



Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Reception Phonics and Y1 transition meetings this week. Your children have settled in so well to Foundation Stage and Key Stage One and we are proud of them. **Thank you** for all you do to support and encourage them to love school.

On Monday we were able to celebrate that we achieved **100% attendance!** It always feels great when this happens. Our attendance for the whole year last year was 96.8% which was 2.6% above the national average and in the top 10% of schools nationally.

This morning Year 5 have been enjoying a special online session with **Durham University** as part of their topic on Anglo Saxons. They were able to see artefacts and ask some great historical questions.

There will be a great chance for all children in KS1 and KS2 to study artefacts and ask historical questions next week. The residents of Oakfield Terrace have been compiling accounts of the people who have lived there through the years and collected a number of interesting historical objects that we can study. The classes will visit on Monday and then on Tuesday the artefacts will come to our hall as a travelling museum with the project organisers. Kat Baxter, an archaeologist who works at Leeds Discovery Centre, will also be bringing in historical artefacts and visiting each class as part of our work on **historical sources**. We are so fortunate to be supported by local experts in this way.

We value the chance to see and speak to families on the playground **before and after school**. If there are messages to pass on or chats to have with class staff, please try to have them before the bell goes as after that they will be busy bringing the children into school and giving them all a settled start to the day. If you arrive at or close to 8:50am you can always speak to Mr Lawrence Nash, me (Ms Jane Astrid Devane), Mrs Marcelle Maver or Mrs Sara Mitchell instead and we will make sure messages are passed on as needed.

We held our first **Superstars Assembly** of the year this week. In this regular assembly we present Superstars certificates (nominated by class staff), share other achievements from in and out of school, award the Citizen of the Week trophy (usually nominated by other children) and read out the house team points total for the week. We then share the names in the newsletter.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Are not yet coming to this assembly but are all being superstars and settling in well.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Ashley</b> is a superstar because he has had a really positive start to Y1 and is a great role model. <b>Willow L</b> is a superstar because she shows such kindness to others.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Medi</b> is a superstar because she is a very kind member of Y2 and is helpful to others in the class. <b>Leo</b> is a superstar because he has had a great start to Y2 and is always ready to learn and give his best.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Stanley</b> has settled in KS2 life very well, always showing he is keen to do his best. <b>Lily</b> has settled into KS2 life really well, being an excellent role model who is keen to learn and is kind to her classmates.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Shraddha</b> always gets involved in maths lessons and completes her work with a positive determined attitude. <b>Vince</b> perseveres and always tries his very best when faced with something tricky in maths.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Alice S</b> has been applying her maths knowledge to her independent work. <b>Levi</b> has shown a positive approach to maths and thinks things through carefully.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Poppy</b> has shown good understanding in maths and always works hard. <b>Bill</b> has had a great start to Y6 and is a great role model for his Reception Class buddy.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was. <b>Coco</b> . She was nominated for being kind-hearted and a great friend who uses the school values and is respectful and kind. Well done!	

We are also pleased to celebrate the number of children who put themselves forward to be **school councillors** this year. These children have been chosen by ballot in their classes (or by the whole school for the vice chairs after impressive hustings!) Year 1 Lyla and Sonny / Year 2 Edwin and Imogen / Year 3 Runa and Ben / Year 4 Lucas and Stella  
Year 5 Alice H and Elliot / Year 6 Arthur and Ellie / Vice Chairs Robyn and Jake (Y5) / Chairs Atticus and Poppy (Y6)

Have a lovely weekend. See you next week at

**Harvest Festival!**

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**DIARY DATES**

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	<del>Robinwood Residential trip meeting for Y6 parents/carers in the classroom</del> THIS WILL BE RESCHEDULED SOON
30 <sup>th</sup> September *	All classes to visit Oakfield Terrace to study local history
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October *	Artefacts day in school – all classes visited by an archaeologist from the Discovery Centre and artefacts exhibition in the hall.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Maths Puzzles afternoon in Y5 with Mr Smith from Lawnswood School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley railway
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Harvest Festival in the hall, all welcome. (Children also bring a non-perishable food item, if possible)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October *	Woodland Walk (a good way to meet other Shire Oak families) Meet at 12 at the gates for activities on The Ridge then back to school for refreshments by 1:30pm.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October *	Y4 football match Newlathes 3:30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Netball Festival at Menston St Mary's after school. Under 11s.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Viking Day in the hall
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October pm	KS2 Cross Country running competition
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 5pm	Herd Farm Residential trip meeting for Y4 parents/carers in the classroom
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents and Carers Evening 1 (booking for a slot opens nearer the time)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 9am	Y2 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents and Carers Evening 2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	House Team Hobby Half Day – orienteering and mapwork focus Y1-Y6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme.	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Black History focus visits to the library
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 drama workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight which starts today
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	An age appropriate act of remembrance will take place in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents) s
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> November	D:Side Internet Safety sessions
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Headingley Lights Switch On TBC
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 sports festival at Leeds University
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at Victoria Court 11am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses (flu spray)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December *	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, pm.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
13-15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 at Herd Farm Residential school trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	WW2 day (online) Y6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 trip to York
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class parents meeting about maths 2:15 TBC
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
HALF TERM no school for children 17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, etc. TBC)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science workshops as part of British Science Week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Shire Oak science fair as part of British Science Week
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March *	Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
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.
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
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
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!
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 (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lawnswood transition days)
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
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>	

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