



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 7th November

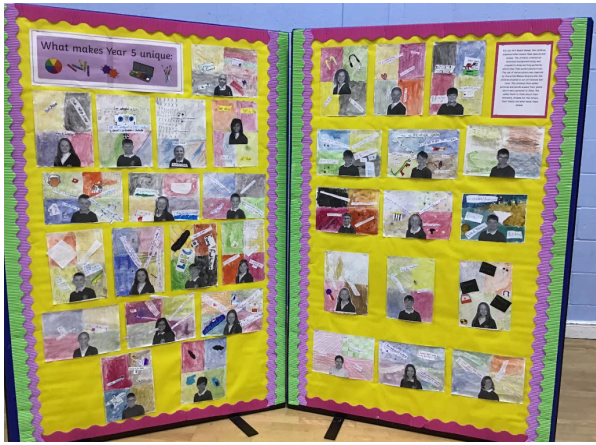
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week at Waterloo, including Art Week themed 'Express yourself' and a brilliant flamenco workshop for children in Years 4-6. Author Chrissie Sains also visited to speak to Years 3 to 6. Looking ahead, don't forget Odd Socks Day on Monday, November 10th, and please consider donating to The Advent Calendar Appeal.

Art Week

This year, our Art Week theme was 'Express yourself'. The children created portraits in different styles, using lots of different art techniques to show who they are as individuals. They also created a whole-school piece, based on the prompt 'What Waterloo means to me'. Below are some pictures of the wonderful work they created.





Odd Socks

On **Monday 10th November** school will be participating in an odd socks day to support our work on anti-bullying week. Children are invited to wear their most eye-catching, mismatching socks to school as a celebration of their individuality.

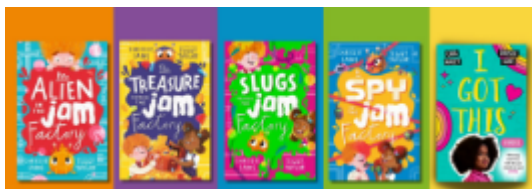
Flamenco Dancing

This week the Year 4-6 children really enjoyed the flamenco workshop by West End Schools. It was an interactive way for them to learn about Art Appreciation for the Owlcotes Elements and about Spanish culture. The whole session was buzzing with energy as they jumped into the action. They especially loved trying to get their fancy flamenco arms just right. You could feel their excitement as they stomped their feet hard to traditional Spanish music, which connected them to the dance's passion and history.



Author visit from Chrissie Sains

Yesterday, we had a visit from author Chrissie Sains. She has written books such as 'Beastopia', 'The Alien in the Jam Factory' and 'A Spy in the Jam Factory'. Years 3 to 6 enjoyed an assembly where she spoke about why she became an author, she shared some of her stories and she answered questions from the pupils. Years 3 and 4 were then lucky enough to take part in some exciting workshops!



Advent Calendar Appeal

We are thrilled to support a special cause close to the heart of one of our Year 6 families: Finley's Advent Calendar Appeal.

Finley, a Year 6 student, spent significant time in Leeds Children's Hospital as a baby. His mother, who was there with him, witnessed first-hand the incredible difference a simple Advent Calendar made one Christmas, brightening a difficult day for both Finley and her. She later learned that the nurses were buying these small gifts for the children out of their own pockets.

Inspired by this, Finley's family has run an annual appeal ever since, collecting calendars to ensure children spending the Advent period in hospital have a little daily joy.

We are collecting Chocolate, Non-Dairy, Non-Food, Book, and Fidget Calendars to cater for all requirements. These will be distributed to Leeds Children's Hospital, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Pinderfields, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, and Barnardo's for child carers.

How to Donate: Please bring your new, unwrapped Advent Calendars into school starting Monday, November 3rd. The last day for collection is Thursday, November 27th, as the calendars will be delivered on the 28th. Thank you for helping us bring a little light to children in hospital this Christmas season!

OPaL

We would like to take the time to thank the following companies for their generous donations for OPaL. Rory Kemp from Horsforth Pick Your Own for the donation of the logs. The children have really enjoyed using them to climb on and sit on pretending to make campfires. Beechfield Tree Service for their large donation of woodchips which will be used in the redevelopment of the mud cafe and the woodland area. Darby & Sons roofing for their donation of guttering. A special thank you to the parents for their continuous support and donations. We are currently asking for empty and clean yoghurt pots and bottles for OPaL craft sessions!



Important Dates & Information

Event	Date & Time
Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 8th December from 9:30am Thursday 11th December from 2:00pm
Year 1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9th December from 2:00pm Thursday 11th December from 9:30am
Year 2 Nativity Performance	Monday 8th December from 2:00pm Tuesday 9th December from 9:30am
KS2 Christmas Performances at Pudsey Parish Church	Tuesday 16th December 1:45pm - 2:45pm Wednesday 17th December 9:45am - 10:45am

Training Days for the 2025/26 Academic Year: Please mark your calendars for our upcoming training days:

- Monday, January 5th, 2026
- Monday, July 20th, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Learners of the week

The following children have received a good worker award. Well done to....

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Nursery	Scarlett Illingworth (10th October) Zendaya Armitage-Potter (10th October) Adyan Ahmed (17th October) Holly Jakes (17th October) Loxley Diable Dougie Hamblin Rowan Dewis
Reception	RJO - Lilia Leighton RBM - Lyla Knowles
Year 1	1SW - Freddie Glover 1ED- Siena Smith
Year 2	2NB -Fatima Faisal 2JB- Mabel Costello
Year 3	3CR - Harley Long 3PW- Penelopy Thompson-Hill
Year 4	4BD - Neveah-Grace Frith 4KL - Ellie Bell

Year 5	5RH - Jasper Lawrence 5LP - Aiyala Khan
Year 6	6NW - Evelyn Rhodes 6SW - Lucas Valys

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School Attendance - Our whole school attendance this week is: 95.6%

Holiday Requests in Term Time

All holiday requests must be submitted to Mr White prior to going away on an 'Exceptional Circumstances Request Form' which can be collected from the school office or printed from Leeds City Council's website. Leave of absence will not be granted in term time unless there are reasons considered to be exceptional by the Headteacher. Across Owlcoates Trust we interpret exceptional to mean "very unusual, significant, unavoidable and short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Absences

If your child is absent then you need to call school before 9am, if possible, and inform us of the reason for their absence so we can code the absence on our registers. Any un-reported absences are recorded as unauthorised so please make sure you keep us informed.

If your child has a medical appointment, please notify the office beforehand. If possible, bring in a letter or text so we can code the absence correctly.

If you need your child to take time off during term time then you need to fill out an Exceptional Leave form which you can collect and return to the office before you take them out of school. This will be submitted to the Head Teacher.

Please note that the structure of fines for school absences has changed and came into effect in Leeds at the beginning of term. See the table below for more details.

New National Penalty Notice Framework (unauthorised school absence)



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines from 19th August 2024 across the whole of England

- Schools **MUST** consider a penalty notice for 10 unauthorised sessions (usually 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period of time (these sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any unauthorised absences and can span different terms and school years).
- Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child (For example, if there are 3 children in a family, each parent may receive 3 separate penalty notices).

National Penalty Notice Framework (offences in a three year rolling period)

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence (or any further offences within 3 years)
The first penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)	The second penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will not be reduced)	A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be considered for potential legal action. This can result in a criminal record and fines of up to £1,000 plus costs.

Pudsey Community Project

School uniforms are available to collect from a local run charity.

“Our Kids’ Clothes provision aims to save people money and help the planet by reducing fabric waste and encouraging people to reuse clothes instead of buying new. We have an active [Facebook](#) page where we advertise some seasonal items and people can message us with requests for bags to be made up for them to collect.

We work with The Leeds Uniform Exchange run by Zero Waste Leeds, running uniform stalls at the Leeds Breeze Events and participating in the Winter Coat Appeal.”

We donate any lost property at the end of the year to the project so there are always plenty of Waterloo colours available.

Pudsey Community Project,

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