

# WOODLAND NEWS - November

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well and enjoyed spending time together as a family during the half term break, despite the poor weather. Once again we have a busy half term ahead of us, including plans for the usual range of Christmas related activities towards the end of term.

**Halloween Disco:**

The children (and staff!) had a fabulous time at the Halloween disco at the end of last half term. The children looked brilliant in their spooky costumes, enjoyed dancing with their friends and eating their hot dogs. Well done to everyone who carved pumpkins at home and brought them into school for a spectacular pumpkin display. We certainly have some very creative and talented carvers in our school community! Our school councillors voted Tilly as the winner in EYFS/KS1 and Kaiden-James as the winner in KS2.

**Attendance:**

We are continuing to keep a very close eye on attendance this term, in our determination that every child achieves the government target of 96% attendance over the year. Please do not keep children off school for minor ailments such as coughs, colds or headaches. Parents may come in to school to administer over the counter medication. Alternatively, school staff will administer any prescription medication. If you would like any advice about whether your child should stay off school, please contact the school office. The NHS also have some very helpful online advice—just search for ‘Is my child too ill for school?’. Any children with 100% attendance during the month of November will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 12 delicious Tony’s chocolate advent calendars.



**Fond Farewell:**

After almost 20 years of service to the school, our caretaker Paul Adams, will be retiring at the end of this week. I’m sure you will all join me in thanking Paul for his many years of service to the school and wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement. We will miss you lots, Paul!

Thank you for your help with all of the above!  
Mrs Dodson (Head teacher)

Term dates for this school year and the next school year can also be found on the school website:

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 6th November	Return to school from half term holiday
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day
4th—8th December	Christmas Crafts with Parents
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Fair—change to original date
18th-20th December	Christmas Performances to Parents
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 9th January	Return to school from Christmas holidays

Attendance Celebrations!		
Target 96%	Attendance in October	Attendance since September
FS2	94%	94%
Year 1	91%	91%
Year 2	94%	95%
Year 3	91%	93%
Year 4	97%	97%
Year 5	92%	94%
Year 6	94%	95%
Whole school	93%	94%
Well done to Year 4!		

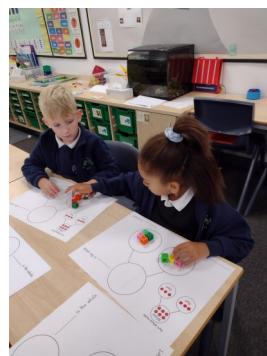
### FS1/FS2 - Mrs Lazenby and Mrs Godwin



In FS1 We listened to a lovely story called 'Pumpkin Soup'. We investigated the inside of the pumpkin and found some seeds. We decided to make some pumpkin soup ourselves and it was the best we've ever tasted!

### Year 1 - Miss Hanson

Year 1 have had a very busy October! We have moved on to learning about addition and subtraction within 10 in maths, and we have created some amazing collages in art! We have also learnt all about the Great Fire of London in history, and we will be using our knowledge to write an information text about the fire in writing!



### Year 2 - Mrs Trever and Miss Wilkinson



In Art lessons, Year 2 have enjoyed learning about using tools to carve clay. We used curved and straight lines to replicate "7 Tulips" by the artist Hilke Machtyre. It was really tricky but we did a fantastic job!



In computing, we have become photographers! We know all about how to take a great photograph and whether to hold our camera landscape or portrait.

### Year 3 - Miss Olsson



Year 3 have been super busy in October - we have been adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers together, learning more about the Stone Age and improving our hockey skills.

Keep up the hard work Year 3!



### Year 4 - Miss Iveson

Year 4 have had an eventful last few weeks. In English, they wrote their own narratives based on the floods in Hull. In Maths, they have been working with 4 digit numbers and learning how to add and subtract with exchange. They had a



lovely visit from ladies in pigs and they all got to make their very own pastie! In PE, they enjoyed a full term of Badminton!



### Year 5 - Miss Moore

Year 5 loved acting out a day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon as part of our English writing lessons. We have also come to the end of our



computing lessons linked to Search engines and computer systems. We now know how to get the exact information we need and which websites are more reliable sources



### Year 6 - Miss Sumpton

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Warter near York where they studied the landscape artist David Hockney. They sketched and painted their own landscape pictures.



### The Hub



This half term, during life skills lessons, the children in the Hub have been learning lots about appropriate and inappropriate behaviours.

We have shown manners, sharing and good social skills while interacting with each other.

