Pudsey Waterloo Primary School

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's Pudsey Waterloo newsletter. It has been a busy couple of weeks, from our school council proudly representing us at the Pudsey Cenotaph Remembrance service to our Year 6 dancers shining on stage at Yeadon Town Hall. Across every year group, the children have thrown themselves into their learning or celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. As we look ahead to kicking off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, thank you as always for your continued support.

Odd Socks Day

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, Pudsey Waterloo will take part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Odd Socks Day is a fun, light-hearted opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate our individuality. There is no need to buy anything new or wear special outfits—all children need to do is come to school wearing an odd pair of socks!
We will kick off the week with a special launch assembly to discuss the themes of Anti-Bullying Week and share the activities children will take part in across the school.

Remembrance

On Wednesday, the school council represented the school at the remembrance service at Pudsey Cenotaph. The year 6 councillors laid the wreath on behalf of the school, while the rest of the children participated in the service.







Thank you to the many children who attended the lunchtime Poppy club to create poppies for our whole-school Remembrance display. As always, the children worked incredibly hard with their poppies and contributed to a fantastic display in the school entrance!

Nursery - World Nursery Rhyme Week

Nursery have loved joining in with this year's 'Rhyme a Day' challenge and taking part in lots of fun activities inspired by the songs!

Reception

What a busy and exciting week we've had! This week, the children have been learning all about different celebrations and special events, including Diwali, Remembrance Day, and Children in Need. They have engaged wonderfully with all the activities and discussions around why these days are so important.

On top of all this, we had the fantastic opportunity to watch our buddies' assembly, which the children really enjoyed, and we rounded off the excitement by dancing the afternoon away at the school disco!

Year 1 Local Walk



As part of their geography unit about the local area, year 1 went on a walk to Pudsey town centre. They saw all the sights and looked out for the human and physical features as they walked to the post office.

Year 1 Superhero Day



Superheroes assembled in year 1 to celebrate the end of their unit about Supertato. The children attended a superhero academy where they had to complete a variety of superhero themed tasks to earn their superhero powers!

Year 2

This week children have enjoyed exploring hinge mechanisms in DT. We have tested three different hinge methods and experimented using card to find out which mechanism was the strongest. All of the children worked enthusiastically during their investigations and showed great perseverance when making their hinges. We look forward to using our knowledge over the next few weeks to design and create our own project. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 Library Trip

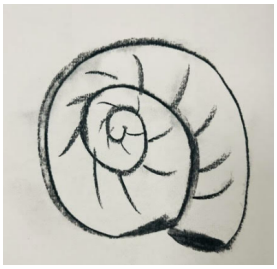
The children had a fantastic trip to Pudsey Library last week! They had so much fun hunting down books for their challenges and learning about library cards. They even got to pick out some new stories to bring back to the classroom!





Year 4

In art, Year 4 have been learning about Georgia O'Keeffe and her drawings. Recently, we have explored tone, texture, shape and lines in lessons using different grades of pencil. This week, we progressed to using charcoal to create some still life drawings of objects and then we created our own artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. The children were so inventive in trying to create different shades and tones to highlight their artwork. They should be very proud of themselves!









Year 5

In art, Year 5 has been learning about Blanca Alvarez and her watercolours. Over the last few weeks they have studied her work and style, learning some watercolor techniques to then create their final piece. They chose their favourite Blanca Alvarez piece and recreated her work using the watercolour techniques and contrasting colours.

Year 6

We were so proud of Year 6's Robinwood assembly this week. From typing the scripts themselves on the chromebooks, to acting out demonstrations of each activity, the children worked really hard to share their Robinwood experience with their parents and carers. In English, we've been finishing our Letters from the Lighthouse story and we are preparing to write a newspaper article about the exciting events at the end of the book.

Key Stage 2

All of Key Stage two participated in an online workshop about British Values with lots of other schools in Leeds. It recapped the five fundamental British Values - democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. The children had the opportunity to reflect on how Waterloo has looked at these within school and how we continue to weave them into everyday school life.

Dance Fest

Some of our Year 6 pupils have been working hard to learn a dance routine with Northern Arts Factory. On Tuesday evening, they performed their routine of 9-5 by Dolly Parton to a packed out audience at Yeadon Town Hall. The children performed brilliantly and we are so proud of them.



Reception 2027 Open Morning

We are running open mornings for children due to start Reception in September 2027. These sessions are an opportunity to look around our wonderful school, meet our team, and see our learning environment in action.

The sessions will run from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday 7th January

Please pass these details along to any friends, family, or neighbours who are currently looking for a Reception place for September 2027. We look forward to welcoming them!

Important Dates

Event	Date & Time
Waterloo Odd Socks Day	Monday 16th November
Year 4 Lincoln Green Mosque trip	Wednesday 25th November
Year 2 St George's Crypt trip	Friday 27th November
FOW Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 5th December
KS2 Performance at Pudsey Parish Church	Monday 7th December at 12:45pm
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Monday 7th December at 2pm
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 8th December at 9:30am
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 8th December at 2pm
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 9th December at 9:30am
Reception Christmas Performance	Wednesday 9th December at 2pm
KS2 Performance at Pudsey Parish Church	Wednesday 9th December at 12:45pm
Reception Christmas Performance	Thursday 10th December at 9:30am
Year 3 trip to Cliff Castle	Thursday 10th December
Year 5 Jorvik visit	Monday 18th January 2027
3LP RERF visit	Monday 25th January 2027
3SW RERF visit	Tuesday 26th January 2027
3SW Sinai Synagogue Visit	Wednesday 10th February 2027
3LP Sinai Synagogue Visit	Wednesday 24th February 2027

Learners of the week

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

	Friday 6th November	Friday 13th November
Nursery	Amayah Yasin John-Francis Ward	Zala Ahmadzai Thomas Harding
Reception	RJO - Dougie Hamblin RBM - Harlow Boltwood	RJO - Joey Pearce RBM - Lucas Emery
Year 1	1SW- Zak Sm 1ED- Peyton Campbell	1SW- Ilyaas Siddiq 1ED- Cody Jones-Giscombe
Year 2	2JB - Nixon Beniston 2JM - Ozzy Musgrave	2JB - Oscar Jennings-Papendick 2JM - Jacob Coleman
Year 3	3SW- William Hepworth 3LP - Sophie Waring	3SW - Savannah-Rae Grayson 3LP - Poppy Martin
Year 4	4BD - Aisha Ahmadzai 4KL - Layla Beniston	4BD - Tarun Rehal 4KL - Alan Pearson
Year 5	5RH - Emelia Ricketts 5NB - Hattie Wilson	5RH - Olivia Bryson 5NB - Jude Urwin
Year 6	6NW -Niamh Burke 6HW - Bruno Malowicz	6NW -Archie Doig 6HW - Evelyn Ricketts

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