



**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it to the end of a **very long half term** – well done everybody! There will be some very tired children this evening I am sure. I hope that half term next week gives the opportunity for some relaxation, some reading and some fresh air.

Y4/5 children who have been in our cross-country club certainly embraced the fresh air - and rain- at the **cross-country running festival** last week. They coped well with the competitive atmosphere and tried very hard with one qualification to the next round.

Players from our Y5/6 **football team** also tried very hard in their match against Ireland Wood last week. They travelled there and back by service bus and learned a lot about playing on a *much* bigger pitch than ours! They conceded defeat with good manners.

Year 5 and 6 were visited by the **fire service** for a talk about fire safety, particularly as we come to Guy Fawkes Night and the bonfires and fireworks that entails. Hopefully these messages will be useful to them as they get older and make more independent choices at this time of year. Please make sure they have talked to you about what they learned as rehearsing their decisions out loud help them to stick!

On the subject of safety, please find attached our monthly **online safety** newsletter to support you as parents navigating your child's digital safety.

We have enjoyed **class assemblies** by both **Year 3** and **Year 2** this fortnight. We enjoyed hearing about their trips, their topics and the learning they have been doing in school across the whole curriculum. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch them.

Thank you also to everyone who has arranged and attended a **parents evening appointment** recently. It really does help with the communication between home and school and with letting your child know we are on the same team. Ms Dalton is rearranging parents evening appointments that were missed. If you are able to attend at the start or the end of the day that would really help us with catching up!



Thank you to FOSOPS for organising the **hot chocolate** and bun sale after school on Friday. It was a lovely treat towards the end of a long half term and a good fundraiser too. Thanks to everyone who shopped, baked or bought!

← Well done to Year 6 pupils who led the activities on our **house team hobby half day** this week. They played games, taught yoga, made PE circuits, played music and much more. A lovely chance to



spend time in our house teams with the older role models. (By the way, applications for their Y7 places need to be done by the 31<sup>st</sup> <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>) Also from Year 6, Atticus was so impressive at the Civic Hall presentation that I had an MP, councillors and others messaging me during his speech to say how well he was doing. Although he didn't win the Leeds Children's Mayor role for the year, he is taking his ideas forward in our School Council work at Shire Oak. We are very proud of him!

Last week we had a special assembly as it was recently **Dyslexia Awareness Week**. We watched the animation [See Dyslexia Differently](#) and learned a little bit more about what dyslexia is. If you or your child has any questions or concerns about dyslexia, please do ask Mrs Sara

Mitchell, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo).

Have a lovely weekend and a great half term break.

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PS Don't forget that tomorrow is a **training day** for staff on safeguarding, child protection and safer working practice. Children do not attend school until after half term. See you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November!

### DIARY DATES

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| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October   | TRAINING DAY School closed to children   |
| HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme. |  |
| w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November  | Black History focus visits to the library  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November *  | Y4 Roman Visitor Day   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November *  | Bonfire Night school dinner menu. (Book <u>today</u> if you want to swap from packed lunch)  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!                               |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November  | KS2 drama workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight which starts today                    |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November  | An age appropriate act of remembrance will take place in school                              |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November   | Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents)               |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November  | Y6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> November  | D:Side Internet Safety sessions  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November   | Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.           |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> November   | Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. All welcome!                                 |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November *   | PAFRAS assembly to launch Christmas appeal TBC   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November   | Headingley Lights Switch On (usually gather at St Michael's from 5pm)                        |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November  | Y3 sports festival at Leeds University   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November  | Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> December   | Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December   | Carol singing at Victoria Court 11am   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   | Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Carol singing at Headingley Library, am.   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | School nurses (flu spray)  |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December   | School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks                                    |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December   | Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, pm.           |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm                                     |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December *  | Christmas Discos & Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 & KS2 5-6pm <b>NEW DATE!</b> |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)         |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December   | <del>Christmas Discos and Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 &amp; KS2 5-6pm</del> |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)             |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December *  | Last day of term. Acorn Club will close at 4pm today.  |
| (Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December) *  | Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Michael's Church, 6:30pm. All welcome.                 |



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| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. Art Camp my offer activities |   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January  | Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.  |
| 13-15 <sup>th</sup> January   | Y4 at Herd Farm Residential school trip   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January   | Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January   | WW2 day (online) Y6   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January  | Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January   | TRAINING DAY School closed to children  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January   | Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February   | Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February  | Y5 trip to York   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February  | Reception Class parents meeting about maths 2:15 TBC  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February   | Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February   | Y4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| HALF TERM no school for children 17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February. Art Camp will run a playscheme.             |   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February  | Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March   | Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, etc. TBC)   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | Y5 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Science workshops as part of British Science Week   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March   | Shire Oak science fair as part of British Science Week  |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March   | Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | Y3 and Y4 Easter production to parents, carers, etc.  |
| EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> April. Art Camp will run a playscheme.      |   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April  | TRAINING DAY School closed to children  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April  | Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> April   | D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y2 Great Fire of London workshop  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May  | KS2 SATs week for Year 6  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May   | Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May  | NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC   |
| HALF TERM no school for children 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.                  |   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> June   | Green Week, including pedestrian, scooter and bike safety. TBC  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | House Team Hobby Half Day TBC   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June   | Class photo day   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 5 trip to the recycling plant  |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | TRAINING DAY School closed to children  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June  | Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June   | Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June   | Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.  |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | Learning through Sport Fortnight  |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July  | Transition visits to new classes (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lawnswood transition days)  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am  |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July   | Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC   |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC   |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC   |

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| 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3    |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July   | Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening                              |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church                            |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July   | Leavers' ten pin bowling trip  |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 29 <sup>th</sup> August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.   |  |
| TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a> |  |

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