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SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC)Primary School

Letter 9
6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers



I hope you had a great half term and got out and about, despite the stormy weather at the start. It was lovely to see many of you this morning at our special **Diwali Assembly** to share what children have been learning about this festival. **Happy Diwali** to our families that are celebrating this weekend.



Today many of our children have enjoyed a British Library Comics and Creatures Draw-along event with **author Thiago de Morges**. One to check out at the library!

Very well done to **India** who completed her impressive fundraising walk and is grateful for the donations from Shire Oak families. Read about it here in the Yorkshire Evening Post.



Congratulations also to **Maisie** who was selected to take part in the 'Dreams are Possible' Young Artist Open Exhibition at the Ferens Art Gallery in Hull. How lovely to see her artwork on display at a proper gallery!

Thank you to **Good Gym Leeds** who came to clean the hundreds of chairs we have for the school hall this week. They finished so quickly that while they were at it they cleaned and tidied the PE store too! We love working with them and appreciate the help they give our school inside and out. They are based at HEART and run, cycle or walk to support community needs in the area. Find out more here.

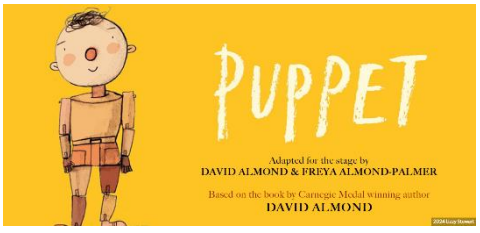
Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Did not attend this assembly but are all working very hard.
Y1 (Nile)	**Ahaan** has impressed us so much with his brilliant independent writing. **Ioan** always tries his best and is such a kind, helpful member of our class.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	**Layla** is working so hard in every lesson, especially in maths! She is putting her hand up lots and working more independently. **Magnus** has a brilliant attitude towards his learning and is always very focused.
Y3 (Rhine)	**Willow L** showed great strength and balance in gymnastics in PE. **Sonny** showed great perseverance, creativity and strength in gymnastics in PE.
Y4 (Ganges)	**Leon** tries his best in every lesson. **Connie** perseveres when faced with a challenge in maths.
Y5 (Tigris)	**Leo** – his interest in computing inspires others in class. **May** – her maths confidence continues to grow.
Y6 (Amazon)	**Max** – you have made a great start to the new half term. **Nia** – you have put top effort and attention into all of your work.
Citizen of the Week is **Paige** in Y6. She was nominated for being a good friend, following all the school values and being a very good role model to everyone she meets. Well done!	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Features children from our school! →



DIARY DATES

Wed 11th November	An Act of Remembrance will be held
Wednesday 11th November	FOSOPS AGM in the school hall, 6:30 to 7:30pm
Thursday 12th November	Individual photos day (prints will be back before Christmas)

Friday 13th November	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
~~Mon 16th~~ Tues 17th Novemb*	Anti Bullying Workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight (date change)
Wed 18th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 20th November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Tuesday 24th November	Headingley Lights Switch On at St Michaels TBC
Wed 25th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too)
Thursday 26th November	Book Club trip to Saltaire
Thursday 26th November	Hanukkah assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27th November	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 3 for all families to buy from
Mon 30th Nov to 2nd Dec	Robinwood residential school trip for Year 6 children
Wed 2nd to 3rd December	D:Side sessions on Internet Safety across school
Friday 4th December *	Young Climate Warriors ambassador working with Eco Team at lunchtime
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity play dress rehearsals for KS2 to watch
Thursday 10th December	Reception Class Nativity Play am
Friday 11th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Play am
Tuesday 15th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am TBC
Tuesday 15th December	School Christmas lunch (can be booked in advance)
Wed 16th December	School Christmas disco night YR 3:45 – 4:45 movie night in classroom; Y1/2/3 3:45 – 4:45 disco in the hall; Y4/5/6 5-6pm disco in the hall.
Thursday 17th December	Christmas party day with party lunch and Christmas music performances by Chestra
Friday 18th December	Last day of term – have a good Christmas holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Monday 4th January	First day of term
Thursday 7th January	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too) s
Friday 15th January	YR Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 20th January	Parents and carers meeting about Y4 residential, 5pm. TBC.
Friday 22nd January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 22nd January	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 4 for all families to buy from
Monday 25th January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 27th January	YR and Y6 national measurement and vision checks
Friday 29th January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Lunar New Year theme. All welcome.
Monday 1st February	Cross Country final TBC
Tuesday 2nd February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Tuesday 2nd February	Year 6 World War II day in school
Wednesday 3rd February	Meeting about maths for YR parents and carers 1pm online TBC
Friday 5th February	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 8th February	Water Safety Assemblies by Canals and Rivers Trust
Tuesday 9th February	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale in the hall after school by FOSOPS
Thursday 11th February	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12th February	Last day of half term – have a good half term break
Mon 15th - Fri 19th February	HALF TERM. A Camps will be running all week in school.
Monday 22nd February	First day of half term – pupils back in school
Sunday 28th February	Shire Oak Sunday, 10am at St Michael's Church. All welcome. TBC.
Tuesday 2nd March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day including dressing up
5th to 14th March	British Science Week
Mon 8th & Tues 9th March	Hands On Science Workshops as part of British Science Week
Thursday 11th March	After school local netball tournament hosted at Shire Oak TBC
Friday 12th March	Science Fair in the hall during the day
Friday 12th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Year 1 for all families to buy from TBC
15th to 19th March	Easter visits to St Michaels Church TBC
Monday 15th March	Weekly pizza club for Y6 starts this week
Tuesday 16th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 17th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 18th March *	Y6 rugby at Roundhegians 1-3pm
Friday 19th March	Comic Relief Day TBC

Monday 22nd March	Cycling Day for Year 5 (and a group of children in Year 6 who are not able to ride confidently yet). They will need a bike and helmet for this day. The trainer can provide a limited number for children, but we would need to know in advance. Our hope is to make sure everyone is confident enough to be able to take part in Bikeability sessions in and out of school in the summer term of Year 6.
Wednesday 24th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 25th March	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 31st March	Y3/4 production dress rehearsal to the rest of school TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1st April	Y3/4 production to families TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1st April	Y5 trip to music day at Lawnswood School
Friday 2nd April	Last day of term. Have a lovely Easter holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Mon 5th to Fri 16th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. A Camps will be running in school and the swimming pool will be back
Monday 19th April	First day of term
Monday 19th April	Pop up pool swimming due to start TBC
Friday 23rd April	Vaisakhi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 23rd April	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 5 for all families to buy from
6th to 7th May	Y4 residential to Bramhope Scout Campsite TBC
Friday 7th May	Y5 trip to Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility
w/c Monday 10th May	KS2 SATs week (statutory tests – please avoid appointments, etc. this week)
Friday 14th May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Mon 17th – Fri 21st May	Bikeability for Year 6. They have the strongest chance of achieving the proficiency standard if they have practised cycling in preparation. Cycle North often run sessions in school holidays for beginners
20th/21st May	D:Side sessions in school on substances
Tuesday 25th May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 28th May	FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Reception for all families to buy from
Friday 28th May	Last day of half term
Mon 30th May to Fri 1st June	HALF TERM A Camps will be running in school
Monday 7th June	First day of half term
7th to 11th June	Green Week with road safety activities, etc.
Wednesday 9th June	RSE information meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 10th June	Class photo day
Friday 11th June	YR Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 16th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 17th June	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 18th June	Non uniform day in return for prizes for the tombola at HYMF
Wednesday 23rd June	Parents/ carers meetings for incoming Reception class morning and evening TBC
Saturday 26th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is a festival and summer fair we host for the whole community. Everybody in school is performing so we ask families not to schedule birthday parties, etc. to clash with it. Thank you!
Thursday 1st July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 2nd July	Orienteering Day Y5/6 Becketts Park; Y3/4 The Ridge YR/1/2 school grounds TBC
Wednesday 7th July	Transition Day with Stay and Play sessions for new Reception Class. TBC
Thursday 8th July	Music recitals 9:15am and 2pm
Monday 12th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 13th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day 9:15am TBC
Tuesday 13th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Wednesday 14th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 15th July	Y5/6 productions afternoon and evening 5:30pm (ticketed) TBC
Tuesday 20th July	Leavers' Service St Michael's Church 10:30 am
Wednesday 21st July	Teachers available after school to discuss end of year reports
Thursday 22nd July	Leavers' Bowling trip and last day of the school year.
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



YMCA

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

We have spaces available in our Football Development Sessions. These sessions are based around skill advancement and game understanding.

Available sessions:

U6s 9:15-10am

U9s 10-11am

13 & under 11-12pm

Girls session 12:15-1:15

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