



Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you for a great week in school and particularly to the parents who helped with welcoming visitors on Tuesday's **Open Morning**. It was great to hear how much local families already know about our school from talking to current parents and carers – it is appreciated!

One of the absolute highlights of the year is our **Winter Festival of Fire** and, despite a snowy start to the day, this year's event was also delightful. As well as a roaring fire and toasted marshmallows, we enjoyed craft activities, the calm space of the tipi and delicious food and drink. Thank you to Ian, Martin, the school staff and everyone who got involved and made it such a success.

If you enjoyed singing round the fire then there is another opportunity for some community singing next week. On Tuesday the **Christmas lights** are being **switched on** in Headingley and we are all invited to take part. The switch on in Headingley, unlike some parts of the city, is a lovely, uncommercial chance to get together, sing some carols and Christmas songs, count down to the light switch on and enjoy some refreshments. We will gather from 5pm at St Michael's Church and sing inside from about 5:15pm. We then move outside for a little more singing and the countdown to the lights switching on at 6pm. The church will stay open afterwards for mince pies and other treats and drinks. (Our Christmas choir started rehearsing yesterday – we hope they will be able to come and sing next week, but all our families and friends are invited to join in on Tuesday.)

Well done to Y5 for joining in well with the tag rugby training activities at **Leeds Rhinos** yesterday where they helped to launch a campaign to train and support rugby coaches to put children first. Well done too to the **football team** for their efforts yesterday in the away game against Adel Primary. They played enthusiastically, despite the goal difference; thank you to Mr Chris Marshall for taking them. We have also heard that in the **Cross-Country** event last week two of our children qualified for the next round – well done Levi and Barney!





Today is the last day of our **Anti Bullying Fortnight** in school, although of course our work on this continues all year round. The children have been learning to use their **power for good** and to think about how we can work to keep everyone safe. All our children have been learning to explain



**What bullying is**, (hurting someone again and again, on purpose. This can be physical, verbal, emotional, or cyber bullying) **what bullying is not** (things that are accidents, one-off incidents, friendship difficulties – these can all be problems that need sorting out, but not defined as bullying) and **what to do about bullying - TELL!** (We encourage children to tell their class adults, the worry

box, Mr Nash, me or Mrs Maver, adults at home and to keep telling until things are sorted out.) Every year School Council choose and organise a present for us all to remember the theme for the year. To remind us to use our power for good they have chosen torches that don't have batteries and instead have a dynamo that is charged by our own power. I hope the children enjoy using them and thinking about the power they have.

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)	<b>Chikamjiemeri</b> has demonstrated kindness and always stands up for her friends. <b>Ioan</b> has been a great role model in showing Reception how to ask for a hug properly.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Ziggy</b> uses his 'power for good' to check in on his classmates if they are sad or hurt. <b>Connie</b> uses her 'power for good' when she is kind and caring to her classmates.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Ashley</b> is very considerate of other people's feelings. <b>Lyla</b> always makes sure people feel included.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Edie</b> is always kind and helpful in and out of class. <b>Ben</b> is always kind and helpful in and out of class.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Nina</b> always tries her best and is always switched on answering questions. <b>Ben</b> has been focusing very well and putting in lots of effort.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Jacob</b> and <b>Jasper</b> showed they could use their power of good when others were selected for the Y5 dodgeball team. <b>Bram</b> – you do the right things at all times in class and are a strong positive role model. <b>Jennifer</b> is always a good, upstander and helps to sort things out in the playground with her friends.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Stan</b> you lead by example, making choices that both help you and others. You are an excellent role model. <b>Effie</b> you are kind and friendly to everybody in school.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Medi</b> for being kind, thoughtful and always caring for others. She is a great friend and a great role model. She was nominated by a classmate. Well done!	

Thank you to Jamie Hood, a **conservator from the Royal Armouries** (and parent) for coming in to talk to Year 5 today about Anglo Saxon artefacts. Judging by the conversations I have overheard at break time this was a truly interesting and thought-provoking visit.

I hope those of you going to the **FOSOPS quiz and social** tonight have a great evening – I am very sorry I couldn't join you this time. I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Christmas lights switch-on** next week instead. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Thank you for communicating well with us to let us know who is picking up your children. Please be aware that texting us doesn't give a notification, so there can be a delay in us picking up those messages. Particularly towards the end of the day an **email** or phone call (**01132755890**) is a more reliable way of getting hold of us.



**Celebrate Headingley's Christmas Lights  
at St. Michael's Church**

# **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON 2025!**

**Join the festivities! – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Church open at 5pm  
Carol singing from 5:15pm  
Lights On! 6pm  
Refreshments in church afterwards**

## DIARY DATES

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Dodgeball tournament, group of Y4 children after school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On & carols 5pm → (St Michael's Church/outside, TBC)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Novem	Y4 Virtual Sessions about Ancient Romans
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Yoga sessions for R/Y1/Y2/Y3
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Yoga sessions for Y4/5/Y6
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> November *	Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael's (Shire Oak have a tree this year). Craft activities for children on Saturday 2-4pm.
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Sports Festival am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Headingley Library
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party day, including concert TBC. Lunch will be party food & can be booked
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children. There may be a playscheme.	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January *	Year 3 working with local poet, James Nash
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January *	Special poetry assembly for Y3 parents, 2:30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Health checks YR and Y6
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	French Day in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
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>	

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