

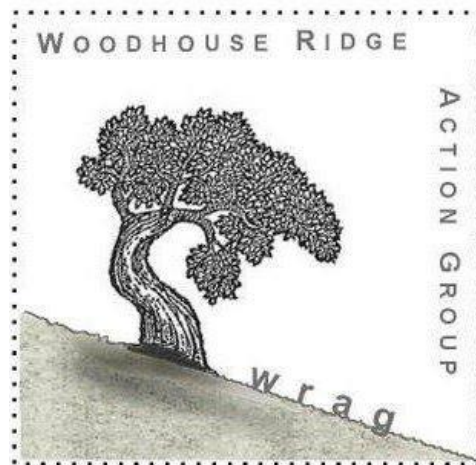


**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see a good number of families for our **Woodland Walk** on Saturday. We were fortunate with the weather and enjoyed an autumnal walk on The Ridge before returning to school for pizza. Thank you very much to Nigel Lees from Woodhouse Ridge Action Group who led our walk and shared his knowledge of the history and landscape on Woodhouse Ridge so generously.

Thank you to the office staff for organising our **photo day** this week and especially coordinating all the sibling photographs. Make sure your child brings home the proof for you to look at. We receive a percentage for all orders placed so do have a look and consider who might want a photo as a Christmas present!



Well done to our sports teams that have already started their fixtures for the year. The girls and boys of the Year 6 **rugby team** showed good energy and drew against Woodlesford in an away match this week. The Shire Oak **football team** have had a strong start to the new season in the two matches they have played recently. This week saw them host a home match against Weetwood. In an exciting first half Shire Oak were two nil up by half time and then consolidated this with another early on in the second half. A win was surely on. Weetwood had other ideas and came back with three quick goals and that was how it finished, 3-3. The boys and girls in the squad are taking great heart from the four goals scored in the two matches so far and are already looking forward to the two matches to come during the last week of this half term.



Thank you to **Year 4** who shared their learning this morning in their **class assembly**. We enjoyed finding out about humans and other animals through quizzes and ChromeBooks. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

I hope you find the **diary dates** at the end of this newsletter useful for planning ahead. We try very hard to keep to these dates, but sometimes clashes or other circumstances can force us to move them.

Please ensure children have coats with them as we do go outside to play and learn, even in rainy weather.

Have a good weekend!

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Jane Hinchliffe.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly [shireoakgovernors@gmail.com](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com) Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

| Class  | Well done to the Superstars in recent weeks who have been chosen by the staff in their class.  |
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| YR (Thames)  | <p><b>Kaiyo</b> is so enthusiastic about his learning and shares really well.</p> <p><b>Etta</b> always listens on the carpet and is a kind member of the class.</p> <p><b>Poppy</b> likes to write and has great letter formation.</p> <p><b>Rory</b> likes to write about things that interest him.</p> <p><b>Georgie</b> is very kind and always helps her classmates.</p> <p><b>Joseph</b> loves learning about numbers. He shows us what he knows when he is playing.</p>   |
| Y1 (Nile)  | <p><b>Noah</b> and <b>Betty</b> because they have made a good start to Y1 and done some great learning.</p> <p><b>Arthur</b> is keen to use his phonics in his writing.</p> <p><b>Betty</b> is working hard in phonics sessions and shows her learning in her spellings.</p> <p><b>Arthur</b> wrote fantastic instructions for how to make jelly!</p> <p><b>Isabella</b> chose to write independently about what interested her about autumn.</p> <p><b>Isabella</b> and <b>Heath</b> did great maths finding totals.</p>  |
| Y2 (Aruvi Aru)   | <p><b>Amirali</b> because he has settled in well in Y2 and works hard.</p> <p><b>Dylan</b> because he has made a great start to Y2.</p> <p><b>Myla</b> practises her spellings at home and in school, which shows in her work.</p> <p><b>Bella</b> is using the look, say, cover, write and check method every day to practise spellings.</p> <p><b>Charlie N.S.</b> has used capital letters, spaces and full stops in his writing.</p> <p><b>Manraaj</b> has used an adjective in his writing.</p> <p><b>Frankie</b> is asking to work with an adult every day to practise her Europe passport.</p> <p><b>Noah</b> is working hard on his passport targets in class and with Mrs Woodley.</p>                          |
| Y3 (Rhine)   | <p><b>Peggy</b> because she is switched on to her learning, uses resources around her to solve problems independently and always does her best.</p> <p><b>Jamie</b> is switched on to learning, completing tasks independently, using advice to improve his work (e.g. spelling).</p> <p><b>Asa</b> uses what he knows to spell tricky words and then goes back to check and edit using word banks, etc.</p> <p><b>Eli</b> always tries his best with his spellings and learns new words and rules every week.</p> <p><b>Peggy</b> always goes back to check her spelling using the resources around her.</p> <p><b>Jovan</b> has been concentrating, trying hard and having fun in maths sessions with Mrs Woodley.</p> |
| Y4 (Ganges)  | <p><b>Sophie NS</b> is showing a mature and more engaged approach in class.</p> <p><b>Dylan</b> has a positive approach to his learning.</p> <p><b>Rylan</b> is putting extra effort into his spelling.</p> <p><b>Libby</b> is really going the extra mile with her spelling.</p> <p><b>Katarina</b> researched some interesting facts about the muscular system for our topic, 'Humans and Other Animals.'</p> <p><b>Hanna</b> is adapting well to our Maths Passport system.</p> <p><b>Jayden</b> has been using spare time in class to work on his Maths Passport.</p>  |
| Y5 (Tigris)  | <p><b>Lia</b> because she has been giving her best in everything and making really thoughtful contributions.</p> <p><b>James</b> because he has made a really great start with his positive attitude towards everything.</p> <p><b>Emaya</b> is working hard with her spelling and has a 100% record so far!</p> <p><b>Dimitri</b> has 100% so far in spelling tests and is working really hard to learn them.</p> <p><b>Sam</b> and <b>Erin</b> have produced some excellent work writing about the history of the bicycle.</p> <p><b>Deney</b> has super-fast accurate recall of multiplication facts.</p> <p><b>Georgia</b> is working really hard in maths and her multiplication tables in particular.</p>          |
| Y6 (Amazon)  | <p><b>Kyarna</b> has started Y6 positively and wants to do her best.</p> <p><b>Guilio</b> is always positive and is focusing on his work. A good start to the year!</p> <p><b>Lily</b> has presented her topic work to a high standard, taking great care.</p> <p><b>Logan</b> put care into an accurate diagram and used technical vocabulary.</p> <p><b>Sarvagya</b> has worked hard on speeding up recall of her times table facts.</p> <p><b>Ava</b> has worked hard and persevered with her Maths Passport target.</p>  |
| <p><b>Citizens of the Week</b> were <b>Sam</b> who was nominated by Micah for being a good role model and <b>Dilraaj</b> who was nominated by Anna &amp; Sara for being a good role model who looks after younger children. Well done!</p> |  |

### DIARY DATES

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| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Headingley Hawks Rugby to see Year 6 girls at 2pm   |
| Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> October    | Parent and Carers Evenings – all families will receive an appointment. Y5 & Y6 children very welcome to attend with their adults. |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October                      | * Lawnswood School visiting Y5/6/   |
| w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                           | Internet Safety Week including parent information event, likely to be 23/10 @2:30   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                        | Bun Sale – Year 6 please make/bring buns. Everyone else can buy them.   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                       | Football match against Holy Name (away)   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October                      | Football match against Adel (home match to be played at Lawnswood)  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov    | HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November                      | * Y3/4 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                        | Divali Assembly – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November           | * Anti Bullying Fortnight with theatre workshops on the 12 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .                                   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Open Evening for prospective parents, 6pm.  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                    | House Team Hobby Half Day – children working in house teams on various activities   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Y3 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November                    | Winter Festival of Fire in the school grounds straight after school. All welcome!   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Birthday of Guru Nanak– all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am, the hall.   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                       | FOSOPS school discos in the evening. R/KS1 4:30-5:30 7 KS2 5:45- 6:45   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Training Day – school closed to children  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Y4 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC  |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December     | Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children   |
| w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Book Club trip to the theatre TBC   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                       | Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                      | Book Club trip  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                       | Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning and afternoon (FOSOPS refreshments)   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                       | * Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                      | Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                      | School Christmas lunch  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                       | Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor   |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 19 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.   |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January                      | Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January                        | Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January                      | * Maths Focus Day   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January                        | * Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day  |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January                        | Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale   |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January                        | * Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                        | * Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                     | * Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                     | Movie Night 5-7pm TBC   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                      | Training Day – school closed to children TBC  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February   | * Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day   |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  | HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                      | * Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy  |
| w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                   | * STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>                                 |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March    | * Lineham Farm residential for Y4   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                         | * Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day  |

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| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | * | Geography Focus Day  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March  | * | Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March  | * | Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                                   |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March  | * | Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy                     |
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March -Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April   | * | EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.           |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | * | Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!  |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April   | * | School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday                                    |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April  | * | Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April  | * | Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy                     |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May   | * | Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                                   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May   | * | BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.                                |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | * | Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                                   |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | * | KS2 SATS Week for Year 6   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | * | Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                                   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | * | Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall) |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | * | HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.        |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                            |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC        |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)                                    |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)                      |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6                            |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June   | * | Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Movie Night 5-7pm TBC  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June  |   | Training Day – school closed to children   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June   | * | Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy                     |
| w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | * | Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | * | Transition Day (visiting new classes)  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                                   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing                |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | * | Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening        |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July   | * | Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning                                |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning                                |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning                               |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC                                 |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July   | * | End of year celebrations (   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July  | * | Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am                                    |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  | * | Last day of term before the summer holiday.  |
| <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> term dates |   |  |
| * means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change  |   |  |

Reception Class have asked for donations of **underwear, socks and trousers** as they are running out! Please hand them to a member of staff if you have any clean items you can pass on to us. Thank you very much!



Sat 03 Nov, 6pm evening - InterACT / Holy Trinity Church - Rise of the Shadow Stealers

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