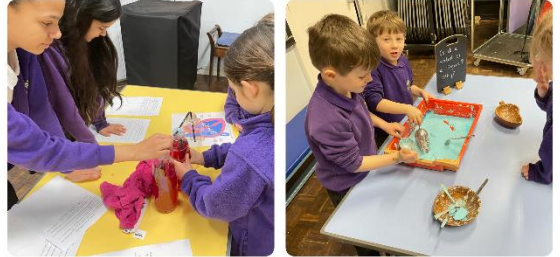




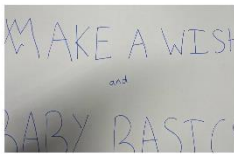
Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week! We have ended the week with an assembly celebrating and sharing lots of the great science that went on last week, including Friday's **Science Fair**.

All our classes have visited St Michael's Church this week to learn more about the **Christian Easter story** and what is commemorated in Holy Week.



We also heard more about Y3's trip to Leeds University to take part in a sports festival.



The Canals and Rivers Trust visited us on Monday to share important **water safety** messages with KS2, KS1 and Reception Class. Younger children learned to 'hold hands, take 2 steps back' and older children learned how to help someone in difficulty and how to starfish float to save themselves. → Their [website](#) has games, etc. to reinforce the messages.



FOSOPS held a hot cross bun and Easter treats sale after school on Friday last week and have continued all this week **fundraising** for school's outside area development by selling Easter raffle tickets, Easter craft packs and number of sweets in the jar guesses. Year 6 children also joined in with fundraising (for **Baby Basics** and **Make a Wish**) by selling friendship bracelets that they had made themselves. Well done!



After school clubs have come to an end for this term now – sorry about the confusion over Archery this week! The smooth running of our extra-curricular offer was, until recently, greatly helped by Miss **Abi Readman** who

left our school earlier this year after many, many years of fabulous work for Shire Oak. As well as helping to run the after school clubs, she was a valued teaching assistant, chief costumier and props-maker for our productions, Acorn Club cook as well as the person responsible for many of the lovely displays around school. We very much miss her working in school and wish her and her family all the best. We are glad we can stay in touch and still see her at The Stables down the road. We still will be offering clubs next term, but bear with us whilst we work out how to replace her (to some degree)!

Another change that is happening after Easter is that Mr **Lawrence Nash** will be reducing his hours in school to enable him to pursue postgraduate studies in creative therapeutic work. Obviously, this is of great benefit to the school so we are glad to still have him working with us even if it isn't going to be all day, every day. Please remember that the other designated safeguarding staff Mrs Marcelle Maver (deputy head), Mrs Sara Mitchell (SENCo) and I (head) are still in school every day and on the playground before and after school as much as possible so it will still be easy to pass on pastoral concerns.

It was good to see so many of you at **Parents Evening** earlier this week and I look forward to welcoming the rest of you on Tuesday next week (unless you have made an alternative arrangement.) It is always good to have the time to discuss how home and school can best work together to help our children make great progress.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Annual Parents and Carers Survey

Please let us know what is going well and how we can improve.

<https://forms.gle/JkLCxszxBjgjMj4Y9>

Deadline Friday 19th April 2024

Woodhouse Moor Park Tennis Courts

Free Taster Lessons

Free Equipment

Contact
Daniel.Burrell@leeds.gov.uk

**£1.50 per lesson
afterwards**



Monday afternoons



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am for classes in school to watch
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers) (this is a corrected date)
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production AM, families welcome THIS IS A TIME CLARIFICATION
Thursday 28 th March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29/3 to Friday 12/4. https://artcampuk.com/ will run.	
Monday 15 th April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 th April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 nd & 23 rd April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Tuesday 23 rd April	LKS2 Netball festival after school
Thursday 25 th April	Book Club trip to Armley Mills cinema
Friday 26 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Sunday 28 th April	Leeds Rhinos netball match – tickets available via school
Wednesday 1 st May *	Y2 Great Fire of London drama day with Alive and Kicking theatre group
Thursday 2 nd May *	LNW Sport
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 th May for one day.	
Sunday 12 th May *	Rob Burrows marathon St Michael's will be open as a base for anyone wanting to watch
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme	
3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June *	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm NEW DATE
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 6 th June *	Class and staff photo day
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20th June	Y5/6 Mixed Cullery Sevens 1-3pm
Friday 21 st June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Monday 8 th July *	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm NEW DATE
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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