



# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

We finish this term with a very short week, but still as packed as ever. We have particularly enjoyed watching the Y3/4 Easter production. They have worked very hard to put together a show within a show – a wild west **Gospel Show** which tells the Easter story. The singing and dancing was joyful to hear and see and the actors delivered their lines with well-practised care. Thank you to the staff who rehearsed them, painted scenery and made props and to families at home for helping with finding costume items.

Next term will be an important term for Year 2. They start their **intensive swimming course** after the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, council pools no longer offer the three times a week summer term intensive swimming slots that we have been using. We know, however, that going day after day is the quickest way to build up water confidence and spot any barriers that need tackling. We have, therefore, persuaded them to fit us in for a week of daily swimming, followed by weekly sessions and then a week of daily swimming at the end. This is also part of children in Year 2 beginning the work of getting ready for their transition to Key Stage Two. To help with this it would be great if parents could encourage children to say goodbye to them at the circle and then walk independently into class with their teachers.

I hope you all have a lovely **Easter** and a great school holiday. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

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### Annual Parents and Carers Survey

Please let us know what is going well and how we can improve.

<https://forms.gle/JkLCxszxBjajMj4Y9>

Deadline Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29/3 to Friday 12/4. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run.	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April *	Audiologists to see Year 1
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	LKS2 Netball festival after school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Club trip to Armley Mills cinema
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April *	Small group flower arranging at St Michael's in preparation for Sunday service
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Leeds Rhinos netball match – tickets available via school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y2 Great Fire of London drama day with Alive and Kicking theatre group
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	LNW Sport
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 <sup>th</sup> May for one day.	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Rob Burrows marathon St Michael's will be open as a base for anyone wanting to watch
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run a playscheme	
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm NEW DATE
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and staff photo day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
<del>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</del>	<del>Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm</del>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
<del>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</del>	<del>Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm</del>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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!)
<del>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</del>	<del>Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm</del>
<del>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</del>	<del>Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm</del>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm NEW DATE
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	

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