

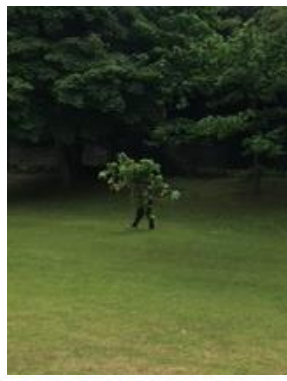


Dear Parents and Carers

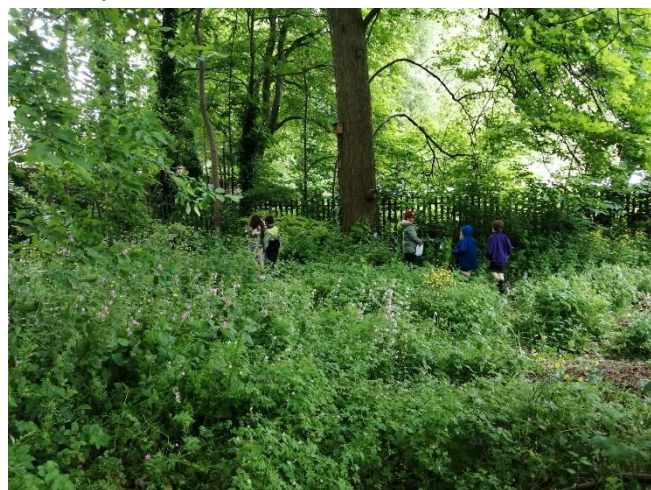
SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a good week to round off this half term! I was so pleased to see the number of families getting stuck in on **Groundforce Day** to help us improve our outdoor environment. Your work really made a difference to our grounds and has saved the school hundreds of pounds in grounds maintenance hours. Some of the parents really got the bug and are keen to have another short clear up session to finish projects and spruce things up before the music festival – perhaps Saturday 18th June? If you are able to help, please let us know!



This week has been **Green Week** in school and we have been busy learning about the environment and how to care for it. Travelling sustainably makes a big difference to air pollution locally so we have been encouraging children to walk, scoot and cycle safely by working with the Leeds Road Safety team and our PCSO Sarah Gaines to teach them how to be safe pedestrians and cycle/scooter users. We welcomed Liam from **Nature England** (who, luckily for us, is one of our parents) who came to work with Year 1 and Year 4 on Nature Recovery. The children and staff all enjoyed the sessions. Years 3 and 5 also had a special visitor as they worked with Philip from GreenUpYourAct and learned how to make booklets.



This morning we welcomed our **local MP, Alex Sobel**, who visited assembly to talk about Green Week and being environmentally engaged citizens. Thank you to everyone who supported our theme week.

As well as Green Week visitors we welcomed Dave from **D:Side** charity this week. He ran PSHCE sessions in every class on keeping safe around medicines, alcohol, smoking and alcohol in informative and fun sessions. Thanks Dave!

Two of our pupils have been thinking of others and fundraising for cancer research by **rollerskating 100 miles** during May! They are doing very well and would appreciate any support our community can give them. Well done Emily and Edie! <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/roller-rats>

Year 4 shared a busy half term's learning in their **class assembly** on Wednesday. It was great to hear (and see) more about the fun at Lineham Farm and across the school day. Today Year 6 are enjoying an end of year trip to **Ledston Estate** to enjoy the woodland countryside. We look forward to hearing more about their day out.

I need to let you know that letting arrangement with school for **Kidzone** to run **wraparound care** on our site will be ending at the end of the school year and Dawn Adams, the proprietor of Kidzone, will be retiring this summer. I know that many of you have used Kidzone over the years and will want to wish her – and the Kidzone leaders she has been working with - all the best for the future. The governors and I have been very keen to make sure that families at Shire Oak have access to a high quality, on site before and after school provision and have been listening to children and parents to find out what that should look like. Our intention is to run this childcare provision ourselves using staff the children know from school primarily. Now as we put our plans in place it would be very helpful to know the demand for this service and what it should look like. This short questionnaire <https://forms.gle/PrbpZi8KeYP27b8b8> will help us gather your views, but I am also happy to talk face to face or receive emails about this. Although it is in some ways the end of an era, I am excited about the opportunity to develop this aspect of school life in accord with our Shire Oak values.

I hope you have a great half term and a fun jubilee bank holiday. I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6th June.

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Does your child learn a musical instrument (at any level) at home or at school? They are invited to play in our **Music Recital** to school and parents on the 17th June. Please encourage them to start practising and let me know they would like to play. Peri teachers in school will be asking children too. 🎵

PS Please don't forget to fill in the parent survey! <https://forms.gle/5nDpYeif8SRB1k3pZ>

DIARY DATES

30 th May to 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Art Camp run holidays activities here (discount for SO children) https://www.artcampuk.com/ 1 st June deadline for World Cup mascot design competition
Monday 6 th June	Back to school! Unfortunately, uniform prices now rise: Cardigans/ jumpers: £10, polos £7.
Tuesday 7 th June	Y6 Girls' Cricket tournament
Tuesday 7 th June	Royal Jubilee picnic lunch – children on packed lunches can pack a more treaty lunchbox
Wednesday 8 th June	RSE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents 5pm in the school hall
Tuesday 14 th June	Y2 trip to Golden Acre park
Tuesday 14 th June	YR trip to Harewood House
Wednesday 15 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 th June	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 th June	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 th to 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school picnic event on Wednesday 22 nd Monday 20 th – Y1/2 trip to Makkah Mosque / Tuesday 21 st – Y3/4 trip to Sinai Synagogue Wednesday 22 nd – Y6 trip to Mandir temple in Hyde Park / Thursday 23 rd – Y5 to Sikh Temple in Chapeltown Friday – round the world music performance in school
Tuesday 21 st June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community: it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities & other music-making 12-4pm
Tuesday 28 th June	After school sports event to raise money for Rob Burrows' Motor Neuron Disease Centre
Thursday 30 th June	Year 5/6 trip to Filey
Thursday 14 th July	Year 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (this is instead of Filey)
Thursday 14 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
Monday 18 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon
Tuesday 19 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 th and 26 th July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 th July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
SUMMER HOLIDAY. From the 25 th July Art Camp run holidays activities on our site. https://www.artcampuk.com/ We have some free places for families in need – contact us.	
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	