



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

A relatively short, but still jam-packed, half term is drawing to an end. This week I have enjoyed watching Year 5 using homemade catapults in the playground, loved reading great diary entries by (Y2) witnesses to the Great Fire of London and seen some excellent maths across school.



As well as working hard, especially on their writing, Year 6 have spent a good chunk of this week in their **Bikeability** groups. I am pleased to say they can all now ride a bike and those who already could ride well progressed to practising their cycle proficiency out on the roads. (In very well supervised, carefully risk assessed conditions, naturally.) We always give Year 6 this

opportunity before they set off for secondary school and become more independent in their travels. It really helps children get the most from these sessions if they are already able to ride a bike so do please bear that in mind as you make plans for the summer holidays ahead. (I shared the details of local schemes in a previous newsletter, but do get in touch with me if you can't find the details and need them.)

This week saw the return of our **Multicultural Picnic** after school on Wednesday. The weather was more suited to a stand-up buffet, but we were still able to enjoy food offerings from around the world. We had everything from Fifteens (Northern Ireland) to gyoza (China), to some very tasty Ghanian treats and much, much more. In fact, the table filled up so quickly and then emptied so quickly I didn't manage to get a photo of it! Thank you to everyone who sent in food, who helped with setting up and cleaning up and also to everyone who attended and encouraged their children to be adventurous and try unfamiliar food.



The international theme has continued this morning with the launch of our parents group for **multilingual families**. It was great to see people sharing ideas and supporting each other as they try to bring up their children with the great advantage of speaking more than one language. Thank you to FOSOPS for organising this. (FOSOPS will also be busy today running the **Year 5 bun sale**. Whilst that is going on if anyone is able to help with checking our stock of **gazebos** by putting them up after school, please look out for the work party on the field.)



School Council would like to let the children know that the brand new and very shiny Citizen of the Week trophy has finally arrived in school, ready for Superstars assemblies after the break. The **Eco Team** and **Active Leaders** would like me to ask you to save 500ml plastic drinks bottles and bring them into school after the half term break. They have an idea for painting them and turning them into outdoor chess pieces that they would like to work on in Green Week.



I hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on the 1st June.

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PS See the pages below for activities during half term and beyond.

DIARY DATES

Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
25 th to 29 th May HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be a holiday playscheme run by A Camps.	
Monday 1 st June	Green Week including Road Safety, special visitors and learning about sustainability.
Monday 1 st June	Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 3 trip to Otley Chevin
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y4 session with Global Learning Leeds. Please save Tetrapaks for this workshop.
Wednesday 3 rd June	YR & Y1 balance bikes day. Y2 – scooter and bike training. (Please bring in a bike (no stabilisers) or scooter today. Class will be split into 2 sessions, so it may be possible to borrow from a classmate if you ask in advance. Let us know asap if there's a problem.)
Wednesday 3 rd June	RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm
Thursday 4 th June	Class photos
Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Climate Fresk session with Valeria
Thursday 4 th June	Y1 and Y4 sessions with Liam (Natural England)
Thursday 4 th June	* Y5 work on The Ridge
Friday 5 th June	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th June	House Team Green Week activities afternoon. These sessions will be led by our Y6 House Team Captains.
Monday 8 th June	Youth Summit at the Civic Hall (small group of children)
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception Class trip to Bramhope
Tuesday 9 th June	Visit by Lawnswood School to incoming Year 7s
Wednesday 10 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Thursday 11 th June	* Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band playing at Kirkstall St Stephen's School
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
Friday 12 th June	Climate Justice art exhibition in Leeds (small group of 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
Wednesday 17 th June	* New Reception parents meeting am and evening
Saturday 20 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF) 12-4pm. All our children are in the choir and many will be in other performances. We host and run this event for the community, which incorporates our summer fair. Please avoid booking birthday parties, etc. on this day.
Thursday 25 th June	Rugby match against Whinmoor after school
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 th June	Y6 rugby team in Leeds finals 1pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1 and Y6 trip to Filey (returning after end of the school day) TBC
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.
Thursday 2 nd July	Music Recitals and 9:15 and 2pm. TBC
Monday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 th July	Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 th July	Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
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.



SHIRE OAK PRIMARY MAY HALF TERM ACTIVE CAMP

CAMP INCLUDES

- ✓ Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!
- ✓ Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches
- ✓ Theme Days!!!
- ✓ Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

Scan the QR Code for pricing & bookings



DATES



26th - 29th May 2026

TIME



8:30am - 5pm

If you are intending to pay using tax-free childcare vouchers then please use [this link](#) to book instead.



Supporting Learning Supporting Families

Online Taster Event, Tuesday 9 June, 6:00pm - 7:15pm*

Join the Lifelong Learning Centre to learn about our part-time degrees in [Child and Family Studies](#) and [Learning and Teaching with SEND](#).

These courses can allow you to:

- Develop your career in education or with children, young people or families.
- Balance study around your other commitments with classes taught one afternoon or evening per week.
- Learn in a supportive environment with other adults.

Hear from tutors and current students and get your questions answered.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the online event. This event will be recorded, so even if you can't make it, you can still register to receive the recording afterwards.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsUniLLC>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/leedsunillc/>

LinkedIn: <https://uk.linkedin.com/company/lifelong-learning-centre-university-of-leeds>

Website (Other Events): <https://www.leeds.ac.uk/mature-students/doc/open-days-info-sessions>



On Sunday June 14th, the Leeds 10k will take over the city as over 6000 runners will take part in a vibrant run. Taking place on the same day, is our Mini and Junior Leeds Runs.

The Mini Run is a 1.5km route around the University of Leeds and is open to everyone aged between 3-8. They must run with a parent or guardian. The event starts at 9.45am.

The Junior Run is a 2.5km route around the University of Leeds and is open to everyone aged between 9-14. They don't have to run with a parent guardian. The event also starts at 9.45am.

For the first time in 2026, the Junior Run is chip timed and all participants of both runs receive a medal/trophy and a goody bag!

The race is great fun and a brilliant show of community spirit.

Open to all ages and abilities, it could be the start of a hobby or a day out with friends and families. Register via this link: [Leeds Mini and Junior - 14th Jun 2026 | Run For All | Run For All](#)

LEEDS FREE & LOW COST MAY HALF TERM

Our Mumbler Guide of places to visit around Leeds over the Holidays

INDOOR PLACES TO VISIT

Hedgehogs Trail at Leeds City Museum
Leeds Art Gallery
Royal Armouries Museum
Movies for Juniors at Cineworld
Story Explorers at Leeds Central Library
M&S Archive, University of Leeds
National Railway Museum, York
National Science and Media Museum, Bradford
National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield
The Moomins at Ferens Art Gallery, Hull

OUTDOOR PLACES TO VISIT

Petals & Poisons Trail at Kirkstall Abbey
Kids' FORP Adventure Trails at Rounday Park
None-Go-Bye Farm
The Arium Play Area
Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
Leeds Urban Bike Park
Hope Pastures- Horse & Donkey Trust
Love Exploring App at Leeds Parks
The Great Jewel Heist Trail, Leeds City Centre
Pugneys, Wakefield
Temple Newsam Estate
Room on the Broom at Anglers, Wakefield
Cannon Hall Museum & Gardens, Barnsley
Bolton Abbey Welly Walk
Little Toe Pumptrack in Wetherby
Valley Gardens, Harrogate
Walk York City Walls

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR £1

ASDA- £1 all day, no adult spend required.
Bills Leeds - (25th - 29th May) - Up to two kids eat free with adult meal.
Farmhouse Leeds- £1 with a paying adult.
Hungry Horse (25th - 29th May) - Kids Eat for £1 with the purchase of a adult main.
Las Iguanas- Kids Eat Free. Download the app.
Meanwood Tavern- Free Kids pizza with every 12" pizza.
ROSA THAI - (25th - 29th May 2026) Kids Eat Free - Sign up on their website.
YO SUSI - Kids Eat Free. Min £10 spend
ZIZZI'S -(24th - 31st May) Kids Eat Free when you buy an adult main.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 24th May- Middleton Park Dog Show
Tuesday 26th- Friday 29th May- Lego fun at Leeds Kirkgate Market
Wednesday 27th May- Live story time sessions with Bluey at the Merrion Centre
Wednesday 27th-Thursday 28th May- Free Bean Planting at Temple Newsam
Saturday 23rd - Sunday 31st May- Free Dino week at Wakefield WX

