity run wild! We can't wait to see the wackiest, silliest, and most colourful hairstyles.

9 Nov · 4 pm – Sheffield Steelers Game
Cheer on the team! Grab your tickets from SumUp Shop

Attendance

A top priority at Westwoodside



Whole school attendance this week

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

OCTOBER

- **20th -** With Me in Mind School Assembly
- **21st -** EYFS - Book Chatter Event
- **22nd -** Flu Vaccinations in School (Reception - Year 6)
- **23rd -** Individual School Photos
- **23rd -** Autumn Disco 4.45pm - 6.30pm
- **24th -** Family Read Morning
- **24th** - Whole School Rugby Experience Day (everyone in PE Kit)
- **24th** - School Closes for October Half Term
- **25th** - Westwoodside PTA Pumpkin Patch day 12-3pm at **Westwoodside Playing Field**

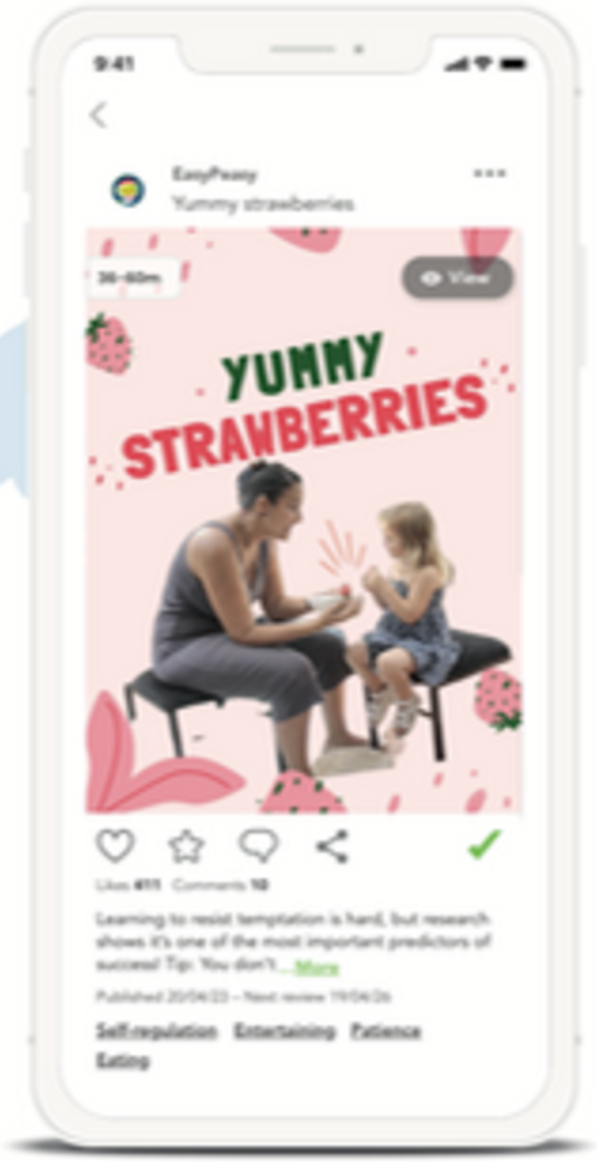
NOVEMBER

- **3rd** - School Opens for Autumn Term 2
- **3rd** - Get Ahead Academy Sport Leader training session 2 for Oak Class
- **4th -** PTA Meeting
- **5th** - SEND Parents and Carers Coffee Morning 9am
- **7th -** Crazy Hair Day (PTA Event)
- **11th** - RemembranceDay - Oak class to lay wreath in Haxey
- **12th** - Year 3 South Axholme Sports Festival
- **14th** - Children in Need - Non Uniform Day
- **20th** - With Me in Mind sessions for Oak and Elm
- **25th -** Year 2 School Trip to Welsey Church - Christmas Journey
- **28th** - Family Read Morning

DECEMBER

- **2nd -** PTA Meeting
- **5th -** Trip to CAST
- **8/9th -** Group 1 Bikeability
- **10th** - Christmas Dinner Day
- **11/12th -** Group 2 Bikeability
- **17th -** Santa Sprint Afternoon (lindsey lodge)
- **18th -** Christmas Service - Haxey Church

North Lincolnshire Council



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We're excited to let you know about a free app designed to support parents and carers of children under 5. Funded by the Department for Education through the Family Hubs programme, the app provides trusted advice, tips, and resources to help with your child's development, health, and wellbeing.

Whether you're looking for ideas to support your child's learning, guidance on routines, or local support services, this app is a great way to stay informed and feel confident as a parent.

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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/wws-safeguarding

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

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