



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to **Year 1** for their lovely **class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed their talk for writing, their science singing and the artwork they shared. Children led our assembly on Monday morning too as it was the turn of the Y6 Elephants house team to share a story they have been learning about. Our Year 6s are great house team captains who take their roles and responsibilities very seriously. In our recent Open Mornings I received many, many compliments about the way our children led the tours of school with confidence, enthusiasm and a love of learning and pride in our school.



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)	<b>Raffi</b> for his inspiring piece of art he created after looking at Matisse's work. <b>Sidney</b> for her fantastic Henri Matisse collage in art. Well done! <b>Arla</b> has amazed us with her red words in phonics. <b>Greg</b> has blown us away with his answers on the carpet. Well done!
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Harvi</b> is always enthusiastic and engaged in phonics. <b>Grace</b> takes care in her independent work. <b>Ellis</b> always tries his best and is very enthusiastic. <b>Mirabelle</b> is an excellent role model.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Charlie</b> thinks carefully about what he is reading and gives great answers to questions about a text. <b>Leah</b> is working hard in maths and is making fantastic progress. <b>Asterios</b> is working very hard on his reading. He is enthusiastic and a curious reader. <b>Emile</b> has shown great confidence counting and calculating with money in maths.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Kai</b> has made a great start to the new term connecting his learning and explaining his ideas. <b>Martha</b> has made an excellent start to the new term – keen to listen and to do her best. <b>Indi</b> is such a kind and supportive classmate who can always be trusted to work well with different people. <b>Myles</b> always responds positively to feedback and uses it to help him get even better.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>May</b> for her increasing confidence, perseverance and contributions in maths. <b>Oscar</b> for his focused and determined attitudes towards his work in every lesson. <b>Renee</b> has thrown herself into her writing and is working really hard to vary her sentence structure and use fronted adverbials. <b>Jacob</b> has a positive attitude towards everything and faces every day with a smile on his face!
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Clem</b> applies his excellent mental maths skills superbly in class. <b>Amelie</b> always gives her best across all subjects. <b>Jonah</b> brings a positive approach to his learning. <b>Annabel</b> worked well with her group in PE.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Jann</b> is showing a top attitude to his work in Y6. <b>Mali</b> is being creative in her writing and using adventurous vocabulary. <b>Alice S</b> puts top effort and enthusiasm into her singing during music; it's lovely! <b>Joseph</b> always presents his work to a very high standard.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Rohan</b> for being a great friend and taking care of the Reception children – and everyone – very well. He was nominated by Reception Class. Well done!	

A love of learning has come out strongly in many of the **homework** submissions we have been receiving recently. As you know, the top priority for homework is always regular (ideally daily) reading at home along with practising maths facts like times tables and number bonds. Beyond that, we know that following an interest, working on something over time and talking to the adults at home about learning are the things that make the difference, so we always enjoy seeing the ideas that come in that have been inspired by the homework leaflet that half term. Look at Quinn's great Roman soldiers with many accurate features – all made from reclaimed corks and other materials!

Thank you to Kai's mum for sharing her first hand experience of living on a **volcanic island** with Year 3 to support their topic. If you know that your work, area of



interest or real-life experience can support our work in school, please do offer to come and talk to the children – we always appreciate it!

Thank you to Year 4 for providing the buns and treats that I have seen coming into school today, to the volunteers who are coming in to sell them and to Year 6 for moving their PE slot to enable the **bun sale** that is happening after school today in the hall.

If you know anyone who is looking for some term-time only work, we are looking for a **cleaner** to join our team. <https://www.shireoak.org/vacancies> Please spread the word! Another thing that helps us maintain our environment is to please remember that **only service dogs** are allowed in the school grounds. Thank you for not tying dogs up too close

to gates and paths. (The fence along our drive to the car park, or halfway along the fence at the top of the field are good places to use.)



Well done to everybody who contributed to the issue of the **Acorn Times** school newspaper that came out this week. This was entirely written and produced by the children and edited by Coco, Poppy and Effie.

I hope you have a good weekend.

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#### DIARY DATES

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 3 working with local poet, James Nash
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Special poetry assembly for Y3 parents, 2:30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 parent visitor – volcanologist.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families. Lunar New Year theme.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Health checks YR and Y6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February *	Bright Bites dental visitor to Year 4
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reception Class pizza-making trip (TBC)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February *	Reception Class maths meeting 1pm online (please note the change from the original time)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Fire Safety Visit to Year 5
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM	School closed to children. <a href="#">A Camps</a> will run a holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February *	Football team playing Ireland Wood at 'home' (Lawnswood pitch) after school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am TBC
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	French Day in school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Pizza Club starts (which day TBC)
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC



Our regular volunteer, Miss Erica Martin, made this gorgeous star of the day bear for Year 2.

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March onwards	Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story begin
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAY	School closed to children. <a href="#">A Camps</a> will run holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May *	Multicultural picnic after school TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school

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.

**Leeds Community Grocery**, run by North Church, is now open on Kirkstall Road in Burley. They say:

.Stretch your shopping budget without stretching your stress, call in to check out some great meal ideas!

With the cost of living on the rise, we know every penny counts — and we're here to help. Our brand-new Community Grocery in Leeds is now open, offering affordable food while helping reduce waste and support the local community. 

For an annual membership of just £1 you can shop in-store at incredible value:

-  Standard Shop (12 points) – £5.00
-  Medium Shop (18 points) – £7.50
-  Large Shop (24 points) – £10.00
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Choose from a wide range of:

-  Cupboard essentials
-  Fresh fruit & veg
-  Bakery favourites
-  Frozen foods
-  Chilled goods

-  Non-food items

-  Now open Kirkstall Road, Leeds
-  Monday–Friday, 9:30am–4:30pm

Find out more  [community.org.uk/leeds](http://community.org.uk/leeds)

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