

Dear Parents and Carers

A stormy week* comes to the close and was marked this morning with a lovely **class assembly** by Y1. We particularly enjoyed their talk for writing and the learning they shared about the senses in their Body Song as well as their performance of AA Milne's poem, Now We Are Six.

We have had a number of inspiring assemblies this week. On Monday our assembly was led by **Leeds Rhinos** who were encouraging the children to adopt healthy lifestyles. On Wednesday we were visited by **Energy Heroes** who shared messages about climate change and the environment with the whole school. They then went to work with Year 5 on a lesson that used maths and science to explore data linked to energy and climate change.

This week was punctuated by a Training Day on Tuesday. There are five statutory training days throughout the school year that we are directed by the government to use for staff development. The main focus for this training day was **Paediatric First Aid training**. Having a number of staff in school trained gives us more flexibility to offer trips, wraparound care, etc. and it was good to have a refresher.

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations. The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 chocolate trip to York
Wednesday 31 st January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 2 nd February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th February	WWII workshop for Year 6
7 th - 9 th February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 th February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme. Shire Oak pupils get a 10% discount as we are the host school.	
Friday 23 rd February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 st March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 th March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 th to 17 th March	British Science Week
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th March	Workshops in school.
Tuesday 12 th March	Y5 piano and science workshop as part of Leeds International Piano Festival
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 th March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 th to 20 th March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)

Reception Class
enjoying their trip
to Pizza Express
last week.



Tuesday 26 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am for classes in school
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Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Thursday 28 th March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29 th March to Friday 1 st April. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme.	
Monday 15 th April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 th April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 nd & 23 rd April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 th May for one day.	
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
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3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Friday 21 st June	* Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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

Junior Art Camp

We have such a great week planned... with Animation from a Disney Animator Mark Hewit who is a 2D/3D Artist with recent experience working on children's TV shows for Ceebies and Disney Kids. We have the famous Circus Pete with his box of magic and hula hoops, We have Blue Screen TV Presenting... it's very cool. Walking with Alpacas, we have a dance workshop with the amazing Bryony, African Dance, Messy art and drama workshops, Bush craft and so much more fun...

Mini Art Camp 4-6

We have four days of drama and fun and games and outdoors fun with Jen Carass, stories and creating traditional tales, crafting, a crafty character from top to toe, from pen to paper to our wonderful imagination. Guitar playing and singing and lots more fun. On Friday we all get together for a day of Magic shows and Mini disco with lots of fun and games with DJ Dan. To book and see timetables, please follow the link www.artcampuk.com



