Westwoodside Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow - we are already two weeks into the second half term and it's been action-packed fortnight at Westwoodside! We kicked things off this week with Odd Sock Day to celebrate individuality and mark Anti-Bullying Week, filling the school with colour, creativity and lots of smiles. On Remembrance Day, Oak Class laid a wreath in Haxey, showing real respect and gratitude to those who have lost their lives in war.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 pupils represented us brilliantly at the South Axholme Learning event, building their sport, science and history knowledge while demonstrating great teamwork and determination. We then rounded off the week by joining in the fun for Children in Need, with pupils and staff wearing spots or yellow to raise money for a fantastic cause. What a wonderful week to remember!

Looking ahead, there's even more to be excited about next week. Our EYFS Passport Day will see our youngest pupils learning about Diwali through stories, creative activities and play-based learning. On Thursday, the With Me In Mind team will be in school delivering wellbeing workshops with our KS2 pupils, supporting them to explore strategies for looking after their mental health. We'll then finish the week with a whole-school Rugby Day on Friday – a brilliant sporting experience for everyone to enjoy.

Another fantastic week awaits!

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!











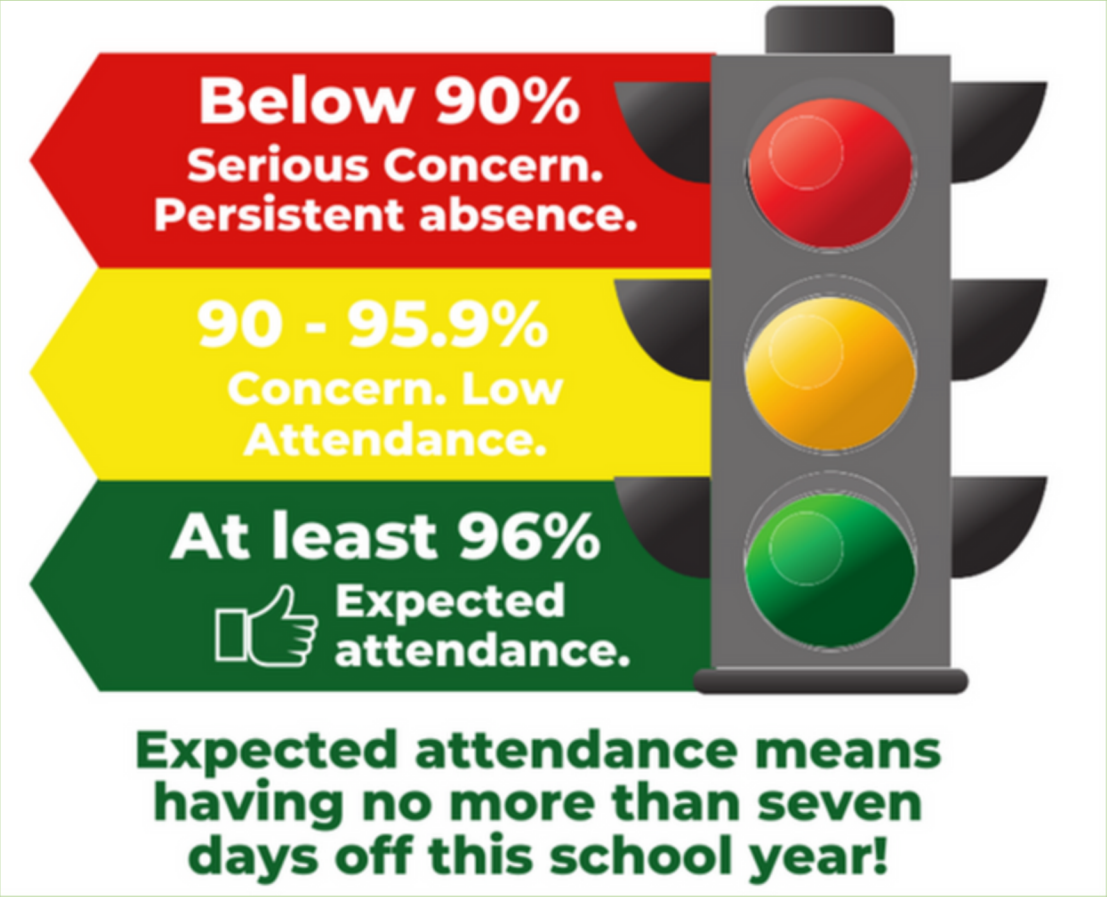






Attendance

A top priority at Westwoodside



Whole school attendance this week

97.19%

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

NOVEMBER

- **20th** - Non Uniform Day for a Specific Colour - N/R - Blue/ Y1/2 - Green/Y3/4 - Red/Y5/6 - Purple
- **20th -** With Me in Mind sessions for Oak and Elm
- **21st** - Rescheduled Rugby Morning Y1-6 - please wear PE Kit
- **25th -** Year 2 School Trip to Welsey Church - Christmas Journey
- **28th** - Family Read Morning

DECEMBER

- **2nd -** PTA Meeting
- **5th -** Trip to CAST - Nursery - Year 2
- **5th -** Pond Lights - choir to sing
- **8/9th -** Group 1 Bikeability Y5/6
- **10th** - Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day (please 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)
- **18th -** Christmas Service - Haxey Church
- **19th -** Children break up for Christmas break

JANUARY

- **5th -** Children return after christmas break
- **20th -** KS2 (Elm & Oak) Trip to Magna

FEBRUARY

- **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)

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)

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Crazy Hair Day! The creativity and colour were fantastic to see, and together we raised an amazing £149.78. Your generosity and fun spirit help make our school such a wonderful community — thank you for your support!

Also thank you to all that attending the Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Game. Dispite the score all the children had a great time and raised £69.50 for the PTA








We are having a Virtual school book fair from Monday 24th until Sunday 30th November.
It's a great time to get some gifts and support our school library refresh, the book fair is being organised in conjunction with our Usborne Partner, Kerry Williams of Beau's Bookshop, and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school.
Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in FREE BOOKS to the school.

Non-Uniform Day –Thursday 20th November! 🎉

It's time for a bit of fun — children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in a donation of a specific colour!
Each class will have a colour theme, and we're asking for a small gift in that colour — for example: 🧸 a cuddly toy, 🍫 chocolates, 🎁 a small gift item
Something lovely for Christmas hampers. The colourful hampers will then be raffled off with the draw taking place on the 10th December, tickets will be available at the Carpenters Arms Christmas Market, Pondlights stall and at school - check the date section for all the dates. More info on next page



PTA Events Coming up:

- **20 Nov - Non-Uniform - Bring a coloured item**
- **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

RAINBOW RAFFLE

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 20th November 2025

Please bring an item in the colour of your year group/ class. The PTA will then combine these items into family hampers which will be used as prizes for a Christmas raffle (more information about raffle tickets to follow at a later date).



Your item could be snacks, drinks, toys, stationary, toiletries, homeware, games, crafts etc





Raffle tickets will be available to buy at the following times:

- ⭐ **Carpenters Arms Christmas Market 29th November 2pm**
- ⭐ **Westwoodside Pond lights 5th December 6:30pm**
- ⭐ **Before and after school all week 1st December-5th December.**

Raffle tickets will be £1 per ticket. No cash to be taken into school staff, as school is now cashless!


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CHRISTMAS
LIGHT
SWITCH ON
2025
5PM
MEMORIAL
HALL OPEN
5PM
TRACTOR RUN
LEAVES
WILLOW FIELD
6PM
LIGHT SWITCH ON
BAR
SANTA
STALLS
RAFFLE
FAIRGROUND
ILLUMINATED
TRACTOR RUN
SANTAS POSTBOX
LETTERS AVAILABLE TO
WRITE ON THE NIGHT.
SANTA WILL REPLY


2025
Christmas
in EPWORTH
Sunday 30th November
from 10am to 3pm
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FREE
in centre of
EPWORTH &
at SOUTH
AXHOLME
ACADEMY
Enjoy a fabulous festive family
day in Historic Epworth
Santa's
Grotto
Food & Drink
Craft & Gift Stalls
Music & Entertainment
Children's Rides
& many local shops open for
Christmas shopping
LOVE
Epworth
For more info please visit LoveEpworth
Organised by The Epworth Business Forum



Epworth Swimming Pool

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

Free Child Seat Checks

Date: Thursday 20th November 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Morrisons, Scunthorpe

Join us for a FREE Good Egg Safety Child Car Seat Check to ensure your child's seat is fitted correctly and safely.

Our trained experts will be on hand to offer:

- ✅ One-to-one fitting checks
- ✅ Friendly advice and guidance
- ✅ Safety tips for all ages and seat types

No need to book – just turn up!

Let's keep our little ones safe on the road.

For more information, contact the North Lincolnshire Council Road Safety Team- roadsafety@northlincs.gov.uk





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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