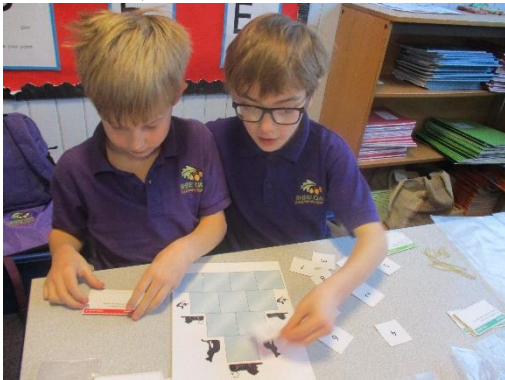




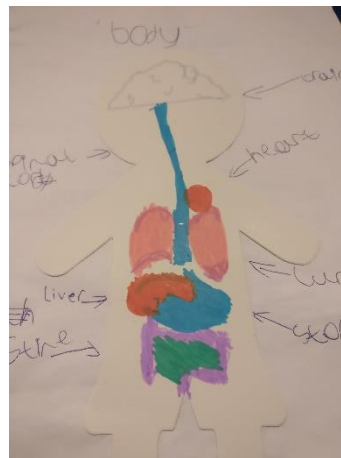
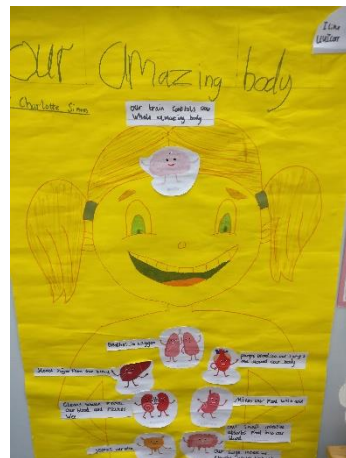
Dear Parents and Carers

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

This has been another busy week as we have continued Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight. As part of that we enjoyed a day with a special maths focus yesterday. Thank you to **Lawnswood School** for sending someone from their maths department to lead a maths puzzle session in Year 6. Year 3 had a great time working collaboratively to solve problems using ordinal numbers (from the Buzzbox).



It has been great to see children being very switched on in their **homework** tasks and other learning at home. We have been pleased to see the variety of ways children have been exploring topics at home and talking to their adults about what they have found out and created. It has also been good to see children working hard on their regular homework – reading as much as possible and practising their maths passport targets.



I will soon be asking children if they would like to have a part in the **Shire Oak Sunday** service at St Michael's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. It will be Candlemas and they have asked us to do a short play and some readings again. If your child would like to take part, please let them know if they would be able to attend so that they feel confident to let me know when I ask for volunteers. Thank you. (All families are welcome to join the service, whether their children want to take part in the acting or not. There should also be a child's baptism to watch.)

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class for demonstrating a great switched on Shire Oak growth mindset.
YR (Thames)	<b>Evie</b> has a great attitude to learning and is always willing to give things a go. <b>Atticus</b> always adapts and changes the structures he builds outside and learns from his mistakes.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Teddy</b> worked totally independently making his moveable superhero. <b>Dylan</b> thought outside the box during one of our hero challenges.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Manraaj</b> has a very good attitude when it comes to overcoming obstacles. <b>Bella M</b> always tries and tries again if she doesn't get things first time.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Peggy</b> tries her best and uses the 6 Worker Bees to help herself. <b>Toma</b> is using a growth mindset.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>James</b> has an "I can do it" attitude. <b>Eva</b> demonstrates a growth mindset.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Shanya</b> is a switched on Shire Oak learner. <b>Katelyn</b> makes positive contributions during lessons.

Y6 (Amazon) **Ted** has been showing a positive attitude. **Erin** has been switched on and willing to push herself.

**Citizen of the Week** was **Isobel**. She was nominated by Sara and Anna for improving her learning in class, following all the Shire Oak values, never giving up on anything and having a growth mindset. Well done!

It was lovely to see so many of you at **Stay and Play** this morning. Thank you for coming. Thanks also to everyone who filled in a reflection form after Y6 class assembly last week – we are gathering parent views on this area of school life.

I hope you 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). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)



*Join the Meanwood Valley Heritage Ranger  
for a range of spring nature events*

March			
Wildfowl Walk in Golden Acre Park	Wednesday 6 March 10:00am to 12:30pm	Help take the pulse of nature by identifying and recording wildfowl species with your Ranger.	Meet at Golden Acre Park, car park, Otley Road
April			
Bluebell Walk in Woodhouse Ridge	Sunday 14 April 10:00am to 12:30pm	Enjoy a Spring Guided Walk with Your Ranger to Discover Spring Flowers!	Meet at entrance on Ridge Terrace
Dawn Chorus in Meanwood Park	Saturday 27th April 7:00am to 9:00am	Join our resident expert, ranger Steve Joul, on an early morning (not quite dawn) walk around Meanwood Park and Woods to learn how to identify our local birds by their song.	Meet at Meanwood Park car park, near the Rangers Hut, off Green Road
May			
Meanwood Valley Trail Loop 1	Saturday 4 May 10:00am to 13:00pm	Join your Ranger on a Guided Walk of the Valley	Meet at entrance on Ridge Terrace
Meanwood Valley Trail Loop 2	Saturday 11 May 10:00am to 13:00pm	Join your Ranger on a Guided Walk of the Valley	Meet at Meanwood Park car park, near the Rangers Hut, off Green Road

## DIARY DATES

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!
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February *	Girls' football tournament
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!
<del>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Movie Night 5-7pm TBC</del>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Training Day – school closed to children (confirmed)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February *	Y1 & Y2 trip to Rainbow Factory all day
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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School nurses doing health checks for Reception and Year 6
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM Week including Robotics and Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Focus Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March *	Global Green Week
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!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March *	Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
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!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
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
<del>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</del>	<del>Movie Night 5-7pm TBC</del>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class 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!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July *	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
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	