



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 23rd January

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome everyone back for the start of the new term and to see the children settling back in so well.

Back Chat Brass

As part of our **Owlcotes Elements** theme 'We are all artists', the children enjoyed an electrifying performance by the brilliant Back Chat Brass this week. The band brought the hall to life with their high-energy covers of modern pop hits, demonstrating that artistry can be vibrant, contemporary, and incredibly fun. It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to witness live music first-hand and see how traditional instruments can be used to reimagine the songs they know and love. This memorable experience has left the children feeling truly inspired and perfectly showcased the diverse ways we can all express ourselves as artists.



Nursery

The children have done a brilliant job this week of retelling the story of 'The Gruffalo'. Badger group have been busy extending and creating their own repeating patterns and Duckling group are working on recognising groups of up to 3 objects.



Reception

This week we have been learning the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have done some great listening and can now retell the story with actions. In maths we have been learning how different parts make a whole.

Year 1

Last week, Year 1 brought their learning to life with a walk to the local Post Office in Pudsey. Inspired by our focus book, *The Jolly Postman*, the children wrote letters to their families and mailed them first-hand. The children were polite and sensible as they posted their envelopes in the sorting office. It was a wonderful opportunity for some of the children to connect our literacy topic on *The Jolly Postman* with our local community in Pudsey.

Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing workshop with Ian from Junior Stem. The children enjoyed following algorithms to create a moving carousel. They had to work in partners, finding the different lego pieces to make their carousel and they showed great resilience when the building got tricky with the smaller parts.



Year 3

Year 3 children have been reading the story of Hansel and Gretel this week. They've been thinking carefully about the witch's gingerbread house and writing a creative description of it. They have had some wonderful ideas- from candy cane lampposts, to pillows made of marshmallows! All the children thought very carefully about their word choices and worked hard to use accurate spelling and punctuation in their writing.

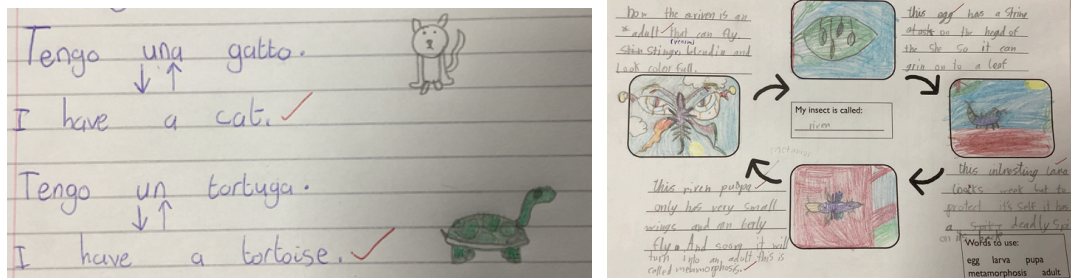
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 pupils visited the Royal Armouries in Leeds. The morning began with a self-guided tour, followed by a live demonstration featuring a member of the Roman army and a Celt. In the afternoon, the children thoroughly enjoyed workshops focused on Celtic life and the Roman military. They had the opportunity to handle artefacts that the Celts would have used in tribal battles. In true Roman style, the children learned to follow marching orders from a Centurion and even successfully formed a testudo (tortoise) formation. If the children reported that their teachers were throwing axes at them—don't worry! They were well-protected by wooden shields, and the axes were, thankfully, made of foam.



Year 5

Year 5 has really enjoyed learning about the life cycles of different animals in our science lessons. Last week, they were challenged to create their own insect which had to go through all four stages of an insect's life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The children thought carefully about the features of an insect and created some wonderful insects. In our Spanish lessons, the children have been asking each other '¿Tienes una mascota?' (do you have a pet?) and replying, in Spanish, with the pets that they have and their names.



Year 6

In our art lessons in Year 6 we have been learning about architecture, with a focus on the buildings designed by Yorkshire-born architect Cuthbert Brodrick. We have spent lots of time studying the buildings he designed in Leeds city centre, such as: Leeds Town Hall, Leeds City Museum and Leeds Corn Exchange. We have learnt about different sketching techniques, including: continuous line drawing, non-dominant hand drawing and drawing using fine liners and biros. This week we sketched our final piece, which was a Cuthbert Brodrick designed building and inspired by the contemporary artist Lizzie Prestt. Our final pieces will be assembled as a cityscape of Leeds and will be displayed on our Year 6 display board outside the hall.



Reading Ambassadors

This week, the Reading Ambassadors from Year 1 up to Year 6 have been busy choosing books from our school library to create three new reading areas around school. They discussed which theme they would like each new reading area to have and agreed on 'Mystery/Detective' books, 'Fantasy/Magic' books and the final reading area will have a selection of graphic novels. One of the new reading areas will be in the entrance to school, near the school office. Look out for it when you are next in school. We are also busy with making plans for World Book Day, which takes place on Thursday 5th March, and we're looking forward to sharing our ideas after half term.



OPaL

This week we have been involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch and our lunchtimes have been spent creating and making all things birds as well as conducting our bird surveys! We have introduced our new wheeled area and it has been lovely to see the children having lots of fun on our new scooters. What's next: We would love any donations of dinosaurs and/or equipment that will help us set up a hair and beauty area. These could include; old hair straighteners, rollers, hairdryers, empty shampoo/conditioner bottles, bobbles, brushes etc. We are also in need of anyone who could supply the school with soil for our new and upcoming mud kitchen and planting areas. Please contact the school office if you think you can help.



Spring Term Important Dates

Event	Date & Time
3PW trip to the Climbing Depot	Wednesday 4th February
3CR trip to the Climbing Depot	Wednesday 11th February
FOW School Disco	Wednesday 25th February (Note the corrected date) Year 1, 2 and 3 at 3:30pm-4:30pm Year 4, 5 and 6 at 4:45pm-5:45pm
Year 1 and 2 Reading Breakfast	Wednesday 4th of March, 8:30 - 9:30am
Year 5 Shakespeare performance	Wednesday 4th March 7 - 9:30pm
Year 3 and 4 Reading Breakfast	Thursday 5th March, 8:30 - 9:30am
World Book Day	Thursday 5th March
Rec, Year 5 and 6 Reading Breakfast	Friday 6th March, 8:30 - 9:30am
Online Safety Evening	Wednesday, 11th March 6-7pm
4KL Trip to Rodley Nature Reserve	Tuesday 17th March
4KL Class Assembly	Wednesday 18th March, 9:00 am
5LP Space Camp	Thursday 19th March, overnight
4BD Trip to Rodley Nature Reserve	Tuesday 24th March
5RH Space Camp	Thursday 26th March, overnight
3CR Class Assembly	Wednesday 1st April, 9:00 am

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

- 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 16th January	Friday 23rd January
Nursery	Junior Robey	Seb Hutchings Molly Hodgson
Reception	RJO - Zorawar Saini RBM - Peyton Campbell	RJO - Poppy Simpson RBM - Theo Allanson
Year 1	1SW - Hooriya Shah 1ED- Nixon Beniston	1SW- Owen Stow 1ED- Amelia Diamond
Year 2	2NB - Fatima Faisal 2JB- Veer Jassi	2NB - Jackson Wiggins 2JB - Jack Stevens
Year 3	3CR - Milana Balule 3PW- Isabella Guidicelli	3CR - Sophie Wilson 3PW - Molly Beetham
Year 4	4BD - Delilah Darling 4KL - Robyn Dacre	4BD - Benji Harrison 4KL - Robbie Baker-Morris
Year 5	5RH - Lily Jennings-Papendick 5LP - Cameron Khan	5RH - Archie Weston 5LP - Tihomir Ochrimuk
Year 6	6NW - Ewan Allen 6SW - Oliver Parker	6NW - Caelan Townend 6SW - April King

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](#)
- [Instagram](#)



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.

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,

Fartown, Pudsey

LS28 8LP



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LEEDS WINTER COAT APPEAL



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City Centre Hub, Merrion House, LS2 8NG
Cardigan Community Centre, LS6 1LJ
Reginald Centre, LS7 3EX
Compton Centre, LS9 7BG
Burmantofts Community Hub & Library, LS9 7QA
St Philips Church, LS9 9EF
Hunslet Community Hub & Library, LS10 2NS
BITMO, LS10 3QH
Dewsbury Rd Community Hub & Library, LS11 6PF
Beeston Community Hub & Library, LS11 8PN
New Wortley Community Ctr, LS12 1LZ
Armley Community Hub & Library, LS12 1UQ
Bramley Resource Ctr, LS13 3DQ
Bramley Community Hub & Library, LS13 3ND

Swinnow Community Ctr, LS13 4RF
Seacroft Community Hub & Library, LS14 6JD
Halton Community Hub & Library, LS15 7JR
Holt Park Community Hub & Library, LS16 7RX
Lingfield Living Local, LS17 7HF
Horsforth Community Hub & Library, LS18 5BL
Yeadon Community Hub & Library, LS19 7PP
Otley Community Hub & Library, LS21 1EZ
Wetherby Community Hub & Library, LS22 6LL
Garforth Community Hub & Library, LS25 1EH
Kippax Community Hub & Library, LS25 7LY
LS26 Community Foodbank, LS26 0AW
Morley Community Hub & Library, LS27 8FZ
Pudsey Community Project, LS28 8LT

Visit www.wearandshareleeds.org.uk for details on opening days/times

Please only take one coat per family member

Items are NOT for resale



PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ABOUT US....

Pudsey Community Project exists to transform Pudsey and its surrounding areas with and for the local community.

At our youth/children's clubs we have a team of youth workers and volunteers that are fully DBS checked and have a vast experience of working with young people.

We provide a safe, friendly, and nurturing environment for young people to learn, grow and develop social skills whilst having fun!

All of our youth work is term time only.

MONDAY



Games Cafe

(School years 4-9)
Board/card games, Lego and tuck shop.



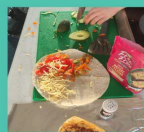
6-7.30pm £1.50 entry.

TUESDAY



Cooking Club

(School years 6-11)
A 6 week course running each half term to learn basic cooking skills. £2 per session.



Limited places so booking is essential, please contact...

youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk

THURSDAY

Youth club (School years 4-6)
Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, board games and tuck shop.

6-7pm £1.50 entry.

Youth club (School years 7-11)
Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, boards games and tuck shop.

7.15-8.30pm £1.50 entry.



Pudsey Youth & Children's Activities

Pudsey Community Project, Fartown, LS28 8LP

For more information, or to register your child in advance, please contact youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk

Registered charity number 1191152



Termly Newsletter:
5th January - 2nd April

Upcoming SEND Advice Drop-In sessions

Venue: Swarcliffe Community Hub
Date: 15th January
Time: 10:30-12:30

Venue: Horsforth Library Building
Date: 4th February
Time: 10:30-12:30

Venue: The Welcome Centre, Belle Isle
Date: 11th March
Time: 10:30-12:30

Venue: Carr Manor Community Hub
Date: 1st April
Time: 10:30-12:30



We will be attending drop-ins with other SEND Services, such as: Leeds Local Offer, Speech and Language, CHAD, Parent Carer Forum.



Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions on Microsoft Teams:

Topic - SEND Support
Date: 12th February
Time: 11:30-1pm

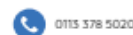


Topic - Section I Appeals
Date: 25th February
Time: 11:30-1pm

Topic - EHC Needs Assessments
Date: 19th March
Time: 11:30-1pm

To book a place onto one of these virtual sessions, please email: sendiasssocialmedia@leeds.gov.uk

Please state in your email which session you want to attend.



0115 378 5020



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FEBRUARY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get enjoying a new sport and meeting new people during the holidays. Activities including climbing and bouldering, it is an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Climbing Hub, Bradford: Tues-Fri, 10:00-16:30
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Open term-time: Mon to Sat 10am-12noon and Wed 6-8pm
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www.facebook.com/reducereusekidsclothes
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