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C of E (VC) Primary School

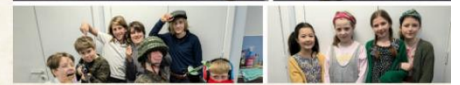
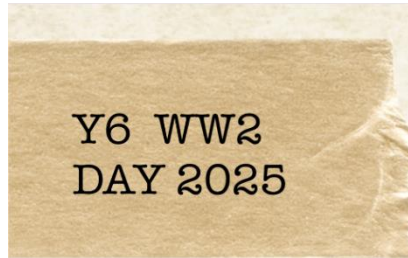
Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a busy week, even though children were only in schools for four of the days. On Thursday teachers were working hard on how we teach reading (and early writing) as well as researching the pedagogy of retrieving knowledge and making connections over time.

On Monday Year 6 threw themselves into their special **World War II** day. They dressed up and brought props in preparation for their (online) day with a history expert. The children told me they particularly enjoyed the true life stories he shared with them.

Year 3 also learned from an expert this week when they listened to and questioned a real life **vulcanologist**. We are so fortunate to have parents who can support our learning in school. On that note, please look out for invitation letters asking for families to consider if they could contribute to our Science Week in a few weeks' time. Lots of jobs use science and technology and we would love to hear from you!

We have enjoyed two great assemblies this week. On Wednesday **Reception Class** did their first sharing assembly to let us know what they had been learning. We particularly enjoyed their artwork, their spoken stories and the way they helped each other.



This morning we were pleased to welcome musicians from Kirkstall Valley who



are in the **Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band**. They joined Shire Oak band members to play some rousing tunes for us. The band is for brass and woodwind players, although they do sometimes have space for percussionists too – see the

poster for details if your child is interested in joining. (Shire Oak parents often cooperate to offer lifts.) Thank you to Joelle Braithwaite for organising this for us. (Photo overleaf.)



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping our children to be safe online and to have as much **screen-free time** for playing and developing as possible. However, as children move towards secondary school we know that some will have received phones recently. As a reminder, we require children to put these in a class box during registration for safe-keeping. When children arrive at and leave the school playground they can quickly get in touch with you, but otherwise we expect them to then put them away so that they can play with and talk to their friends. Do help us reinforce this message!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

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!
Friday 14 th February	Illustrator drawalong webinar for KS2 am
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
Wednesday 12 th March	Knowledge College morning for Y5
Thursday 13 th March	* Y5/6 Girls Football - Woodhouse Grove afternoon

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
Friday 25 th April evening	Leeds Rhinos Sing Spectacular
28 th and 29 th April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Tuesday 29 th April *	Y4 netball at St Mary's Menston after school
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.