



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience this week as we continued to manage safe entry into school with all the ice. I have never wanted rain so much! We were very glad that we had been able to get outside all last week as on Monday the site was so slippery we had to have indoor playtime! Thankfully rising temperatures and a lot of hard graft cleared the playground and as soon as conditions are dryer we will be able to clear away the silty residue that remains.

The wintry weather did not put off our intrepid Year 4s on their way to **Herd Farm** on Monday. This is a new venue for our residential trip and our staff worked hard to make sure the children were well fed, looked after and happily busy. These trips can only run by our staff volunteering their free time to stay overnight with the children and I am very grateful that they do! The children were very tired afterwards but I have enjoyed hearing how they challenged themselves.







I have seen some lovely **homework** coming in recently, including investigations of the blue plaques in Leeds linked to its medieval history. If work is completed electronically the best way to get it to us is for children to upload it to their Google account and share it with the teacher. If that doesn't work, then emailing [office@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:office@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk) and asking for it to be forwarded to the class teacher makes sure that it is seen.

Well done to Year 1 for a **lovely class assembly** this morning all about your **toys** topic. We particularly enjoyed your talk for writing, your singing, your dancing and your artwork.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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#### DIARY DATES

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	WW2 day (online) Y6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 visit from a vulcanologist
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 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band playing in assembly, 9am.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 smoothie workshop with LUFC
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 working with poet James Nash – parent assembly on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.
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!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February *	Illustrator drawalong webinar for KS2 am
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	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
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, charity book drive, 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
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March *	Knowledge College morning for Y5
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
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 Young Climate Warriors session
<del>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</del>	<del>Y3 Sports Festival Leeds University</del>
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

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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
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April evening *	Leeds Rhinos Sing Spectacular
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
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
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
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.