

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Year 4 enjoyed a visit from a **Roman visitor** who said they were, “the best class I’ve had all year!”. Year 4 said: “It was a great workshop! We looked at artefacts and guessed what they were, learnt about Roman Gods and Emperors through acting out stories, played Roman games and practised Roman battle formations.”



Year 3 have also had a great time this week on their trip to **RHS Harlow Carr**. They talked excitedly about what they had been learning and all brought home plants with them to tend.



Well done to the squad who went with Mr Ian Martin and Mrs Sue Strange to the Well Schools **rugby tournament** hosted at Weetwood School yesterday. Our children played well, winning a lot of their games, and were great ambassadors for the school.

Thank you to **Year 5** for a lovely **class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed the rock music, tricky maths and Anglo-Saxon stories and artwork. Thank you also to the friends and family who were able to come and watch them.



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Otis has a great attitude and always joins in. June always tries her best and is a great role model.
Y1 (Nile)	Betsy and Greg have made a great start to Year 1 and been so switched on with their learning. Miko has been trying so hard during our maths sessions and she always tries her best! Eliza has impressed us with her positive attitude towards her learning – she’s been wowing us in phonics.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Orlaith-Rose persevered with her maths work and showed great resilience. Grace focuses so well in her art lessons and therefore produces lovely work. Violetta has settled into Year 2 so well and is getting more and more confident every day. Teresa has settled so well and is working really hard in all lessons.
Y3 (Rhine)	Ren has settled into Y3 really well showing kindness and determination. Olivia has already shown good progress in Y3, working more independently to complete every task. Evie is such a positive influence in the classroom always kind, encouraging and brave. Lennie has engaged so enthusiastically and thoughtfully with learning about Roy Francis and Black History Month.
Y4 (Ganges)	Gabriel MI uses his initiative in lessons and thinks carefully about how to complete tasks. Hazel has had a great start to Y4 and tries her hardest in every lesson. Maisie wrote a fantastically creative story in English. Jacob-Dale is working with a fantastic attitude and puts in maximum effort in his maths.
Y5 (Tigris)	Oscar is taking a mature approach to new learning in Y5. Lily applies her maths knowledge very well to the different tasks given. Ava engages well with all subjects covered in class. Luan makes thoughtful contributions in class.
Y6 (Amazon)	Amelie you are a positive role model to your class in every way. Lucas you are putting top effort into your learning in Year 6. Paige always gives her best in every subject and does it with a smile. Vince contributes well in English with good answers and considered writing.

Citizen of the Week is **Stanley** in Y5. He was nominated for using his initiative and offering to help Miss Craven with the lunch trolley. Well done!

Looking ahead to May, there will be the annual opportunity for Year 6s to practise their **cycling skills** in the playground and hopefully progress to learning how to cycle safely out on the roads. In order to do that they need to be confident cyclists and some years we have one or two children unable to join the road section of the week. To help with this we are aiming to schedule in annual sessions for Year 5 to build their confidence and check what they might need to develop. As current Year 6 have not had that opportunity, we are adding a session for a small group of children in Year 6 who are not yet able to ride well. Please check the diary dates to see when this is happening as we will be asking parents to send in their child's bike and helmet for this. (A small number of bikes will be available to borrow, if arranged in advance.) I have also attached to this newsletter details of **Cycle North's free lessons** for children so that if they are currently unable to ride they can start building this very useful life skill in advance of the school sessions.



We are going to be taking part in an art project linked to **Leeds City of Languages** and the Leeds 400 years celebrations. As part of this project we will be asking children to design tiles about what Leeds means to them and incorporating the word "**hello**" in

the languages that they speak, hear and use at home. It would be helpful to make sure children know how to write the word hello in the language(s) that are important to them so that they can proudly incorporate that into their artwork. Thanks for your help with this.

We have a busy weekend ahead of us and I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday – new families are especially welcome – and at the **Groundforce Day** on Sunday to spruce up our school grounds.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 10 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk meet at 12 back by 1:15 for food and drinks
Sunday 11 th October	Groundforce Day to work in the school grounds 1-3pm
Tuesday 13 th October *	Y3 Forest School session at St Michael's Churchyard Garden
Wednesday 14 th October	Y5 virtual Anglo Saxons history workshop with Durham University a.m.
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 15 th October	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Friday 16 th October	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 2 for all families to buy from
Sunday 18 th October	Families invited to St Michael's Church for an all-age service (Creation/ The Environment)
Monday 19 th October	Y6 Viking Day in school
Tuesday 20 th October *	Y4 Forest School session at St Michael's Churchyard Garden (will need suitable clothes)
Wednesday 21 st October	Y4 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (Last day of term – have a good half term break)
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th October*	HALF TERM. A Camps will be running all week at school. Book here.
Monday 2 nd November	First day of the half term
Thursday 5 th November	Flu immunisations in school
Friday 6 th November	Diwali Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 11 th November	An Act of Remembrance will be held
Wednesday 11 th November	FOSOPS AGM in the school hall, 6:30 to 7:30pm
Thursday 12 th November	Individual photos day (prints will be back before Christmas)
Friday 13 th November	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 18 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 20 th November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Tuesday 24 th November	Headingley Lights Switch On at St Michaels TBC
Wed 25 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too)
Thursday 26 th November	Hanukkah assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th November	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 3 for all families to buy from
Mon 30 th Nov to 2 nd Dec	Robinwood residential school trip for Year 6 children
Wed 2 nd to 3 rd December	D:Side sessions on Internet Safety across school
Wednesday 9 th December	Nativity play dress rehearsals for KS2 to watch
Thursday 10 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play am
Friday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Play am
Tuesday 15 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am TBC
Tuesday 15 th December	School Christmas lunch (can be booked in advance)
Wed 16 th December	School Christmas disco night YR 3:45 – 4:45 movie night in classroom; Y1/2/3 3:45 – 4:45 disco in the hall; Y4/5/6 5-6pm disco in the hall.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas party day with party lunch and Christmas music performances by Chestra
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – have a good Christmas holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Thursday 7 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too) s
Friday 15 th January	YR Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January	Parents and carers meeting about Y4 residential, 5pm. TBC.
Friday 22 nd January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 22 nd January	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 4 for all families to buy from
Monday 25 th January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 27 th January	YR and Y6 national measurement and vision checks
Friday 29 th January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Lunar New Year theme. All welcome.
Tuesday 2 nd February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Tuesday 2 nd February	Year 6 World War II day in school
Wednesday 3 rd February	Meeting about maths for YR parents and carers 1pm online TBC
Friday 5 th February *	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 8 th February	Water Safety Assemblies by Canals and Rivers Trust

Tuesday 9 th February	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale in the hall after school by FOSOPS
Thursday 11 th February	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12 th February	Last day of half term – have a good half term break
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th February*	HALF TERM. A Camps will be running all week in school.
Monday 22 nd February	First day of half term – pupils back in school
Sunday 28 th February	Shire Oak Sunday, 10am at St Michael's Church. All welcome. TBC.
Tuesday 2 nd March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day including dressing up
5 th to 14 th March	British Science Week
Mon 8 th & Tues 9 th March	Hands On Science Workshops as part of British Science Week
Thursday 11 th March	After school local netball tournament hosted at Shire Oak TBC
Friday 12 th March	Science Fair in the hall during the day
Friday 12 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Year 1 for all families to buy from TBC
15 th to 19 th March	Easter visits to St Michaels Church TBC
Monday 15 th March	Weekly pizza club for Y6 starts this week
Tuesday 16 th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 17 th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief Day TBC
Monday 22 nd March *	Cycling Day for Year 5 (and a group of children in Year 6 who are not able to ride confidently yet). They will need a bike and helmet for this day. The trainer can provide a limited number for children, but we would need to know in advance. Our hope is to make sure everyone is confident enough to be able to take part in Bikeability sessions in and out of school in the summer term of Year 6.
Wednesday 24 th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 25 th March	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 31 st March	Y3/4 production dress rehearsal to the rest of school TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1 st April	Y3/4 production to families TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1 st April	Y5 trip to music day at Lawnswood School
Friday 2 nd April	Last day of term. Have a lovely Easter holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Mon 5 th to Fri 16 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. A Camps will be running in school and the swimming pool will be back
Monday 19 th April	First day of term
Monday 19 th April	Pop up pool swimming due to start TBC
Friday 23 rd April	Vaisakhi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 23 rd April	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 5 for all families to buy from
6 th to 7 th May	Y4 residential to Bramhope Scout Campsite TBC
Friday 7 th May	Y5 trip to Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility
w/c Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATs week (statutory tests – please avoid appointments, etc. this week)
Friday 14 th May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st May	Bikeability for Year 6. They have the strongest chance of achieving the proficiency standard if they have practised cycling in preparation. Cycle North often run sessions in school holidays for beginners
20 th /21 st May	D:Side sessions in school on substances
Tuesday 25 th May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 28 th May	FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Reception for all families to buy from
Friday 28 th May	Last day of half term
Mon 30 th May to Fri 1 st June	HALF TERM A Camps will be running in school
Monday 7 th June	First day of half term
7 th to 11 th June	Green Week with road safety activities, etc.
Wednesday 9 th June	RSE information meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 10 th June	Class photo day
Friday 11 th June *	YR Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 17 th June	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 18 th June	Non uniform day in return for prizes for the tombola at HYMF
Wednesday 23 rd June	Parents/ carers meetings for incoming Reception class morning and evening TBC

Saturday 26 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is a festival and summer fair we host for the whole community. Everybody in school is performing so we ask families not to schedule birthday parties, etc. to clash with it. Thank you!
Thursday 1 st July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 2 nd July	Orienteering Day Y5/6 Becketts Park; Y3/4 The Ridge YR/1/2 school grounds TBC
Wednesday 7 th July	Transition Day with Stay and Play sessions for new Reception Class. TBC
Thursday 8 th July	Music recitals 9:15am and 2pm
Monday 12 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day 9:15am TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 15 th July	Y5/6 productions afternoon and evening 5:30pm (ticketed) TBC
Tuesday 20 th July	Leavers' Service St Michael's Church 10:30 am
Wednesday 21 st July	Teachers available after school to discuss end of year reports
Thursday 22 nd July	Leavers' Bowling trip and last day of the school year.
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.