



# Ordsall Primary School

Mr Karl Hopkinson (Headteacher) | 01777 702852 | [office@ordsallpri.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@ordsallpri.notts.sch.uk) | [www.ordsallprimary.com](http://www.ordsallprimary.com)

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of a remarkable school year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective efforts that have made this year a success. Our school community has shown resilience, adaptability, and unwavering support throughout the year, and it is with great pleasure that I reflect on the accomplishments and highlights of the past months.

### Academic success

Our children have demonstrated hard work and effort, and have been rewarded with the progress they have made as a result. From completing standardised tests to creative projects, the dedication to academic excellence has been evident.

### Extracurricular activities

This year, we have seen remarkable participation in sports, arts, music, and various clubs. Our children have showcased their talents in numerous events, and, more importantly, have learnt valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership and perseverance.

### Community engagement

Ordsall Primary School has continued to strengthen its ties with the local community through various initiatives and projects. Whether it was raising incredible amounts of money for charities such as Dancing for Downs, or working with local business and professionals to provide experiences, our children have demonstrated a strong sense of civic responsibility.

### Staff dedication

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff. Their commitment to nurturing and guiding our children, especially during challenging times, has been instrumental in creating a positive and enriching learning environment. They really do want your child to 'be the best that they can be'!

### Parental support

The support and involvement of parents and carers have been invaluable. Your active participation in school activities and constant encouragement have greatly contributed to our children's success and wellbeing.

### Looking ahead

As we look forward to the next academic year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to strive for excellence in all areas, focusing on developing our

teaching methods, holistic development, specialist provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities, as well as our sporting opportunities.

### Farewell to leaving staff and children

It is also a time to bid farewell to those who are leaving us this year. To our Year 6 children moving on to secondary school, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Remember, you will always be a part of our Ordsall family. To the staff members who are moving on to new adventures, we thank you for your invaluable contributions and wish you success in your future pursuits.

### Summer holidays

As we enter the summer holidays, I encourage everyone to take this time to relax, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with loved ones. For our children, I hope you continue to explore, read, and stay curious over the holidays.

Finally, I want to express my deepest appreciation to each member of our school community. You have invited and welcomed me in to your precious school community, and for that I am truly thankful.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mr. Hopkinson

## YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

### NURSERY

In Nursery we have been learning all about journeys. We have had some fantastic visitors from the VIA Road Safety team come to share with us how we can be safe during our journeys to school.



### RECEPTION

'Where shall we go? The children have been learning about different places around the world, landmarks, ways to travel and their own local community. They have been thinking about what they see as they travel to school and the routes that they take.'



### YEAR 1

This half term we thoroughly enjoyed our clay tile enrichment experience with ceramist, Shaun. The children were fully engaged and were given the chance to apply the skills they were taught by our specialist. Seeing the clay tiles after they were glazed and fired in the kiln was amazing!



### YEAR 2

It has been a busy summer in Year 2. We all enjoyed participating in Sports Day, showing great teamwork alongside the Year 1 children. On Music Day, we experienced a range of different ways to make and explore music from boom whackers and glockenspiels to singing and dancing. We've been lucky to have some special visitors in school too. Authors Luke Staton and John Green came to share their books with us; a great inspiration for our budding writers and illustrators!



### YEAR 3

This term's big question was, 'What's on the menu?' which involved us designing and creating our own summer salads. In science, we have been learning all about food and our bodies, including the structure of our skeleton and the names of different bones. Some of the homework we have received this term has been fantastic, ranging from homemade picnic baskets to a wonderful food collage.



### YEAR 4

This half term we have enjoyed exploring our big question, 'Do all rivers flow to the sea?' We have learnt about the features of a river and where famous UK and global rivers are situated. The children created some super art work using the stimulus of *The River of the Rain* story book that explains the process of the water cycle. We had great fun taking part in our charity fundraising event, Dance for Downs, where we raised an amazing amount of money by dancing non-stop in the rain!



### YEAR 5

Throughout the day, we explored Mayan ball game 'pok-a-tok', learned the Mayan number system, and got to taste hot chocolate and other Mayan foods – the chili hot chocolate was definitely 'interesting'!



### YEAR 6

During the final half term, Year 6 were visited by local youth MP, Cameron Holt. As part of our work with Cameron, the children spoke about pressing issues in the local community and aspects they believed could be improved. We also spoke about politics and Cameron's route into it, which really inspired certain children to develop their interest. Some of our children even said they would like to attend Cameron's regular meetings about what can be done towards improvement Bassetlaw.

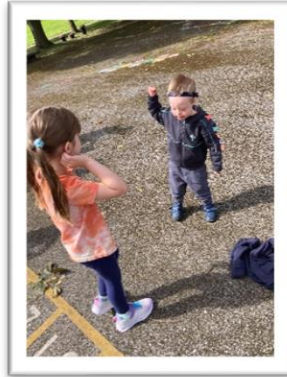


## DANCING FOR DOWNS

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored and raised money for our recent fundraising event, Dancing for Downs.

We are proud to announce that we raised a fantastic **£4,472.37**.

We are so proud of all the children and know that the money raised will be extremely beneficial to the charity. Thank you for your continuous support!



## END OF YEAR REWARDS FUN

Congratulations to all the children that were rewarded for their contributions to their team winning the end of year team points reward trip to Bridlington. The children in Saturn in Phase 2 and Neptune in Phase 3 were treated to a day out at the seaside, including a fish and chips dinner and lots of fun and activities on the beach.



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Summer is here, and it is the perfect time for families to relax, explore, and create lasting memories. However, we know that finding activities that are both fun and affordable can sometimes be a challenge. That is why Bassetlaw Place-Based Partnership has put together this [Summer Holiday Support Booklet](#), filled with ideas for cheap and free activities, as well as information on local support available to you if you need it.

Also, well done to the children that received either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award for their achievements over the year. They each received either a £10 wonderland book voucher, an 'Aloha' themed party, a trip to King's Park, a visit to a local eatery, or a combination of them depending on the award they received.

