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# Newsletter

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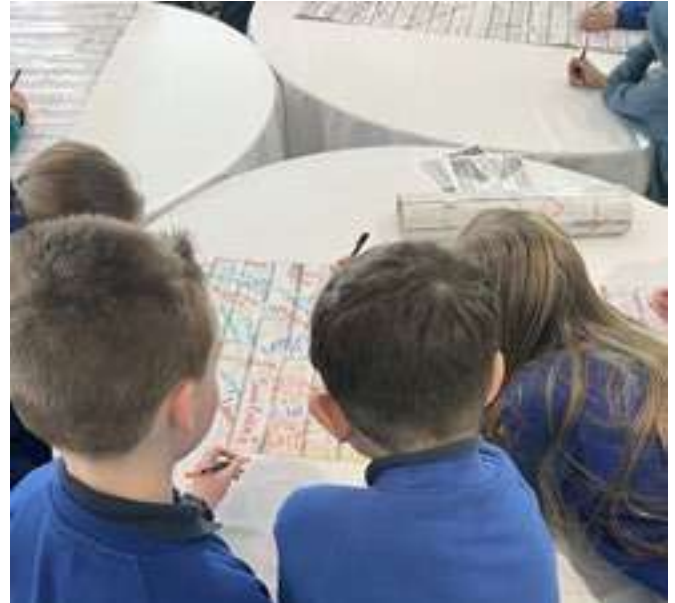


It has been a busy few weeks for Lower School with another fantastic opportunity to meet some of our Year 6 pupils at our annual Literacy Challenge at the KP Club.



**Mrs Minton**  
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

Pupils from a range of Primary Schools took part in a carousel of activities intended to inspire literary creativity, develop communication skills, as well as support in the transition from Primary to Secondary School. A massive thank you to our English Department for running this event and to so many of our Primary Schools for coming along.



Ms Minton also had the opportunity to visit Melbourne Primary to present Phoebe with her well-earned prize for winning the Woldgate Festive Photography Competition. Well done again Phoebe for your ski-inspired entry and thank you to Year 6 for making Ms Minton feel so welcome.

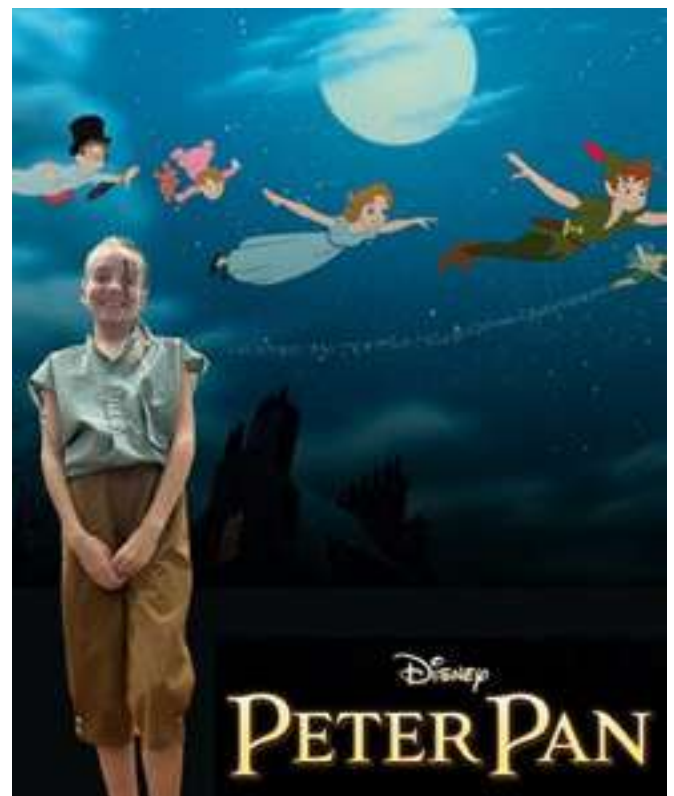




Lower School continue to go above and beyond in and out of school with Leah in Year 7 taking part in Dance Festivals over Half Term—showcasing her amazing talents!

Brilliant photos Leah and well done for all the effort you put into your dancing.

To top it off, you have also recently taken part in a performance of Peter Pan—what a star you are!!





And finally, a massive congratulations to our Breakfast of Champions who consistently worked incredibly hard last Half Term to earn the most merits in the year group. We are very proud of you all and hope you enjoyed your breakfast.

Maisie Richardson

Lexi Medforth

Freddie Bowes

Kacper Brener

Bethany Todd

Jake Thackeray

Niall Fennell

Jayden-James Taylor

Harry Watson

Mabel Craggs

Oscar Pullen

Adam Horton

James Watson

Joe Nesbitt

Layla Sharp

Freya Neary

Elliot Graves

Tommy Dover

Molly Lawrance

Libby Lightfoot

Harley Wright





## Headteacher's Welcome

**Woldgate School is a special place to learn and work, with a unique vision for education. We serve a distinct local, rural community of Pocklington and its surrounding villages.**

Our school is not only a place of learning and academic excellence; our school is a social centre where pupils, students and parents are able to come together at events such as our school musical and Awards Evening, to celebrate our pupils' achievements and unite our local community. Woldgate School is therefore part of the fabric of the local community.



A school with such an important responsibility and key place should have the highest possible standards and an ambitious vision for its pupils. Our vision for Woldgate School is 'A school community where everything we do is worthy, of great merit, character and value and this vision runs through all aspects of school life, and ensures that we all maintain a focus on attaining the highest possible standards in everything we do:



### Teaching and Learning

A world-class curriculum containing the best of what has been thought and said, taught by the best teachers in inspirational classrooms. Our lessons are interesting, engaging and exciting.

### Ethos

A school where everyone lives and works by our motto; that everything we do should be worthy of great merit, character and value' – trying our best, being our best and embracing our British values.

## Achievement

All pupils, regardless of ability, needs or background, are able to make rapid, sustained progress, achieve exceptional outcomes and grow into lifelong learners and successful individuals.

## Care

A school where every pupil is known and cared for as an individual; where their individual needs are supported by the whole school community

## Holistic Education

A school where all children can access a range of enrichment opportunities to broaden their horizons and develop their life experiences.

Our school vision is at the very core of our school community, and inspires everything we do to ensure our pupils and students receive the very best education and experience possible. It is our pupils, parents and colleagues that make our vision for Woldgate School a reality, and thank you to everyone for making our vision real.

**Mr Sloman**  
**HEADTEACHER**

## Key dates

To find out more about upcoming events and visits, please view the [Woldgate School Calendar](#).

**Wednesday 19th March:** ..... Year 11 Woldgate Tutorial – Science (3pm to 4pm)

**Wednesday 26th March:** ..... Year 11 Woldgate Tutorial – Humanities (3pm to 4pm)

**Thursday 27th March:** ..... GCSE Drama Assessment Day

..... Year 8 Careers Day

**Friday 28th March:** ..... Year 7 Writing Workshop Day

**Monday 31st March:** ..... Iceland Visit

**Friday 4th April:** ..... Last day of term (pupils finish at 12:15pm)



## YEAR 8 HPV Vaccinations

If your child is in **Year 8** they will be due to receive the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination this year. The Immunisation team will be visiting Woldgate School on Tuesday **22 April 2025** to carry out vaccination sessions. This vaccination is part of the routine NHS childhood schedule, and is important in preventing different types of cancer in both males and females.

Please visit: <https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2024/eastriding> and complete a consent form online, please do this as soon as possible.

If you do not wish to consent to your child having the vaccinations, then please complete a formal NO consent via the same link.

**PLEASE BE AWARE CONSENTS/REFUSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA THE LINK BEFORE 4TH APRIL. DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAYS, ANY SUBMISSIONS AFTER 4TH APRIL MAY BE INCLUDED IN CATCH UP SESSIONS.**

**Information about the vaccines can be found on the following websites:**

[www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6405e7ae8fa8f527fb67cb6a/UKHSA-12287-immunisations-young-people.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>





# Knowledge Books

It is nice to see so many pupils using their Knowledge Books throughout school every day. We are pleased to have provided such a useful resource for children to use during the academic year.

Please can we make you aware that, if Knowledge Books have been lost, replacement copies can be provided. There is a small charge of £5 to cover production costs which can be paid by cash or card payment at the office.

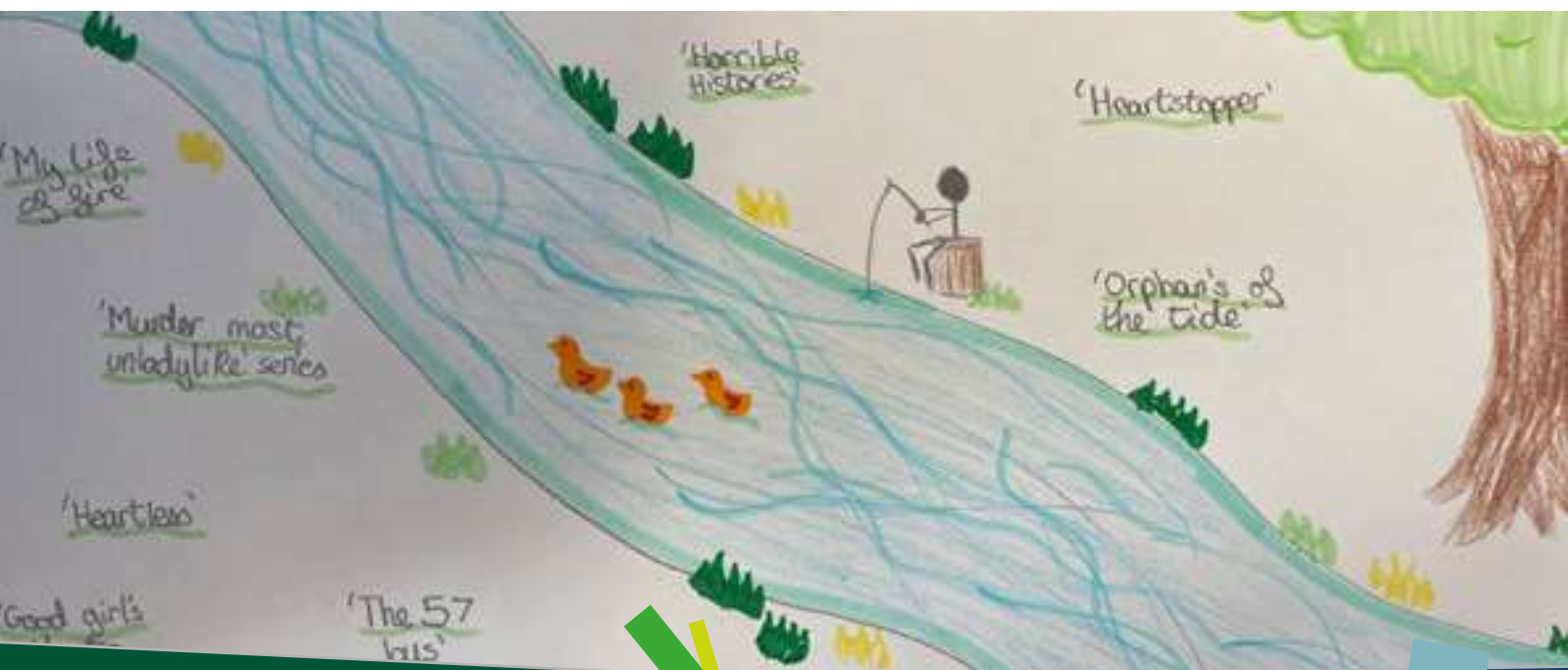




## What do you read in a day?

**This week we asked pupils to reflect on what they read in a day, or over a week, or reading which has shaped their lives with 'Reading Rivers'.**

Last week we asked pupils to reflect on what they read in a day, or over a week, or reading which has shaped their lives with 'Reading Rivers'. All pupils in Years 7-10 begin the day with some independent reading which highlights the importance of reading. 20 minutes reading each day is found to have the biggest impact on reading skills development. Whether you enjoy fiction, non-fiction or poetry, reading for pleasure is also a key factor of success (OECD, 2002).





All pupils have received a World Book Day voucher entitling them to £1 off a book of their choice or one from the selection below for FREE (with comments from our regular library users)!

## 1. THIS STORY IS A LIE

**By Benjamin Dean**

"I like the suspense and the mystery of this book. I would definitely read it myself!"



## 2. THE WOLF TRIALS

**By Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

"I really like this one; it reminds me of Deeplight by Frances Hardinge."

## 3. LEGO® OUR AMAZING UNIVERSE

**By Jennifer Swanson and Arwen Hubbard**

"It's not all about LEGO! It is really informative and uses LEGO to help explain complex ideas."



## 4. THE SOCCER DIARIES: ROCKY TAKES THE LEAD

**By Tom Palmer**

"If you love football, or are passionate about any sport, this story about teamwork, overcoming challenges and striving to be the best in a sport is for you!"

We also started the week with a visit from local poet, Henry Raby. Henry Raby is a York-based, performance poet, theatre-maker, play-wright, and workshop facilitator.

As he has in two previous years, Henry gave an assembly to Year 10 focused on performance poetry as an artform, explaining how performing poetry for an audience is a key part of communicating and creating meaning. His performance of 'I'm sorry I missed your gig' was energetic, engaging, and relatable. Henry also shared some of the inspiration for his latest work, Orwell and Shelley, which link closely with the unit of poetry in GCSE English Literature: Power and Conflict.

For the 48 pupils who attended his workshops, Henry showcased methods for getting started when creating poetry. There is nothing more frightening when beginning to write than the empty page. Consider how you would describe the moon (try not to be too precise); can this definition also be applied to a home, a tree, the sea, a mirror, a ghost, or a book? Sometimes these most unusual metaphors can reveal something unexpected and form the concept for a poem. Here pupils were able to make links to Wordsworth's The Prelude.



## Staff in costume for World Book Day 2025 – to spark conversations with pupils about reading!

We are committed to providing resources and opportunities which will inspire our pupils to read widely. Therefore, we are continuing our fundraising efforts to ensure the library space

in our new building is well-resourced, welcoming, and inviting for pupils. If you want to contribute to our campaign, please use this link:

<https://supportyourschool.org.uk/woldgateschool/new-library>



# Good Attendance



*Means being in school at least 97% of the time\**



**90%**

19 Days  
Absence

**BELOW MINIMUM** GOVERNMENT THRESHOLD

**93%**

13 Days  
Absence

**VERY LOW**

**95%**

9 Days  
Absence

**LOW**

**97%**

6 Days  
Absence

**GOOD**

**100%**

0 Days  
Absence

**PERFECT**

*\*Across one academic year*

# Rewards

## Rewards for the Week

Our school motto is **'Everything we do should be worthy of great merit, character and value'**, and every day our pupils' efforts, contributions and achievements are recognised with rewards that reflect these values.

Our pupils understand these core values as being the foundation of successful learning, and a successful life, and each of the rewards holds a special significance.

**267,926**

**MERIT**

**37,778**

**CHARACTER**

**20,843**

**VALUE**

**572,202**

**TOTAL**

## Our School Houses

Every pupil belongs to one of our five Houses, representing our local countryside. Pupils can be awarded House points for exceptional contributions to school life, and for participating in House competitions and events, and all rewards contribute to each House reward total.

**212,500**

**HOUSE TOTAL**



**121,269**



**131,037**



**137,315**



**104,063**



**101,549**



# Awards

## Headteacher Awards

The Headteacher Award is given to those exceptional pupils and students who achieve the highest number of rewards in their year group each week.

**The recipients of the Headteachers Awards last week were:**

- Year 7:** Niall Fennell
- Year 8:** Harrison Coombe
- Year 9:** Alfie Isted
- Year 10:** Archie Eate
- Year 11:** Jack Irvin
- Year 12:** Poppy Tummon
- Year 13:** Joesph North

## Acts of Great Character

The moral qualities that define an individual. For example, demonstrating kindness, offering support or actively engaging with the wider community.

**The pupils with the most Great Character awards last week were:**

- Year 7:** Ollie Owens
- Year 8:** Sam Frankish
- Year 9:** Theodore Proctor
- Year 10:** Cianna Anderson
- Year 11:** Finley Crow
- Year 12:** Adam Brown
- Year 13:** Chloe Massey

## Acts of Great Merit

The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially deserving of praise or reward. For example, the production of an outstanding piece of classwork, home learning or an outstanding assessment outcome.

**The pupils with the most Great Merit awards last week were:**

- Year 7:** William Jones
- Year 8:** Jobe Liversidge
- Year 9:** Eleanor Harvey-Walker
- Year 10:** Max Donovan
- Year 11:** Isobel Millan
- Year 12:** Lily Staveley
- Year 13:** Jennifer Aguirre-Hernandez

## Acts of Great Value

The principles or standards of conduct we work to; those acts and skills that are valued by our wider society. For instance, the ability to demonstrate emotional intelligence, to communicate effectively or be a leader of a team.

**The pupils with the most Great Value awards last week were:**

- Year 7:** Kayla Alexieva
- Year 8:** Elissa James
- Year 9:** Max Farthing
- Year 10:** Michael Abbott
- Year 11:** James Giles
- Year 12:** Gracie Cheshire
- Year 13:** Callum Glover



# Meet our Pupil Care Team



**Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 7**

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**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**

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**Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 8**

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**Attendance Officer**

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**Care & Achievement Coordinator: Sixth Form**

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**Care & Achievement Coordinator: Diabetic Care and First Aid.**

Mrs L Kendra

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# Classroom Teacher

Early Years / Key Stage 1  
3 days per week (0.6 FTE)

M1 - M5

Permanent Opportunity for September 2025

**Closing Date: 24 March 2025**

Application Form: [www.wlp.education](http://www.wlp.education)

Applications to: [office@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk)

# Recruiting



**Stamford Bridge**  
Primary School

[www.stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk](http://www.stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk)

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## Assistant Exams & Cover Administrator

Closing date: 21 March 2025

Apply: [www.wlp.education](http://www.wlp.education)

37 hours per week Monday - Friday | SCP6 £25,183



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## Casual Examinations Invigilator

Closing date: 1st April 2025 | Apply: [www.wlp.education](http://www.wlp.education)

- Reliable and responsible colleague needed to join our examination invigilator team
- Play a key role in ensuring examinations are conducted in a fair, secure and controlled environment.
- All invigilators are employed on a casual basis and required to work during both internal mock and external examination periods throughout the academic year.
- SCP2 £12.26 p/h - SCP4 £12.65 p/h

# Teach with Wonder

## Paid Teaching Internship Programme 2025

£1,275  
Teaching  
Internships  
available  
now!

After an extremely successful internship programme in 2024, we are delighted to once again be able to offer more young people an opportunity to find out why teaching is such an inspirational career choice.

Our internship programme combines professional development, talks from external speakers, a visit to one of our primary schools, planning a trip and of course an opportunity to teach our pupils. You receive dedicated mentorship, support, and training over the three-week period and in your final week, you can choose to teach your very first lesson. It is simply a privilege to see our interns flourish and utterly amazing to see them stand in front of their first class after just three weeks.

In addition to all the great opportunities you will receive during this three-week programme, you will also receive a payment of **£1,275.00** funded by the Department for Education.

### Our paid internships are available for people who:

- have a genuine interest in teaching
- have not already accepted a place on an Initial Teacher Training programme
- have not completed a paid internship before
- have (or are working towards completing) a degree or a related degree in mathematics, physics, chemistry, or modern foreign languages (French and Spanish)

### We are recruiting for placements in maths, physics, chemistry and modern foreign languages starting on:

- 9th June 2025 to 27th June 2025
- 23rd June 2025 to 11th July 2025

### Our internships are available at both:

Woldgate School and Sixth Form [www.woldgate.net](http://www.woldgate.net)

and

Longcroft School and Sixth Form [www.longcroftschoo.co.uk](http://www.longcroftschoo.co.uk)



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## Recruitment now open!

To register and receive an application pack please contact:

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