

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely sunny week! It is a delight that this early in the year we are needing to remind families to **apply suncream** in the morning, send children with **sunhats** and appropriate coverings and consider sending additional suncream in the children's school bags. We do encourage children to play in the shade, particularly if they look warm, and to drink water throughout the day.

This week the charity **d:side** have been in school teaching children about staying safe with medicines, alcohol and drugs. Our children have responded positively, as always. We know that helping children make decisions about their

health long before they are confronted with peer pressure and temptations is the best way to ensure they are ready to make good, assertive choices when the time comes.



Well done to **Reception Class** for such a lovely sharing assembly. We particularly loved the Jean Michel Basquiat inspired art, the inventive talk for writing stories and dynamic doubling. We are very proud of the social, emotional and academic

progress they have made so far this year.

Some children from **Year 4** represented school beautifully this week at a come and try **netball event** hosted at St Mary's Menston. They played well and showed great teamwork. Thank you to Sara Mitchell and Lizzie Koerber for taking them.



This week **Leeds Rhinos** came to school to lead an enjoyable assembly on healthy lifestyles and how we can help ourselves to be healthy in body and mind.

On Thursday we had a special **picnic lunch** and we couldn't have been more fortunate with the weather! We were able to use the field for a relaxed time of eating, chatting, making daisy chains and playing on the grass. The homemade biscuits from the kitchen went down particularly well!

The incident in Headingley at the weekend was on the minds of some of our children this week. In school we have been making sure children know about using the worry box if they need to and we have also been reiterating messages that when something worrying happens, we look to see who the helpers are and are grateful for what they do. The police have reached out to us so if there is anything that would be useful to request from them,



please let me know. St Michael's Church will be open this Saturday for anyone wanting a quiet place to deal with their thoughts about what happened.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday.

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A space to hold Headingley  
in the light after last week's  
shocking attack



### DIARY DATES

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS planning meeting for the music festival at 2:30pm all welcome
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May *	Open Church at St Michael's, 2-5pm for responding to last weekend's incident
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY school closed	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May *	80 <sup>th</sup> VE Day commemoration at St Michael's Church with music, games and a fish and chip tea. Sign up in church (food £10). Also listen out for the nationwide peel of bells at 6:30pm which they will take part in.
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 safety and eco workshops.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	House Team Hobby Half Day
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
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Josh Peckett's last services at St Michael's today 10am and 6:30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June *	Lawnswood transition visit to Shire Oak
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y5/6 mixed rugby match away at Whinmoor St Paul's after school
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
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Ancient Egyptian artefacts visitor
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!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day at Ralph Thoresby School
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
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition days for Lawnswood (extra day available as well, when needed)



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
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 travel planning session for secondary school
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
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
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>	

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



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Saturday 17 May

10am-4pm

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