

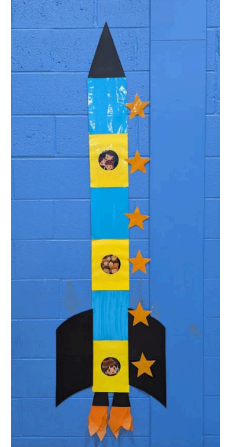


Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 21st November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are launching a new **Whole-School Attendance Award** to encourage everyone to be in school every day. The children are very excited because the whole school reward is a Movie Afternoon! Here is how we earn it: every week the school achieves 96% attendance or better, we get one more star on the rocket in the hall and one step closer to the whole school reward. Consistent attendance is the key to your child doing their best in school, so please help us reach our weekly 96% target by making sure your child is in school and on time every day, unless they are genuinely too sick to attend. With your help, we can celebrate everyone's hard work with a really fun afternoon!



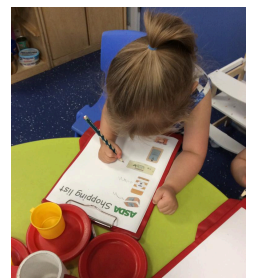
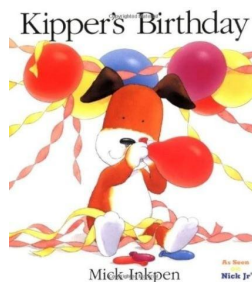
New Pitch

We are thrilled to announce the official opening of our fantastic **new Astro Turf Pitch** on the school playground! This brilliant will be great for a wide range of activities, including quality P.E. lessons, organised games during playtimes, and a wide range of after-school sports clubs all year round. We need to say a massive thanks to the brilliant Friends of Waterloo, whose exceptional hard work and fundraising paid for this wonderful addition. Thank you, Friends of Waterloo, for giving our children such an amazing resource!



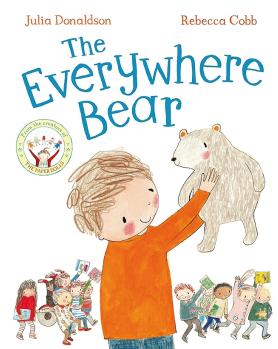
Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed reading 'Kipper's Birthday' this week. We have had lots of parties in the home corner to celebrate and have been busy writing shopping lists for the ingredients to make buns for our parties!



Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning about India for the past two weeks. The Everywhere Bear has been sending us postcards, highlighting the landmarks, weather, and animals that we have studied. The children have been delighted by the Indian restaurant mud kitchen set up in the playground, and we have also sampled a variety of new foods during snack time.



Y1

Year 1 have been enjoying their history unit all about toys through time. We have had discussions about what toys we enjoy playing with and what different materials were used to make toys in the past. The children shared their favourite modern toys, contrasting them with historical examples like wooden blocks, rag dolls, and train sets. Over the next few weeks, the pupils will get hands-on experience with some toys from the past!

Y2

The children have begun their Design Technology unit by learning the skill of threading a needle. We were impressed by the great resilience they demonstrated, initially using wool to practice the technique. They also enjoyed progressing using a needle to follow a pattern on card. We are very much looking forward to seeing their sewing skills develop over the coming weeks!



Y3

Year three have been busy reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' over the past few weeks. They have been putting together a truly disgusting list of ingredients for their own medicine to give to Grandma. We have been so impressed with their creativity and the variety of different adjectives used to describe the medicine. Well done, Year 3!

Y4

Over the last few weeks, we have started to read the book, The Man Who Walked Between The Towers. Children have performed on the wire and envisaged a dramatic scene while also talking about what it would be like to walk on the wire. The children are thoroughly enjoying the book and we are looking forward to writing our own version of the story.



Y5

Poetry Slam!

We had a great day on Tuesday when the poet Maria Ferguson came to visit and spent the day with us writing poems to perform on the theme of 'Play'. The children loved writing their poems in groups and then rehearsing/ performing them to the rest of the year group. We chose two poems that were especially original to perform at the Leeds Schools Poetry Slam event next April at the Carriageworks Theatre.

Y6

This week Year 6 parents were invited into school to watch our long awaited 'Robinwood Residential' class assembly. The children worked very hard to write their own scripts that focused on one of the activities they had taken part in during the residential. During the assembly they spoke clearly and projected their voices - well done Year 6!

Dance Fest

Well done to the children from year 5 and 6 who participated in 'Dance Fest 25' with Northern Arts Factory last night at Yeadon Town Hall. The children danced to 'Kung Fu Fighting' and performed it to a sell out audience of over 450 people! The children were amazing and they represented school brilliantly. Well done. We are so proud of you!



Reading Ambassadors

Miss Walker met with the Reading Ambassadors this week to talk about their role and to get their highly sought after Reading Ambassador badges! Their role will include: promoting their love of reading across school; supporting their peers with book recommendations; looking after the reading areas in school and creating new reading areas for pupils to enjoy.



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!

Important Dates & Information

Event	Date & Time
Nursery Sing-along	Tuesday 9th December 10.45am Thursday 11th December 2.15pm
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....

	Friday 14th November	Friday 21st November
Nursery	Lucca Smith	Hallie Swiers Eva Bennett Stanley
Reception	RJO - Ollie Childs RBM - Lilian Mohammed	RJO - Jace Speight RBM - Darcie - Rae Clough
Year 1	1SW - Ozzy Musgrave 1ED- Findlay Heberd	1SW- Olivia Stow 1ED- Beatrice Diable
Year 2	2NB -Jack Major 2JB- Hailie-Jane Walker	2NB - JJ Silveria 2JB - Mila Lin
Year 3	3CR - Zac Taylor 3PW- Penelopy Thompson-Hill	3CR - Zahra Wahid 3PW - Carly-May Dickinson
Year 4	4BD - Oscar Manchester 4KL - Alexis Tolios	4BD - Jude Urwin 4KL - Noah Jones
Year 5	5RH - Ted Raistrick 5LP - Emma Butters	5RH - Rohan Rane
Year 6	6NW - Hannah Barnes 6SW - Lucas Valys	6NW - Xander Gill-Hall 6SW - Liam Simpson

Stay Connected! Don't forget to follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with all the latest happenings at Pudsey Waterloo!

- [Facebook](#)
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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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When?

First Session - Wednesday 1st October 2025 (Weekly)
Wednesdays Evenings- 6pm until 7pm

Where to find us

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