



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support this week. Thank you to everyone who joined us at St Michael's for **Shire Oak Sunday**. Well done to all the readers, handbell-ringers, singers, prayer-writers and volunteers – you all did very well and were a credit to the school. Shire Oak Sunday is just once a year, but they hold all-age services from time to time and I will try to include those in diary dates in case you would like to go along.



Well done everyone for navigating the demands of **World Book Day** so well this week too. We have really enjoyed all the book recommendations that came about from the conversations generated yesterday by **dressing up**. The thought and care that went into costumes, props and book choices was impressive. Every year we are amazed at the diverse range of books children read and the ways they (with you) have managed to show that – thank you! The book swap also gave children a good range of well-loved and highly recommended books to choose from. (We know that libraries find books are most often borrowed from the returns trolley, so we do not underestimate the power of peer recommendation.) We have also been looking thoughtfully at the data gathered in reading logs, etc. about all the things children **read in school** and all the things they **read at home**, whether for pleasure or information. Our oldest school councillors analysed the data and presented it in yesterday's assembly. School Council were busy on Tuesday afternoon too as they mapped out all the areas in our school grounds that are already good for **reading for pleasure** as well as identifying ways to improve those opportunities. This week kicked off with **house team meetings** on Monday morning where the Year 6 house captains led reading sessions for their teams and the younger children enjoyed reading with, and talking about books with their leaders. KS2 then continued the reading theme with online sessions hosted by **Michael Rosen** thinking about books and food from around the world. (More photos overleaf.)



Tuesday saw two special visits to **Temple Newsam**. **Year 1** enjoyed a day **trip** with a visit to the farm and a very special workshop that took a traditional tale (the Princess and the Pea) and brought it to life with artefacts and exploration of the house. They were very well behaved and engaged well with all the learning. They found some areas of site were very busy, however, because it was also the West Yorkshire School Games **Cross-Country Finals**. Levi and Barney were there because they had qualified in their last races and did very well again in this higher level race. In fact, Levi actually qualified to go through to the national competition and we are proud of them both for representing us so well.



Some local residents are gathering views on the need for a pedestrian crossing on Monkbridge Road. Link [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

6 th to 15 th March	British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)
Monday 9 th March	* Science assembly and day 1 of workshops
Monday 9 th March	Y6 trip to see The Wiz at Lawnswood School
Tuesday 10 th March	* Day 2 of science workshops
Tuesday 10 th March	* Football match v Adel at Lawnswood (home game)
Wednesday 11 th March	French Day in school
Wednesday 11 th March	3D Printing sessions in school
Thursday 12 th March	Y3 trip to Discovery Centre
Friday 13 th March	* Science Fair in school
Monday 16 th March	Y6 Pizza Club starts (each Monday for the next few weeks)
Monday 16 th March	Y5 football team v Weetwood at Lawnswood (home game)
16 th - 20 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 18 th March	Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Sunday 22 nd March	* Groundforce Day – come and help improve our school grounds
Monday 23 rd March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Monday 23 rd March	Football team playing away at Holy Name Catholic Academy
25 th – 27 th March	Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 th March	* FOSOPS bun sale and Easter activities after school (buns from everyone this time please)
Tuesday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production (dress rehearsal to the school)
Wednesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers in the morning
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 nd April	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Saturday 4 th April	Celebrate Easter together event at St Michaels 12-4pm. All welcome.
Sunday 12 th April	* Next all-age service at St Michael's with 4 baptisms.
3 rd to 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY School closed to children. A Camps will run a holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.
22 nd and 23 rd April	D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety
Thursday 23 rd April	* Football match v Holy Name Catholic Academy at Lawnswood (home game)
Friday 24 th April	Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 29 th April	Swimming at Scott Hall starts TBC
Friday 1 st May	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 th to 8 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c/ 11 th May	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
Friday 15 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 th May	Multicultural picnic after school TBC
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.
Monday 1 st June	Green Week including Road Safety
Wednesday 3 rd June	Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 3 rd June	RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm TBC

Thursday 4 th June	Class photos
Friday 5 th June	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
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
Thursday 18 th June	New Reception parents meeting am and evening TBC
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.
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
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	

