

Dear Parents and Carers



Another busy week this week! **Book Club** very much enjoyed their trip to see *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* at Leeds Playhouse and are now comparing the book they read with the theatre production. Thank you to Janie Percy-Smith and Jill Dickinson for taking them.

One of our **carol singing** invitations to a local care home was cancelled due to a sickness bug there, but the choir wanted to sing anyway, so we took up an invitation from the Arndale to sing there instead. (We even raised some money for the Opportunities Fund!)

Today our youngest children perform their **nativities** with Reception's **Everyone Loves a Baby** as well as Year One and Two's **Honky Tonky Donkey** production! The dress rehearsal yesterday suggests that the audience are in for a real treat! Thank you to everyone who has rehearsed, costumed and prop-provided for them as well as FOSOPS for organising refreshments and the raffle.



Today Year 4 are participating in a lovely, local, community tradition by providing one of the Advent 'windows' in the local **Advent Trail**. Do have a look if you are coming into school via the Alma Road gate, i.e. Window 13.

At this time of year when presents are being considered and there is more time spent inside, it is a good time to think about your child's **online safety**. Please find attached our December e-safety newsletter as well as this information from the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership:

Talk to your child about staying safe online

Most of us tend to think of our online and offline lives as separate, but children today are growing up with technology and the internet as a natural part of their lives. To them there isn't a separation. It's all just life. The internet is now part of the real world.

Talking to your child about what they do online is just as important as asking where they are going when they go out with their friends. It can be difficult starting the conversation with your child about their online activities. Technology keeps changing and you might find it overwhelming trying to keep up with it all, but you don't need to. You just need to take an interest in

what apps and games your child is using. That's the best place to start. Your child might not want to share anything with you at first, but keep trying.

Having honest and open conversations with your child and speaking to them regularly about what they are doing online, could be crucial in giving your child the confidence to tell you if they have seen something that makes them feel uncomfortable or may highlight someone who is wanting to cause harm. See the attached leaflet for some helpful tips on how to start the conversation. Further guidance is available on the [LSCP website](#) as well as information on [how to set up parental control](#) on all the devices that your child uses.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Have you seen our lovely Christmas tree? It is donated each year by The Vale Stables. It always has plenty of life in it at the end of term, so if you could make use of it please consider offering us a donation to take it away on the 20th. Contact the office or Liz Craven to express an interest.

Day	Events	Notes
Monday	Reception Class movie time in class 3:45 – 4:45pm Y1 Y2 Y3 Disco in hall 3:45 – 4:45pm Y4 Y5 Y6 Disco in hall 5 – 6pm (Includes a hot dog, mini breadsticks, sweets & a juice carton)	Please take children home to get changed first. Children at Acorn Club should bring clothes in a bag.
Tuesday	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am ALL WELCOME	All children get crackers, not just school dinners. Packed lunches can be a bit more Christmassy.
Wednesday	School Christmas Dinner Road Safety pantomime in the afternoon	Discuss with children afterwards to reinforce safety messages
Thursday	Christmas party day, including entertainer in the afternoon. (Children can dress up with a Christmas jumper, top or dress (or something they feel is celebratory). It should be suitable for playing outside whatever the weather!	Packed lunches can be a bit more treat filled than usual
Friday	Christmas party lunch Last day of term	Acorn Club close early tonight



Christmas

at St Michael & All Angels' Headingley

Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday 22 December, 6.30pm
Come and sing by candlelight with our wonderful choir

Family Christingle Service
Tuesday 24 December, 4.00pm
Great for families and in support of The Children's Society who help children in need

Midnight Mass
Tuesday 24 December, 11.30pm
The first celebration of Christmas by candlelight

Christmas Day Eucharist
Wednesday 25 December, 10.00am
Celebrate Christmas Day with family and friends

Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 26 January, 6.30pm
Music and readings celebrating the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus in Bethlehem



DIARY DATES

Monday 16 th December	Christmas Discos & Reception Class movie night (tickets £5) Reception Class: Movie Time in class 3:45 – 4:45pm Year 1 Year 2 Year 3: Disco in the hall 3:45 – 4:45pm Year 4 Year 5 Year 6: Disco in the hall 5 – 6pm Tickets include a hot dog, mini breadsticks, sweets and a juice carton
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfields pm
Wed 18 th December	Christmas road safety pantomime pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
Thursday 19 th December	Children's Centre Christmas party with donkeys
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term. Acorn Club will close at 4pm today.
(Sunday 22 nd December)	Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Michael's Church, 6:30pm. All welcome.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd December to 3 rd January. Art Camp are offering some activities to do at home and in the school grounds Healthy Holidays Christmas Activities at Shire Oak	
Thursday 9 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
13-15 th January	Y4 at Herd Farm Residential school trip
Friday 17 th January	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 20 th January	WW2 day (online) Y6
Wednesday 22 nd January	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Friday 24 th January	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band playing in assembly, 9am.
Friday 24 th January	Y1 smoothie workshop with LUFC
Tuesday 28 th January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
28 th to 30 th January	Y3 working with poet James Nash – parent assembly on Thursday 30 th at 2:30pm.
Friday 31 st January	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 3 rd February	Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies
Tuesday 4 th February	Y5 trip to York
Tuesday 4 th February	Reception Class parents meeting about maths 2:15 TBC
Friday 7 th February	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th February	Y4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
HALF TERM no school for children 17 th to 21 st February. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Friday 28 th February	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Tuesday 4 th March	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, charity book drive, etc. TBC)
Friday 7 th March	Y5 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
10 th and 11 th March	Science workshops as part of British Science Week
Friday 14 th March	Shire Oak science fair as part of British Science Week
Sunday 16 th March	Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's
Friday 21 st March	Year 6 Young Climate Warriors session
Thursday 27th March	Y3 Sports Festival Leeds University
27 th & 28 th March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
Thursday 3 rd April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school
Friday 4 th April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to parents, carers, etc.
EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 th April to 21 st April. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Tuesday 22 nd April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
23 rd , 24 th & 25 th April	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
28 th and 29 th April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Friday 2 nd May	YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 th to 16 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Friday 16 th May	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
19 th – 23 rd May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Friday 23 rd May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 th to 30 th May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 nd to 6 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian, scooter and bike safety. TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	House Team Hobby Half Day TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 th June	Class photo day
Friday 6 th June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Wednesday 11 th June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Tuesday 17 th June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 th June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Saturday 21 st 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!
30 th June – 11 th July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition visits to new classes (1 st and 2 nd Lawnswood transition days)
Friday 4 th July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 th – 18 th July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Monday 21 st July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 nd July *	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd July to 29 th August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM 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 set to be confirmed and may have to change.

