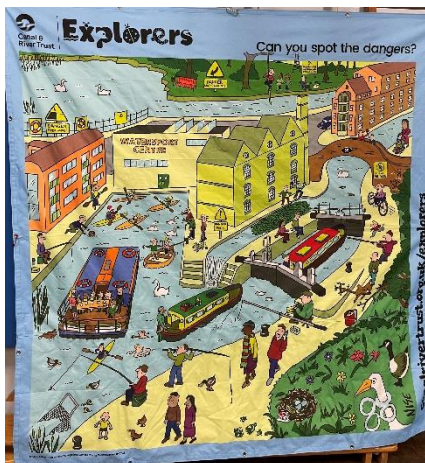


Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to Year 6 for a lovely **class assembly** this morning. We enjoyed hearing about their residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle. We also enjoyed sharing their World War II topic, their singing, their tricky algebra maths, PE and everything else!



We also started the week with special assemblies as Claire from the **Canal and Rivers Trust** came to teach us about staying safe near water (**Stay Away From the Edge**), how to float like a starfish and how to get help and be helpful if someone is in difficulty. The children joined in enthusiastically and with good understanding.

It was lovely to see so many families online for our Reception Class **how we teach maths** meeting online earlier this week. Beth Dalton has shared the slides on Tapestry in case you couldn't make it, and is happy to answer questions when you see her.

Year 5 had a great day out on Tuesday. Travelling by train, they journeyed to York to enjoy the workshops and activities at **York Chocolate Story**. They learned about the Quaker families who started chocolate making in York and the history of chocolate making all the way back to early Maya civilisation. They were good ambassadors for school and brought back some delicious treats. Thank you to all who accompanied them and to families for getting them to Headingley station.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Wojciech drew a brilliant self portrait and wrote his name. Arta always joins in so enthusiastically with all of our learning. Connie always tries her best and is a great role model. Ziggy always tries so hard in his phonics and he has really impressed us with his reading. Arlo has been trying so hard with his phonics and he is making great progress with his blending. Magnus did a great job reading and following the instructions in his reading book to make a rock pet. Grace has really impressed us with her positive attitude towards her learning. Despoina always tries her best and has been wowing us with her independent writing.
Y1 (Nile)	Willow S is enthusiastic and joins in well during carpet time. Charlie is a switched-on Shire Oak learner. Emile because of his fantastic positive attitude. Alfie because of his great attitude in maths. Sonny for his enthusiasm and understanding of his reading. Ellie for her fantastic attitude towards her reading. Seth for his good behaviour on our school trip. Seb is a great role model and behaved amazingly on the school trip.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Cora is checking her writing carefully and spotting how to improve it. Sidney is focusing hard on his work in all lessons and giving his best. Jacob-Dale is working hard and becoming more confident with maths. Imogen has been working hard on her reading and becoming more fluent. Evie thinks carefully about what she has read and gives good answers to reading questions. Adimchinobi is trying hard to improve his handwriting by forming his letters carefully. Connie always gives her best in every lesson and is a kind and considerate member of the class.
Y3 (Rhine)	Kayon has been engaging enthusiastically in our new Y3 poetry topic in English. Judith has made an excellent start to term using her previous learning and engaging well in new areas. Nina is looking back at her learning in writing to help her independently write new pieces successfully. Alfie has shown great perseverance and bravery to swim backstroke brilliantly in the deep end. Barney brings positive attitude to his reading and is getting better all the time. Matilde always reads well, thinks carefully about what happens in a book and can explain her thoughts.
Y4 (Ganges)	Caleb has had a very positive start to the year with his attitude to learning. Liam concentrated really well on an extended writing task. Jonas is always kind and thoughtful and will offer help and support willingly to anyone that needs it. Gracie-Mae for her focused attitude in English and because she is becoming increasingly independent when working. Max is passionate about reading and always



	enthusiastic about reading. Stella immerses herself in books and is always reading a wide variety of genres.
Y5 (Tigris)	Effie makes thoughtful and humorous contributions to class life. Finlay consistently gives his best in all subjects in class. Mali reads in a clear voice with good expression when reading our class novel. Dylan has applied his times table knowledge well to the bus stop division method. Jann is very expressive when reading aloud. Poppy makes thoughtful contributions in guided reading.
Y6 (Amazon)	Eloise has started the term with a smile on her face and is putting in great effort. Raajan is putting in top effort into all his work in every session. Amber is always polite, kind and cheerful and puts 100% effort into all her learning. Dillon goes the extra mile with his work and is a good role model in class. Georgie puts lots of effort into answers in RIC. Iris always puts top effort in her work in reading.
Citizen of the Week was Marnie for always being her best and being helpful. She tries when things are hard. Then it was Bill , for taking responsibility and showing leadership when another person wasn't there to lead the worship. Finally, it was Jojo and Eleanor for persevering and not giving up on residential at Herd Fame. Well done!	

Please find attached this month's **e-safety newsletter**. It includes information about smartphones, and I also know some of our parents have found this campaign <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> interesting and helpful.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 12 th February	Y4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th February	Illustrator drawalong webinar for KS2 am
Friday 14 th February *	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall – DONATIONS OF BUNS VERY 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
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 14 th 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
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 25th 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
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.

