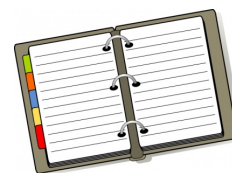


HARVEST FESTIVAL

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NEWSLETTER



School Life in 1856

On Friday 16th October, we are stepping back in time to 1856 as part of our 170th anniversary celebrations.

Our whole-school History Day will give our children a chance to explore what school and childhood might have been like 170 years ago.

Our journey will begin with a special assembly and a mystery suitcase of clues to introduce the children to 1856. Each child will receive a History Passport to carry throughout the day, collecting stamps and recording discoveries as they visit four activities. Every class will take part, with activities adapted to suit their age.

In our 1856 classroom, children will explore slates, chalk, dip pens and copybooks, comparing them with the equipment they use today. A short recreated Victorian lesson will help them imagine how children might have practised their handwriting, counting and recitation.

At "A Child's Day", they will investigate everyday life, from clothing and school bags to journeys to school, meals and household chores. Through pictures, objects and role play, they will piece together a daily routine and consider how it compares with their own.

Our Play, Music and Dance activities will give everyone a chance to join in traditional clapping and circle games, explore rhythm and try some dance steps. Children will consider how families and communities enjoyed music and entertained themselves before recorded music was available.

Finally, our Evidence Detectives will examine historic maps, photographs of the school and written sources. They will look closely for clues, ask questions and explore what the evidence can tell us about Woodmansey and why a school was important to local families.

Throughout the day, we will encourage children to distinguish between what we know from historical evidence and what we can only imagine or suggest. Their passports will provide space for drawings, writing and questions, and we will finish by sharing discoveries and reflecting on what has changed since 1856.

We invite children to come dressed in simple Victorian-style clothing for the day. Shorts, white shirts, long socks, pinafore dresses, aprons or mop caps would all help bring the experience to life. Please keep it simple: items you already have at home are ideal, and there is no need to buy a special costume.

We look forward to a day of discovery, bringing our school's history to life and celebrating the generations of children and families who have been part of the Woodmansey community.

Yorkshire in Bloom Award

We are thrilled to share that we have been awarded a Silver Gilt in the Yorkshire in Bloom Young People's Award.

Nature plays a significant role in the curriculum of this school which is set in a rural setting. All the pupils are encouraged to become actively involved in the horticultural and wildlife by recording observations, hands on activities such as making bird feeders, planting seeds and cooking with the produce. Pupils are also taken to off-site venues such as garden centres to select their seeds and bird hides.

Judges' feedback on areas for consideration

- The photography competition with the theme of nature is a good idea and can engage those who prefer it to the art activities, as is the pumpkin growing competition.
- There are activities throughout the year. Pupils plant up containers for both Spring and Summer and Christmas decorations are created from natural materials, please continue these.
- A pond, however small, would make an interesting addition to the school.

Phonics & Early Reading

Join us on Thursday 8th October

We would like to invite all Reception parents/carers to a special Phonics & Early Reading morning on Thursday 8th October. It will start at 9am and will finish at approximately 10:00am.

During the morning, we will watch a short phonics lesson with the children and learn more about how we teach reading and how phonics underpins this. We will share some simple ways you can support your child at home. It is also the perfect chance to ask any questions you may have.

This is a wonderful chance to understand more about your child's learning journey and to see our approach in action. We hope it will give you confidence in how to help at home and strengthen the partnership between school and families.



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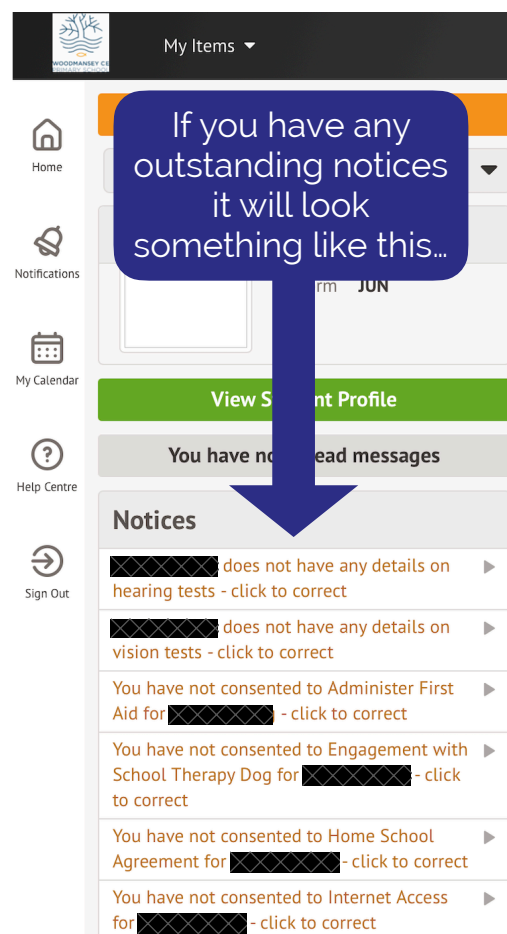
Do we have the most up to date information?

As we settle into the new term, please can all parents and carers take a few minutes to check that their child's details on Arbor are fully up to date. This includes:

- Contact details – phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.
- Medical information – allergies, medication, and any other important notes.
- Permissions and consents – such as local visits, use of photos, and participation in activities.

Having accurate information is vital to help us keep children safe and ensure we can contact you quickly if needed.

You can log in to Arbor via the app or website to update your details at any time. If you need support accessing your account, please contact the school office.



Harvest Festival 2026

On Monday 12th October, children are invited to bring harvest gifts to school.

We will be hosting a special worship at St Peter's Church at 2:30pm on Monday 12th October.

There are a limited number of places available for parents to join us. These can be booked through the School Shop on Arbor.

Consultation Evenings

Monday 19th October & Wednesday 21st October

Consultation Evenings are an essential part of the home school communication and relationship that you develop with school, and vice versa. We hold consultations in the autumn and spring terms, with a choice of two evenings each term. In the Summer Term we have our Exhibition of Work evening which is an opportunity for an informal discussion with your child's current teacher and an opportunity to talk to your child's new teacher, if applicable.

We are using Arbor to book the consultation evening appointments. You should be able to book these from today.

Appointments can be booked for either Monday 19th October or Wednesday 21st October from 3:40pm - 6:30pm.

If, after your appointment, you feel you need more than the allocated 10 minutes, we can arrange a further meeting on another day.

KS2 Hockey Tournament

Thursday 22nd October, 9:15am

All of our KS2 pupils will be taking part in a Hockey Tournament on Thursday 22nd October. The morning promises to be full of energy, teamwork and fun as the children demonstrate new skills, play together, and show the values of fair play and respect.

The tournament is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to be active and challenge themselves.

Parents are welcome to join us for the morning to cheer everyone on and celebrate the effort and enthusiasm of our pupils throughout the morning.

Pumpkin Weigh In

Thursday 22nd October

If any of your pumpkin seeds have grown, Thursday 22nd is the time to bring them in for weighing. Last year we had plenty of entries and the class winners each took home a prize.



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Gates open from 5pm

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Woodmansey Primary School

£5 per person
£18 Family of 4
Under 2s free

Fairground rides, food,
drinks, refreshments,
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AT THE SCHOOL
RECEPTION OR
ON THE DOOR



Stay Safe:

No personal fireworks or sparklers. Children must be accompanied.



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Yearly dates for your diary

October 2026

Sat 3rd	German National Day
Weds 7th	Individual Photos with Wrates
Thurs 8th, 9:00am	EYFS Parents invited to watch phonics
Mon 12th	Spanish National Day
Mon 12th, 2:30pm	Harvest Festival Worship at St Peter's
Fri 16th	History Day
Mon 19th, 3:40pm	Consultation Evening (1 of 2)
Weds 21st, 3:40pm	Consultation Evening (2 of 2)
Thurs 22nd, 9:15am	KS2 Hockey Tournament (Spectators welcome)
Thurs 22nd	Pumpkin Weigh In
Fri 23rd	School led outdoor after school clubs close until after February half term
Fri 23rd	School Closes for October Half Term

November 2026

Mon 2nd	Return to school
Mon 2nd	Launch of Charity Fundraising Appeal
Mon 2nd	Winter Tub Planting Week
Thurs 5th	Bonfire Night Lunch
Fri 6th, 5:00pm	'Fireworks on the Field'
Mon 9th	Shoebox Appeal Launch
Weds 11th, 10:45am	Remembrance Day Worship at St Peter's
Fri 13th	Enterprise Day
Tues 17th, 2:30pm - 4pm	Pupils' Charity Fair (Parents/Carers welcome)
Mon 23rd, 2:30pm	Jacob's Well - Shoebox Collection Worship
Tues 24th	Decoration Day
Thurs 26th	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thurs 26th, 3:30pm	Hanging Decorations in the hall
Mon 30th	St. Andrew's Day
Mon 30th	Christmas Tree Assembly



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Yearly dates for your diary

December 2026

Thurs 3rd, 3:30pm	EYFS & KS1 PTFA Christmas Disco
Fri 4th, 3:30pm	KS2 PTFA Christmas Disco
Tues 8th, 9:15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance (1 of 3)
Weds 9th, 9:15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance (2 of 3)
Thurs 10th, 2:45pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance (3 of 3)
Mon 14th, 1:30pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
Mon 14th, 6:00pm	Christmas Festival of Music (St Mary's Church, Beverley)
Tues 15th, 1:30pm	Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Christmas Party
Thurs 17th	Christmas Lunch with Christmas Hat Competition
Thurs 17th, 2:30pm	Christingle Service at St Peter's
Fri 18th	Come Dressed As You Like Day
Fri 18th, 9:30am	Final Worship of 2026 including Charity Total
Fri 18th	School Closes for Christmas

January 2027

Mon 4th	Staff Training Day
Tue 5th	Return to school
Mon 11th	NFER Testing Week & Mock Phonics Screening Check (Year 1 - Year 6)
Mon 18th, 2:45pm	Official Launch of International Festival 2027
Mon 18th	Mid-Year Reports published for English & Maths
Tues 26th	Australian National Day
Weds 27th, 10:00am	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly

February 2027

Weds 3rd, 5:30pm - 7:30pm	International Evening
Fri 5th	International Lunch
Fri 5th, 2:00pm	Final International Worship
Fri 5th	School Closes for February Half Term
Mon 15th	Return to School
Mon 15th	All Outdoor Clubs Restart

March 2027

Mon 1st	St David's Day
Mon 1st - Fri 12th	STEM Fortnight
Mon 1st	Theatre Club Show Announcement
Thu 4th	World Book Day
Thu 4th, 3:30pm	Theatre Club Auditions (1 of 2)
Sun 7th	Mother's Day
Mon 8th	Commonwealth Day including special lunch
Mon 8th	Easter Egg Raffle Tickets on Sale
Tues 9th	Hour of Code



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March 2027

Thu 11th, 3:30pm	Theatre Club Auditions (2 of 2)
Mon 15th, 10:00am	Creating an Easter Garden in Collective Worship
Mon 15th	Consultation Evening (1 of 2)
Weds 17th	Consultation Evening (2 of 2)
Weds 17th	St Patrick's Day
Thurs 18th	PTFA Egg Decorating for Easter
Thurs 18th	Easter Lunch
Thurs 18th, 2:30pm	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Fri 19th, 2:00pm	Easter Service at St Peter's
Fri 19th	Comic Relief
Fri 19th	School Closes for Easter

April 2027

Mon 5th	Staff Training Day
Tues 6th	Return to School
Thu 8th	First Theatre Club Rehearsal
Weds 14th	Class Photographs with Wrates
Fri 23rd	St. George's Day - Special Lunch
Fri 23rd	Pumpkin Seed Distribution Day
Sun 25th	Italian Liberation Day

May 2027

Mon 3rd	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Sat 8th	Anniversary of VE Day
Sun 9th	Europe Day
Mon 10th - Thurs 13th	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 24th - Friday 28th	Environment Week
Weds 26th, 6:00pm	Meeting for Foundation Year New Starters
Fri 28th	School Closes for May Half Term

June 2027

Mon 7th	Return to School
Mon 7th	Summer Tub Planting Week
Mon 7th - Fri 18th	Multiplication Tables Check Window
Weds 9th, 1:30pm	New Starters Stay & Play
Thu 10th	Portugal National Day - Special Lunch
Thu 10th	Whole School Spirituality Day
Mon 14th - Fri 18th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 15th, 11:00am	New Starters Stay & Play including lunch
Sun 20th	Father's Day
Mon 21st - Fri 25th	Testing Week (Year 1 - Year 5)
Tues 29th, 9:15am	Whole School CommonWood Games



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July 2027

Thu 1st	Canada National Day
Sun 4th	American Independence Day
Mon 5th, 1:30pm	Theatre Club Dress Rehearsal
Tues 6th, 6:00pm	Theatre Club Performance (1 of 4)
Weds 7th, 1:30pm	Theatre Club Performance (2 of 4)
Weds 7th, 6:00pm	Theatre Club Performance (3 of 4)
Thu 8th, 6:00pm	Theatre Club Performance (4 of 4)
Fri 9th	End of Year Reports Published
Mon 12th, 3:45pm	Exhibition of Work Evening
Weds 14th	Bastille Day
Weds 14th, 9:15am	KS2 Sporting Tournament - Spectators Welcome
Weds 14th, 1:30pm	KS1 Handball Tournament - Spectators Welcome
Fri 16th, 1:30pm	PTFA Summer Fair
Thu 22nd, 11:00am	Year 6 Leavers' Church Service at St Peter's
Fri 23rd, 11:00am	Year 6 Leavers' Performance for Parent/Carers
Fri 23rd, 12:00pm	Year 6 Picnic with Parents and Staff
Fri 23rd, 1:45pm	Final Worship of the Year
Fri 23rd, 3:15pm	Year 6 Procession out of School
Fri 23rd, 3:30pm	School Closes for the Summer