

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a great week in – and out – of school. Year 6 were very grown-up setting off for their **residential trip** this week. (They travelled by train and had to carry their own luggage!) Although it was cold at **Robin wood**, they had a fantastic time and really impressed the staff with the way they pushed themselves, took on challenges and made great progress physically and mentally. Thank you to the staff (and their families) who give up their time (and sleep) to take the children away overnight like this and provide the children with such a developmental milestone.

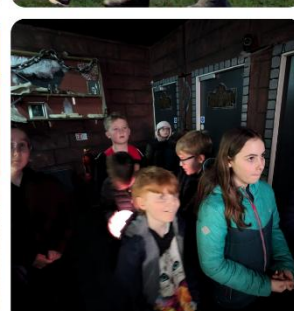
Taking public transport and learning how to be good pedestrians are part of the ways we prepare children for adult life and being sustainable travellers when they get older. To support that we were very happy to welcome the **road safety team** with their **Christmas show** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I hear they even brought a special visitor with them...

This week was the turn of a Year 5 team to play in the **dodgeball** tournament with five teams. We won some matches and lost some, but most importantly played in very good spirits.

Year 3 have also enjoyed a sporting challenge this week when they took part in a special **sports festival** at the University of Leeds on Thursday. Well done to them all for taking part so enthusiastically and being well behaved on the bus there and back. (Full update next week.)

Well done to **Year 4** for the lovely **class assembly** this morning. Despite the number of children suffering from the viruses going round, they persevered admirably. We loved their sewing, their topic work and all the other learning they have been doing across the curriculum.

The children from choir who went **carol singing** at Victoria Court on Thursday were also a credit to the school. In a very warm room they sang a half hour repertoire of carols and Christmas songs and then chatted to the residents about Christmasses past. As one of the residents said, "this is when Christmas always begins for me!"





Thank you so much to Gwen and Abi at the Vale Stables for their help with getting us this gorgeous **Christmas tree**, ably decorated by Susan Koyuncu. They have just taken delivery of some more trees so if you are looking for one for your home, do pop down. (And if you want a great tree on the 19th December, we are open to offers to take ours away at the end of term!)

FOSOPS would like you to remember there is a **bun sale** after school today, if you are in the market for a weekend treat. Thank you to Year 3 families for supplying the goodies. Next week the tickets for the **school disco and raffle** will go on sale. (Reception Class have their own Christmas treat in their classroom rather than joining the noisy disco in the hall.)

I am looking forward to welcoming you to watch your Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children perform their **nativities** next week. Reception Class will share theirs on Thursday morning and Year 1/2 will take to the stage on Friday morning. We expect them to start by 9:15am, but if we can get all the children into costume earlier than that we will start more promptly, rather than make them wait! FOSOPS are providing hot drinks, mince pies, etc. so you will be able to wait out of the cold

after drop off. If it is impossible for a family member or friend to attend on your child's performance day we have some limited places available for the dress rehearsal on Wednesday but please get in touch to check, as we will need to arrange to put out chairs for this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Shire Oak Primary School
2025 Christmas disco
& movie night
Wednesday 17th December

Reception – Christmas movie and music – 3:45 – 4:45
Years 1/2/3 – Christmas disco – 3:45 – 4:45
Years 4/5/6 – Christmas disco – 5:00 – 6:00

All children will get disco with Mr Shuffles entertainment (or a Christmas movie for those in reception), pizza, a sweet treat, crisps and a drink.

Ticket price £6.00
Raffle tickets £1.00 per strip

DIARY DATES

28 th to 30 th November	Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael's (Shire Oak have a tree this year). Craft activities for children on Saturday 2-4pm.
Mon 1 st - Wed 3 rd Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Tuesday 2 nd December *	Road Safety Christmas pantomime for YR and KS1
Monday 1 st December	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Thursday 4 th December	Y3 Sports Festival am
Thursday 4 th December *	Some of choir carol singing at Victoria Court
Friday 5 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 th / Tues 9 th December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 th December	Reception and Y1 /2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Monday 15 th December	Choir singing at Headingley Library (venue may be rearranged due to repair work)
Tuesday 16 th December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 th December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party day, including concerts by Chestra. Lunch will be party food & can be booked. This is the day children can wear Christmas jumpers, etc. but they don't have to!
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
22 nd December to 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children.	
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 th January *	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 16 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
20 th – 22 nd January	Year 3 working with local poet, James Nash
Thursday 22 nd January	Special poetry assembly for Y3 parents, 2:30pm
Friday 23 rd January *	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 27 th January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Friday 30 th January *	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families. Lunar New Year theme.
Monday 2 nd February	Health checks YR and Y6
Tuesday 3 rd February *	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Wednesday 4 th February *	Reception Class maths meeting 2:15pm online (TBC)
Friday 6 th February *	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Tuesday 10 th February *	Fire Safety Visit to Year 5
Thursday 12 th February *	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
16 th to 20 th February HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be an activity club running at Shire Oak.	
Wednesday 25 th February *	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6.
Friday 27 th February *	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families.
Sunday 1 st March *	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am TBC
Thursday 5 th March *	World Book Day
7 th to 16 th March *	British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)
Wednesday 11 th March	French Day in school
Monday 16 th March *	Y6 Pizza Club starts (which day TBC)
16 th - 20 th March *	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 18 th March *	Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 th March *	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
23 rd March onwards *	Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story begin
Wednesday 25 th March *	Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)

Wednesday 1 st April	*	Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 nd April		TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
3 rd to 17 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY School closed to children. There will be an activity club running at Shire Oak.
22 nd and 23 rd April	*	D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety
Friday 24 th April	*	Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 st May	*	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 th May	*	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 th to 8 th May	*	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May	*	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c/ 11 th May	*	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
w/c 18 th May		Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May		FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Wednesday 10 th June		TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 th June		FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June		Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 th June		Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 st July		Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 th July		FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
TERM 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.

in support of
**Sue Ryder
Wheatfields
Hospice**



**9am - 4pm
Fri 5 and Sat
6 December
2025**

Christmas Trees For Sale

Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice, Grove Road,
Headingley, Leeds, LS6 2AE

Buy your Christmas tree from Sue Ryder this year and support the vital care that we provide.

Sizes range from 4ft - 7ft.
Prices from £35.

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