



# Worthington School

Opportunity and Achievement for All

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## "Quote of the Month"

*'People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel'* Maya Angelou

Dear Parents,

What a bustling few weeks we've had at our wonderful school! It's been a joy to see our pupils engaged in such a variety of enriching activities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our budding athletes have been particularly busy. The **Basketball Festival** at Ivanhoe was a super event, and I couldn't be prouder of how our children represented Worthington. Their sportsmanship and enthusiasm were on full display, showcasing the very best of our school spirit. We also saw a fantastic turnout for the **cross country events**, with so many of our pupils challenging themselves and supporting one another. It's heartening to see such active participation in these sporting endeavours.

In the classroom, it's been delightful to observe our pupils thoroughly engrossed in their **History topics**. Their engagement and curiosity are palpable, reminding us of the power of bringing the past to life through dynamic learning experiences.

Speaking of history, we're already looking ahead to a significant milestone. Can you believe our beloved school will be turning 100 in September 2026? George (from Griffydam) has been working with groups of children to create 3D models of our school and other buildings that were around when Worthington first opened its doors in 1926. These projects are not only helping us visualise our school's rich history but are also sparking ideas for how we might celebrate our centenary. We're excited to involve the whole school community in planning this momentous occasion.

Our PTFA deserves a big thank you for organising the recent **'Break the Rules Day'**. It was a hit with the children, who relished the opportunity for a bit of sanctioned mischief while supporting our school. Your contributions to these events make a real difference, and we're grateful for your continued support.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. Our **'Around the World Day'** on Wednesday, 5th February, promises to be a vibrant celebration of global cultures. Pupils will have the opportunity to experience and learn about the traditions of four different countries, broadening their horizons and fostering cultural understanding.

For our movie buffs, don't forget about **Film Night on Thursday, 6th February**. It's always a cosy and fun evening for our school community. Lastly, I'm thrilled to share that I recently attended some fascinating training on **Virtual Reality technology**. We're exploring ways to incorporate this into our teaching, particularly to enhance our Online Safety curriculum. It's crucial that we equip our pupils with the skills they need to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

Mrs Clark

## Attendance

| Wrens | Robins | Penguins |
|-------|--------|----------|
| 87.5% | 92.9%  | 92.3%    |

## Book Fair

We have the Book Fair in school from  
Wednesday 5th February until Tuesday  
11th February

Please come and have a look round each  
night after school.



We would like to thank the following people for their help this month.

- Mrs Pester for supporting the children at the cross country event
- Mr N for supporting the children at the Basket ball festival

### Basketball Festival



### Cross Country



### Importance of Good Attendance

At Worthington Primary School, we believe that regular attendance is crucial for the academic and social development of our pupils. Consistent attendance not only enhances learning opportunities but also fosters a sense of belonging and community within our school. When pupils attend school regularly, they are more likely to achieve their full potential, build strong relationships with peers and staff, and develop essential life skills.

#### Reminder to Parents

We would like to remind all parents that holidays taken during term time will **not be authorised**. Taking children out of school for holidays can significantly disrupt their learning and development. As such, parents will face a **fixed penalty fine** if their child is absent from school without an acceptable reason.

#### Late Arrivals

Additionally, please note that children who arrive after the close of registration will be marked as **unauthorised**. It is important for parents to ensure that their children arrive at school on time to avoid any negative impact on their education and attendance record. For more detailed information regarding our attendance policy, including procedures and expectations, please refer to the full policy document available on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance and ensuring that our pupils can thrive in their educational journey.

| Dates                       | Event  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Weds 5th February           | Around the World day                             |
| Weds 5th-Tues 11th February | Book Fair in the hall after school every evening |
| Thurs 6th Feb               | Film Night                                       |
| Mon 10th Feb                | Open the Book assembly                           |
| Weds 12th Feb               | Active Travel assembly                           |
| Monday 17th-Fri 21st Feb    | Half Term  |
| Friday 28th Feb             | Young Voices                                     |
| Tues 4th Mar                | Year 5/6 swimming gala                           |
| Thurs 6th Mar               | World Book day                                   |
| Fri 7th Mar                 | Film Night                                       |