

Dear Parents and Carers

I have really enjoyed seeing the **good work** that children have brought to show me this week from homemade books in Reception Class to working volcanoes from Year 2 and thoughtful maths reasoning across the whole school. Talking about their learning really helps children to understand and retain what they have been taught, so I hope they are also telling you at home about their successes! I know that some children can clam up like stones at the end of the school day so do use the information from class to give you openers on topics to talk about with them. (Ms Virgin shared this photos of Year 4 being budding Michelangelos!)



Our Y5/6 **girls team** represented the school brilliantly with good humour, a positive attitude and an unbeaten record as they won 2 matches and drew 1 in a **tag rugby festival** at West Park on Tuesday. →

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated or bought buns on Friday (or waited patiently for their School Councillor to finish their jobs). They raised a whopping £221 for **Comic Relief** between the cash and online donations. The Easter raffle tickets that FOSOPS have been selling are raising money for school and the development of our outside areas. Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize for the **FOSOPS Easter raffle** – Wednesday's assembly next week will be an exciting one when it is drawn. (I would, however, like to assure parents that at Shire Oak we never, ever expect



parents to take part in fundraising. Not only is money tight in many households, but we respect that there are lots of different ethical stances on fundraising for schools, gambling, etc. as well as families who also organise their charitable giving rather than respond to one-off requests. We do not keep track of who participates and who doesn't and it never, ever affects the way we look after or teach your children!)



Part of the work we do on **transition** and getting children ready for secondary school is ensuring that our older pupils have positive experiences at local high schools and look forward to the range of activities they will be able

to get involved in. This week we were delighted that our Year 6s were invited to watch the final dress rehearsal of **All Shook Up** at Lawnswood School. A fun and accomplished show with many stellar performances from Shire Oak alumni! (As I didn't get to go on Monday I went to see it last night and it was fantastic to see so many Shire Oakers there.)

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>Jaxson</b> wrote an amazing independent story! <b>Rosa</b> wrote a brilliant independent story!
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Sylvie</b> is trying really hard in her maths. <b>Lyla</b> always tries her best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Imogen</b> is a fantastic friend. She plays lots of games on the playground and is great at joining in.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Renee</b> for excellent work in the Bollywood dancing unit. <b>Luan</b> for excellent contributions in all his lessons.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Amelie</b> demonstrates a mature and fair attitude when faced with a problem and makes sure she listens to the opinion of others. <b>Evie</b> has been persevering in maths and been showing more and more independence when working.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Joseph W</b> has shown that he has a very good understanding of fractions. <b>Beckett</b> has been using his school Google account to produce written work at home.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Kai</b> always makes thoughtful and meaningful contributions in class. <b>Chloe</b> is always raising her game and is working at a really high level.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was Millie in Y1. She was nominated by Stella in Y4 for always listening and being kind and loving to everyone. Well done!	

It was lovely to see so many of you at **parents and carers evening** this week. Whether your appointment is this week or next week it is such a valuable chance for us to get on the same page about your child's learning and wellbeing.

Feedback from parents and carers is very important to us as we plan ahead for the school and what to keep, what to change and what to think about. Every year the governors collect these views in a **parent survey** so that we can take into account as many voices as possible. Please fill it in at <https://forms.gle/T6JgScgZdb9uAUtu7> or ask us if you need a paper copy to be sent home.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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**CFL's Easter guide**  
FREE / LOW COST\* ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ACROSS LEEDS

**Leeds City Council** **Leeds** **Leeds City Council**

**Don't miss Leeds Young Film Festival!**

**Studio 12 is a free-to-access music studio for 16 to 30 year olds**

**Miffy's 70th birthday free exhibition is still at Leeds City Museum!**

**Kids eat free at Ninja Warrior Leeds 5 - 27 April with booking code KIDSEASTER**

**week 1 5 to 12 April**

**5 - 17 Medieval Easter!**  
Royal Armouries, LS10, open 10:00 to 17:00, booking required

**7 El Family Rave with Boomchikkaboom\***  
Project House, LS12, 14:00 to 15:30

**7 - 11 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

**9 Ancient Roman/Chocolate coins workshop!**  
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

**8 - 10 Den building**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

**8 - 10 Miffy Crafts**  
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

**8 - 10 LEGO - Build the Change**  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

**8 - 13 Drop in the Ocean VR experience (ages 7+)**  
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 20 min slots from 10:00, book on arrival

**9 Freedom4Girls Reusable pads sewing workshop (ages 16+)**  
Leeds Central Library, LS1, 13:00 to 15:00

**9 Blues & Bingo story time**  
Merrion Centre, LS2, 30 min sessions at 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00

**11 Facepainting, arts & crafts**  
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00

**11 National Board Games Day!**  
Activities in Leeds Libraries across the city!

**12 Willy Wonka (U)\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00 to 13:00, pay what you can

**12 Play with Paints\***  
Seagulls, LS11, 13:00 to 15:00

**12 - 13 CANVAS: The Play Tent**  
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

**13 Sleeth Lane (U) - Autism friendly film showing\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

**13 Railway Children Return (PG)\***  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 14:30 to 16:00, prices in blog (deal for Armley residents)

**14 - 19 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

**15 - 16 Movie Club: Film tricks & edits (ages 7 to 12)\***  
Carriageworks, LS2, 4 times available per day

**15 - 17 LEGO - Build the Change**  
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

**16 Make it Move - animation workshop**  
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

**16 - 19 Leeds Film Festival Short films**  
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:30 to 14:30, 83 mins runtime

**17 Facepainting, arts & crafts**  
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00

**18 Easter Egg Hunt\***  
Skelton Grange, LS10, 11:00 to 14:00

**19 - 20 CANVAS: The Play Tent**  
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

**20 Sylvanian Families (U) - Autism friendly film showing\***  
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

**21 Crafts sessions for ages 3+**  
John Lewis, LS2, 11:00, 12:30 or 14:00

**week 2 13 to 21 April**

**The 'Safe Places' app shows registered safe locations near you**

**Register with Healthy Holidays for FREE activities and a healthy meal from 71 providers across Leeds for children eligible for free school meals**

**SEE ALL THE DETAILS...**

<https://www.seechildfriendlyleeds.com/category/holidays/>

## DIARY DATES

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS planning meeting for Headingley Youth Music Festival, etc. 2:30pm. Welcome
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March *	Rescheduled Y5 fire safety visit
31 <sup>st</sup> March to 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April *	Y5/6 playing rugby at Whinmoor St Paul's
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter raffle draw
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents and carers consultation evening after school until 6:30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to parents, carers, etc. c.9.15 - 10.15am
EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> April. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 netball at St Mary's Menston after school
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Leeds Rhinos assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian, scooter and bike safety. TBC
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	House Team Hobby Half Day TBC
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photo day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y3 Ancient Egyptian artefacts visitor
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June *	Transition day at Ralph Thoresby School
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition visits to new classes
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July *	Transition days for Lawnswood (extra day available as well, when needed)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 29 <sup>th</sup> August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

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