



Dear Parents and Carers

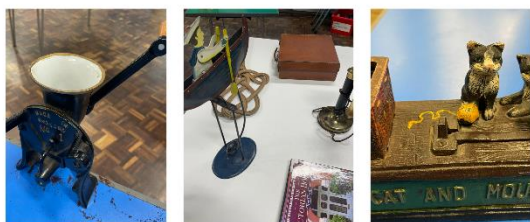
SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food to this morning's **Harvest Festival** and/or was able to come and along and share our celebration. We enjoyed the contributions from each class as they shared what they had

learned about how people celebrate the food that grows and how to share with those who need it. Well done to Reception Class as this was their first whole school sharing assembly. This year we are sharing our donations with Rainbow Junktion – thank you to St Michael's Church for arranging to transport it for us.



Another great community link we have made is with the historians at **Oakfield Terrace**. Residents of these local houses have researched the lives of previous inhabitants of the terrace and collected artefacts from the Victorian time when they were built. They welcomed each KS1 and KS2 class to the houses on Monday for a rainy trip to provide the context about the houses and then on Tuesday Glyn and Andy came and shared their artefacts with the classes. Our work this week on **historical sources** was further strengthened by class visits from Kat Baxer (a parent who is an archaeologist based at Leeds Discovery Centre). She brought a range of historical objects that the children enjoyed investigating and discussing.

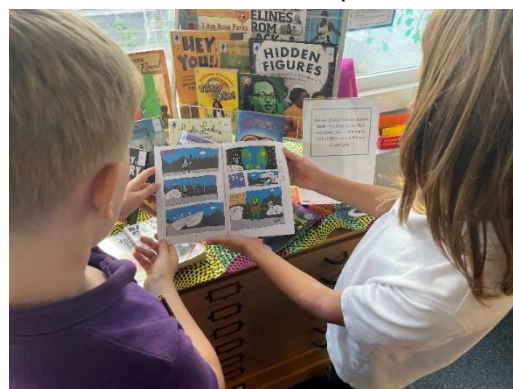
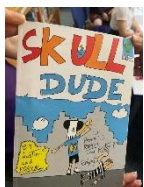


We also have strong links with other schools in the local area and were very pleased to welcome Mr Mark Smith from **Lawnswood School** on Wednesday to run his annual maths puzzles workshop with Year 5. This is always a fun event in the calendar and a chance for the children to start forming positive impressions about the teachers at secondary school and to assuage worries about transition.



Year 2 were great ambassadors for the school yesterday on their trip to **Whistlestop Valley**. They enjoyed learning about (and riding on) the steam train and the history of the area. They have great ideas to inform their further topic work now.

We have been gifted a very special, signed first edition of a **graphic novel** for the library. Rory and Austin have been painstakingly working on Skull Dude for some time now and it has gone to press! They will be selling copies at the Thought Bubble convention coming up soon, but will be taking orders for any spare copies they have after that. Let them know if you are interested or watch out for further information. In the meantime, you will be able to read and enjoy it in our school library.



I hope the weather holds for the **Woodland Walk** tomorrow. I am very sad to be missing it this year for the first time but know it is a great event for Shire Oak families to get to know each other and start making their school community network. After a walk and activities on The Ridge we return to school for free refreshments, thanks to FOSOPS.

Have a lovely weekend.

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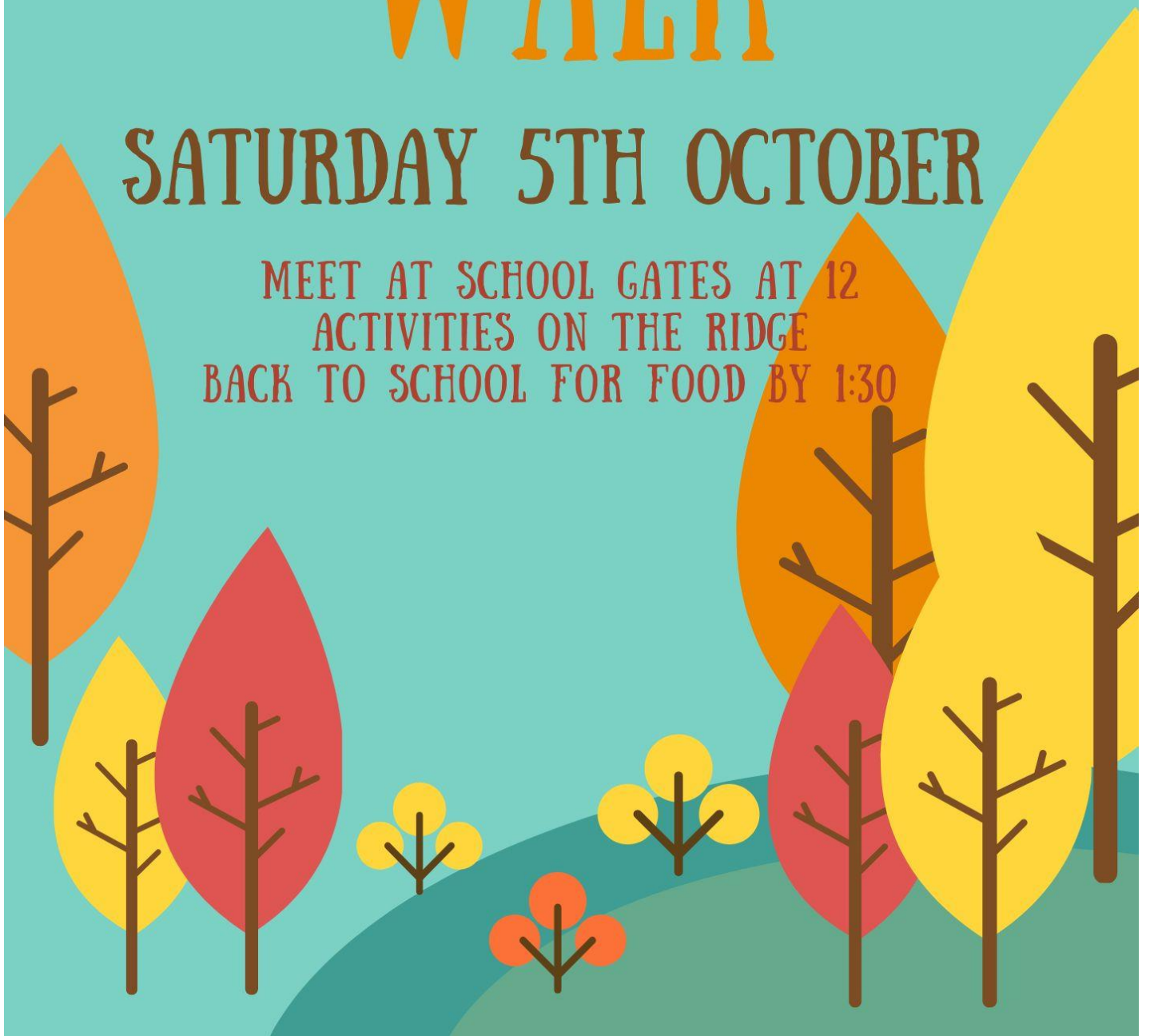


ALL SHIRE OAK CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES WELCOME

WOODLAND WALK

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

MEET AT SCHOOL GATES AT 12
ACTIVITIES ON THE RIDGE
BACK TO SCHOOL FOR FOOD BY 1:30



DIARY DATES

Saturday 5 th October	Woodland Walk. Meet at 12 at the gates for activities on The Ridge
Monday 7 th October	Y4 football match Newlathes 3:30pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Tuesday 8 th October	Netball Festival at Menston St Mary's after school. Under 11s.
Friday 11 th October	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 11 th October	Y6 Viking Day in the hall
Tuesday 15 th October pm	KS2 Cross Country running competition
Tuesday 15 th October 5pm	Herd Farm Residential trip meeting for Y4 parents/carers in the classroom
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents and Carers Evening 1 (booking for a slot opens nearer the time)
Friday 18 th October 9am	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 18 th October *	Hot chocolate sale straight after school, in the hall.
Tuesday 22 nd October 9am	Y2 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents and Carers Evening 2
Wednesday 23 rd October	House Team Hobby Half Day – orienteering and mapwork focus Y1-Y6
Friday 25 th October	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme.	
w/c 4 th November	Black History focus visits to the library
Friday 8 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 th November	KS2 drama workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight which starts today
Monday 11 th November	An age appropriate act of remembrance will take place in school
Tuesday 12 th November	Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents) s
Friday 15 th November	Y6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
18 th & 19 th November	D:Side Internet Safety sessions
Tuesday 19 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
Wed 20 th November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 26 th November	Headingley Lights Switch On TBC
Thursday 28 th November	Y3 sports festival at Leeds University
Friday 29 th November	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
2 nd to 4 th December	Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip
Thursday 5 th December	Carol singing at Victoria Court 11am
Friday 6 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 10 th December	School nurses (flu spray)
Wed 11 th December	School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks
Wed 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, pm.
Thursday 12 th December	R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school
Friday 13 th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm
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)
Wed 18 th December *	Christmas Discos and Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 & KS2 5-6pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd December to 3 rd January. Art Camp my offer activities	
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 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	Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, 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
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
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.