



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

What a busy and productive start to the summer 2 half term! This week has been **Green Week** in school and all our children have been engaged in finding out more about our planet and ways to live sustainably. This morning in assembly we shared and celebrated some of the work done in each class. Here are just some of the events and activities that happened this week:

- Bike Register (whole school)
- Bikeability cycling proficiency (Y6)
- Urban Planning workshop (Y5)
- Sarah from Leeds DEC Eco-workshop including Tetrapak craft (Y4)
- Otley Chevin trip – maps & compasses (Y3)
- Tesla demonstration with Oliver (YR & Y2)
- Planning a Leeds wide campaign to teach children about food miles in school dinners (School Council)
- Climate Fresk workshop with Valeria (Y6)
- Energy Heroes art workshops with an animal theme (Y1 & Y2)
- Plastic not so fantastic workshop with Equans working locally (Y3)
- Natural England workshops on habitats, mapping, seed bombs and more with Liam (Y1 & Y5)
- Singing about our world and the environment (whole school)
- Wow walk to school campaign launch (Whole school. All children have qualified in May/June because of the pedestrian, scooter or cycle training they have been doing so have all been awarded this month's badge. In future months if they walk, scoot, cycle, park & stride or use public transport at least once a week in the month they will qualify for more badges)
- House Team Hobby Half Day (whole school, working in mixed age house teams to make and play junk instruments, create wood art, map the grounds, garden, datalog and monitor, make reused materials art, play djembes and much more!)

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped contribute their time and expertise to make this a really interesting and inspiring week.





Next week we will continue the theme of campaigning for the environment as we take part in the **Running out of Time** <https://running-out-of-time.com/> baton relay to raise awareness of the need to cut emissions, restore nature, and support those hardest hit by climate change. We will welcome the baton on its way across Leeds on Thursday morning, after our Eid assembly.

It was a busy week for some of our **rugby players** this week too. On Monday lunchtime our rugby captains went with Mr



Martin and some of the other school staff to lay a Shire Oak rugby shirt in tribute to **Rob Burrow** at Headingley Stadium. We have also added information about his inspiring life and



friendships to our memory tree so that anyone can tie a ribbon to remember him or other people we have lost. On Wednesday our Y5 girls' team had a great afternoon at a **tag rugby rally** and improved a lot. (Picture below)

 Shire Oak CE Primary School Rugby League @ShireOakRLFC · 5 Jun ...
 Congratulations to our @shireoakce Y5 team on their brilliant performance in today's @RugbyLeeds girls' tag rugby rally at Hunslet. We had lots of fun and got better with every game. Proud of you all.

Last year there was a change in entitlement to free school meals. If you know anyone who has **no recourse to public funds**, their children are probably eligible for free school dinners. This would not show up on our checking system, so please let us know if you are eligible. This [government website](#) explains who it affects.



Falling birth rates in the area mean that the pressure for school places is much lower than in recent years. If you know families who didn't apply for Shire Oak, but would have liked to, then it might be worth them asking Leeds Admissions to be added to our waiting list as it is possible we will have a space available and good to do this before transition activities start.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS There are quite a few attachments to this week's newsletter:

- The guide to what is on at the Children's Centre. (Although their building is out of commission they are still working in our local area.)
- SENDIASS dates for the summer term for parents of children with SEND
- A parent newsletter from Picture News. We use Picture News to provide good resources to help us engage the children in appropriate ways with current news stories. We hope this will help them become courageous advocates for good in the world.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 13 th June	Running out of Time climate relay (Wood Lane) am
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Wednesday 19 th June	Y3 Egyptian historical artefacts session
Wednesday 19 th June	Summer garden launch at Wheatfields (older School Councillors)
Wednesday 19 th June	Madhatter's Tea Party school picnic and bonfire TBC
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Friday 21 st June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Thursday 27 th June	* Y6 tag rugby match at All Saints Primary, Richmond Hill after school
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Monday 8th July	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm NEW DATE
Tuesday 9 th July	Paris Olympics Day at Guiseley – group from Y4
Monday 15 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day am Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm (reserve date 18 th TBC)
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5 Y6 Sports Day pm (reserve date 19 th)
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Wednesday 17 th July	* Summer festival vibes grab bag lunch
Thursday 18 th July	* Playground funding sub-group 3:30pm (interested parties welcome)
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
SUMMER HOLIDAY. Art Camp are running a playscheme on our site during the holidays. https://artcampuk.com/	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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