

Dear Parents and Carers

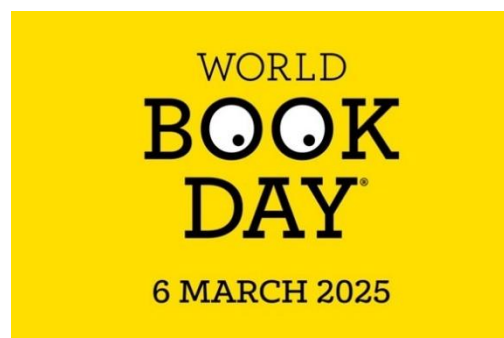
It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the February half term break. It was also lovely to see so many parents and carers this morning at Reception and KS1 **Stay and Play**. Whilst some children recount their entire days, we know that many children aren't so forthcoming and Stay and Play is one of the informal ways that parents can find out more about the school day and how their child is getting on.

Well done to our football team who played Weetwood after school on Tuesday. Due to the slope and soggy of our field, the local secondary school very kindly host us on their pitches for 'home' games so thank you to Lawnswood School for this kindness as well as to Mr Chris Marshall and Mrs Sue Strange for taking them. The children played well, improving as they went on and becoming a tighter team with several goals scored.

This week Year 2 have been out and about in the local area looking at the houses and other buildings in our community as part of their topic, **Where do we live?** We are so fortunate there is such a diverse range of architecture on our doorstep.

This week we are excitedly getting ready for a very busy week next week of matches, trips, pancakes, special assemblies and World Book Day activities. I have tried to summarise the whole school events below:

- **Monday:** Please bring in donations of pancakes for the FOSOPS pancake sale. (The packs of 8 or 10 from the supermarket are very easy for us to reheat and are labelled with the allergens.)
- **Tuesday:** FOSOPS pancake sale after school in the hall (different toppings available, all 70p)
- **Thursday:** World Book Day
 - Dress up / props / pyjamas /badges to share a book you love
 - Book Drive: please bring in books that have good life left in them to go to a new home (please let Mr Davies know if you could help with collecting and transporting the books to Seagulls!)
 - Skull Dude selling their comics and merchandise straight after school on the playground



There is also a special **World Book Day event at Left Bank** coming up soon (flyer attached). Tickets are currently 2 for 1 if you use this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/simon-on-the-streets-105902668521>

On the subject of books, please see below the flyer for a new **drama club** that has been set up by two of our parents. It focuses on storytelling, confidence building and performance all linked to a book each term.

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)	Seven has really impressed us with his English and it has been lovely to see him chatting with his friends. Alba is a great role model and is always enthusiastic about her work.
Y1 (Nile)	Ellie is so enthusiastic. Hope always takes such care in her work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Martha has had a great start to this half term. She is focused in all her lessons and is giving her best. Elizabeth is creative in all lessons. She made a great fantasy dog in art.
Y3 (Rhine)	Bea is becoming increasingly confident in her maths and reading aloud. Jacob is engaging enthusiastically in our new history topic about the Stone Age.
Y4 (Ganges)	Jonah gives thoughtful and interesting answers in every subject and will always ask questions if he is unsure. Winter consistently demonstrates a positive and hard-working attitude towards every aspect at school.
Y5 (Tigris)	Neve has been working hard on decimals and percentages. Mason scored a hat trick for the Shire Oak football team.
Y6 (Amazon)	Amelie is a terrific role model when reading or speaking in front of an audience – she displays confidence and projection. Rory is coming up with fantastic ideas in his writing and executing them with accuracy and skill.

School Council continue to work hard to make sure children's voices are heard in the running of our school. They have been very disappointed that The Lawn never took hold and the space where the stage used to be is pretty sad. They would like to turn it into a space for a cosy book nook and we would like to make that happen for them. If anyone has a pretty large **spare tent** or shelter with sides that could accommodate some cosy cushions, books, etc. then we would be delighted to receive it. It needs to be big enough for a few children, ideally with good visibility (e.g. windows) so a traditional frame tent or event shelter would work well. If there isn't one in our community going spare, then if anyone has good contacts or ideas for discounted new tents then do let us know! Thanks.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation next week!

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Do you know anyone who would like to work at our school? We are advertising for an **after-school cleaner** to join our team in term time. The advert is here: <https://www.shireoak.org/vacancies> Please spread the word.

DIARY DATES

Friday 28 th February	*	Sale of World Book Day costumes after school in the playground (or hall, if raining)
Monday 3 rd March	*	School place offer day for current Year 6 (secondary places)
Monday 3 rd March		Football match v Ireland Wood (playing 'at home' at Lawnswood) after school
Tuesday 4 th March		Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
Tuesday 4 th March		YR trip to Rudy's pizzeria
Tuesday 4 th March		Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school
Thursday 6 th March		World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, theatre workshops, paired reading, class activities, charity book drive, etc.)
Friday 7 th March		Y5 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 7 th March		H&K Combined School Band performing at Kirkstall Valley school in the afternoon
10 th and 11 th March		Science workshops as part of British Science Week
Monday 10 th March		First Pizza Club for Y6 (Mondays 3:15 – 4:45pm includes pizza and a drink)
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
Friday 14th March	*	Hot chocolate and bun sale after school
Sunday 16 th March		Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's
Monday 17 th March		Y5 Fire Safety session pm
Friday 21 st March		Year 6 Young Climate Warriors session
Friday 21 st March		Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 21 st March		Comic Relief bun sale and activities run by School Council
Monday 24 th March		Y6 trip to Lawnswood to see school show, All Shook Up
Wednesday 26 th March		Parents and carers consultation evening after school until 6:30pm
Friday 28 th March	*	FOSOPS planning meeting for Headingley Youth Music Festival, etc.
31 st March to 2 nd April		Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
Wednesday 2 nd April		Parents and carers consultation evening after school until 6:30pm
Thursday 3 rd April		Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school
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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
Tuesday 29 th April		Y4 netball at St Mary's Menston after school
Wednesday 30 th April		Leeds Rhinos assembly
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 to be confirmed and may have to change.



←Year 6 monitors getting ready to help run our new lunchtime **Chess Club** -coming soon!

Year 6 Book Club busy reviewing titles for the Leeds Book Awards →



STORYTELLING!

CONFIDENCE IMPROVING!

BODY MOVING!



ACTING OUT!

KIDS DRAMA CLUB

AGES 7-12



TUESDAYS, TERM TIME

4:30 TO 5:30 AGES 7-9 &

5:30PM TO 6:30PM AGES 10-12

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