



Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week in school! In fact, Tuesday was particularly jam-packed! Reception Class had their first ever school trip. They walked to **Rudy's Pizza** and enjoyed making themselves a tasty treat and hearing about how chefs keep learning. They were well behaved and listened well when out and about. Thank you very much to Rudy's for making this happen for free! Year 5 also enjoyed a trip which involved food. As part of their **Maya** topic they went to learn about the origins of chocolate-making and the role that Quaker families in York had in the development of modern-day confectionary. Year 6 didn't leave the school grounds, but they were also transported back in time. They took part in a virtual **World War 2** experience day and learned about what life was like for people at that time. They dressed up too



and there was a great range of outfits (and even a carrier pigeon!) The first part of the week also saw health related visitors come to school. Although Year 4's Bright Bites input on dental hygiene was postponed, Reception and Year 6 cooperated well with the school nurses' checks and Year 1 worked well with the audiology team. We don't just have a good time when our learning takes us out on visits or welcomes visitors to our school. Highlights in other classes this week include making fruit kebabs, excellent non-fiction writing and some



great clay work in art.

Thank you to all the Reception Class families who were able to join us for the online meeting on Wednesday about how **children learn maths** at the start of their time here at Shire Oak. If you weren't able to join us, don't worry, Miss Garcia has sent out some handouts and the slides will be on Tapestry. The teachers in Reception and Key Stage One are all taking part in the **Mastering Number** programme this year with the West Yorkshire Maths Hub and this is helping us ensure children really secure a good foundation in maths. (Some children can count for days and can even remember times tables facts, but need to work on making those good underlying connections and flexibility in their maths thinking, so this approach helps children at all stages of their maths development and confidence.)

For the first time this year, Reception Class joined in the **house team meetings** that took place on Wednesday this week. The Year 6 house team captains led discussions about the new lawn on the playground and any ideas the children have for games and activities that would make good use of the space.

For those of you planning ahead, please can I put it on your radar that **Shire Oak Sunday** will be happening at the end of the first week back after the half term break? Once a year St Michael's Church invite us to take a special part in one of their all-age services. All are welcome and are free to join in with as much as they feel comfortable with.

Shrove Tuesday falls in half term this year, so FOSOPS will be holding their annual **pancake sale** straight after school in the hall. They would really appreciate donations of pancakes that they can reheat and serve.

(Packs from the supermarket are easy to manage for them if it's possible to add one to your shopping list and then bring to school on or by Friday morning.)



Well done to Year 6 for a great **class assembly** this morning. I am out at the Leeds Learning Alliance conference today, so I look forward to hearing all about it (and seeing their Robinwood photos) when I get back to school.

Well done to Levi and Barney for participating so well in a very cold **cross country final** this week! They both represented our school very well and we are proud of them. Happily, Levi has now made it through to represent Leeds in the regional finals to be held in March and we follow his progress with interest.

I hope you have a good weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Tuesday 10 th February	Fire Safety Visit to Year 5
Tuesday 10 th February	Football match playing 'at home' at Lawnswood v Adel after school.
Thursday 12 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
16 th to 20 th February HALF TERM School closed to children. A Camps will run a holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.	
Wednesday 25 th February	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6.
Thursday 26 th February	Football team playing Ireland Wood at 'home' (Lawnswood pitch) after school
Friday 27 th February	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families.
Sunday 1 st March	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am
Tuesday 3 rd March	* Y1 trip to Temple Newsam
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as a favourite character.
6 th to 15 th March British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)	
Wednesday 11 th March	French Day in school
Monday 16 th March	Y6 Pizza Club starts (which day TBC)
16 th - 20 th March Neurodiversity Celebration Week	
Wednesday 18 th March	Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
23 rd March onwards Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story begin	
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Tuesday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production (dress rehearsal to the school)
Wednesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers in the morning
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 nd April	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
3 rd to 17 th April EASTER HOLIDAY School closed to children. A Camps will run a holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.	
22 nd and 23 rd April D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety	
Friday 24 th April	Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 29 th April	Swimming at Scott Hall starts TBC
Friday 1 st May	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 th to 8 th May Year 4 Residential	
Friday 8 th May	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c/ 11 th May	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
Friday 15 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 th May	Multicultural picnic after school TBC
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
25 th to 29 th May HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be a holiday playscheme.	
Monday 1 st June	Green Week including Road Safety
Wednesday 3 rd June	Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 3 rd June	RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm TBC
Thursday 4 th June	Class photos
Friday 5 th June	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
Friday 12 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Thursday 18 th June	New Reception parents meeting am and evening TBC

Saturday 20 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF) 12-4pm. All our children are in the choir and many will be in other performances. We host and run this event for the community, which incorporates our summer fair. Please avoid booking birthday parties, etc. on this day.
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Thursday 2 nd July	Music Recitals and 9:15 and 2pm. TBC
Monday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 th July	Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 th July	Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.

SHIRE OAK PRIMARY **CAMP INCLUDES**

FEBRUARY

ACTIVE

CAMP

- ✓ Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!
- ✓ Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches
- ✓ Theme Days!!!
- ✓ Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

DATES

16th - 20th February 2026

TIME

Scan the QR Code for pricing & bookings

If you use childcare vouchers to pay, please contact the Shire Oak office directly.

If booking 3+ sessions use discount code FEB10