



# Ordsall Primary School

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## A Great Start!

As we come to the end of our first half term, we wanted to share how proud we are of all the children. They have made a fabulous start to the year, embracing their new classrooms, routines and showed great effort as they have gone about their learning. There have been lots of exciting opportunities across school over the last seven weeks, including the Year 5 and 6 residentials, visitors coming into school to provide enrichment and after school activities. As we move towards the new half term, there will be lots more exciting opportunities to 'Play, learn and grow together.'

We want to thank everyone in our school community for their ongoing support in helping our children be the best that they can be. We'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy half-term.

*Mrs Frost & Mrs Moss*

## World Mental Health Day

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations, both online and in person. We are proud to announce that we have raised a total of **£335.00**.

All money raised will go towards raising awareness of, and supporting Young People's Mental Health.

Check out two great yellow photos later in the newsletter!



## Harvest Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated food and items to our Harvest collection for the Food Bank. They will be taken to Bassetlaw Food Bank next week.

Also, we want to give a special thank you to Charlie in Year 2 who has donated his own pocket money to the Food Bank to help others in need!

Thank you for all your generosity as a school community!

## Charity of the Year

As you know, each year we support a different charity and raise money through different events in the school year. Look out for more details on social media soon but we are pleased to announce that this year our chosen charity is Bliss who exist to give every baby born premature or sick in the UK the best chance of survival and quality of life.



## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

This half term, our assemblies have focused on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB). Children have explored what it means to belong and to value everyone's differences. Through the story Cloud Boy, we learnt about neurodiversity. We have also learnt more about sign language and explored dyslexia as part of developing our understanding of how people think and learn in different ways.

Across the school, we have celebrated Black History Month by exploring inspiring individuals as well as World Mental Health Day and the International Day of Peace.

Through Picture News, the children have also discussed current events developing awareness and empathy for the world around them. We are very proud of how thoughtfully the children have engaged with these important themes.



## YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

### NURSERY

We've had a lovely start to the year, with lots of exciting experiences to support our learning! We've enjoyed indoor play with crunchy autumn leaves, turned cardboard boxes into rockets, pirate ships and caves and even created our own musical marching band that toured school – we think everyone heard us!



### RECEPTION

We are off to a wonderful start in Reception Class; exploring our new classroom, engaging in learning, play, and building new friendships



### YEAR ONE

In our History this half term, Year 1 have been learning all about toys from the past. We have learnt how Primary and Secondary sources help us to find out about the people who invented some of the toys that we still play with today such as Lego and Barbie. On Thursday 2nd October, the staff from Playwell Corner came into school to help us with our learning.

They told us lots of interesting facts and information about the invention and development of Lego and then let us have a go at some building challenges where we had to think really carefully. It was a great hands-on learning experience.



### YEAR TWO

Year 2 have had a busy but exciting start to the year investigating how we stay healthy. We've examined the importance of a balanced diet, good hydration, getting enough sleep and exercise as well as recapping good personal hygiene practices. Then, we created information leaflets to showcase our learning. In Maths, we have worked on our place value and numeracy skills. We have also investigated the origins of the NHS and looked at the fascinating lives of famous nurses such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Art, we have practised our sketching to create more accurate and detailed portraits of these famous figures as well as ourselves.



### YEAR THREE

The main focus of this half term has been our History topic on the Stone Age. In English, we explored the story *Stone Age Boy* and took part in a fantastic Stone Age Experience Day, where we enjoyed drama and a photo shoot, made salt dough arrowheads, and even built our own versions of Stonehenge. We have also been learning about how fossils are formed as part of our science work. In addition, the children have really enjoyed beginning to learn the ukulele and are already making great progress!



### YEAR FOUR

In year 4, the children have enjoyed learning about living things and their habitats. We have created classification keys to group animals and plants depending on their characteristics. We really enjoyed our animal experience day when Jungle Jo brought in some of her exotic pets for us to handle. She taught us lots of interesting information! In Geography we have also been learning about the continent of Europe and explored how to find capital cities in an atlas using a four-figure grid reference.



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### YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have been studying the British coastline this term, which coincided with our residential to Whitby. During our residential, we were able to see first-hand some of the natural and man-made coastal defences on our shorelines in Whitby and Scarborough. In addition, the whole of year 5 attended York where we visited the Jorvik Viking Museum and The Dig Archaeological Museum in preparation for our studies on the Anglo Saxons and Vikings over the next two half terms.



### YEAR SIX

Year 6 have had a great start to the term and our learning this year – we've already made blood samples to learn about the components of our blood and got hands on with a pig's heart much to the delight (and sometimes horror!) of the children. We also enjoyed a vital session with Retford Lions learning CPR – a skill that we hope we never have to use, but could be a lifesaver. Depending on when you read this, we're either currently enjoying, or resting and recovering after an action-packed residential to Crowden!



## Football at Ordsall



Both our boys and girls have enjoyed their start to the football season this school year – they've taken the skills they've been practising in afterschool clubs and used them in matches against local schools, proudly representing Ordsall! Here are our girls from their trip to Sparken Hill and some of the boys' squad on Mental Health Day!



## Book Fair

When: **Tuesday 4th to Monday the 10th November 2025 from 3.15 pm**

Where: In the Bungalow or the School Hall - just follow the signs!!

The fair will be running throughout parent consultations on 4th and 6th November too. Just look out for the information being emailed out and posters around school.

**Perfect for a treat or grab an early Christmas gift!**



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## Parent and Carer Coffee Morning



Kerry Macadam, family support coordinator from BPP (Bassetlaw Primary Behaviour Partnership) will be joining us to share advice and support during a series of coffee mornings. This is a great opportunity to find out more information, covering topics such as behaviour, sensory needs and sleep.

**All parents and carers are welcome to attend.**

Please come along and join us in the school bungalow between 9:00am and 10:30am on;

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November



*Wear Yellow for World  
Mental Health Day!*



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# SPOOKTACKULAR HALF TERM FUN!

OCTOBER 20TH-31ST  
2025

**MON 20TH**  
SCARY  
SOAP  
CARVING!

**BOO!**

**WEDS 22ND**  
SPOOKY  
JAR LIGHTS

**TUES 21ST**  
CREEPY  
CLAY DAY!

**THURS 23RD**  
MONSTER  
MASKS!

**FRI 24TH**  
LEGO DAY!

**TUES 28TH**  
FREAKY  
FELT  
CRAFTS!

**MON 27TH**  
MONSTER IN  
A CUP!

**FRI 31ST**  
LEGO DAY!

**WEDS 29TH**  
PETRIFYING  
PLATE CRAFT!

**THURS 30TH**  
TRICK OR  
TREAT  
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**ALL OUR ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!! NO BOOKING REQUIRED!**  
CRAFT SESSIONS RUN FROM 10-12PM THEN 1-3PM. LEGO IS ALL DAY.  
APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES. WE USE RECYCLED MATERIALS WHERE POSSIBLE. PLEASE BE ALLERGY AWARE AND SPEAK TO STAFF IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS. GROWN-UPS MUST STAY WITH CHILDREN.

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