



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 17
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely week in school and it has been great to talk to the children about everything they are learning at the moment.

On Tuesday Year One visited **Abbey House Museum** to find out about toys in history. They enjoyed exploring the museum and investigating and playing with the artefacts.

Year Three have been working with local poet, **James Nash**. Supported by funding from Headingley LitFest, James helped Y3 develop amazingly vivid poems about volcanoes. The children shared some of their poetry at a special assembly yesterday and were very impressive.



Thank you to the families who were able to join us this morning for **Stay and Play** in Reception and Key Stage One and join in with some of the Lunar New Year themed activities. KS2 also explored the theme in their assembly this morning. **Happy New Year** to everyone celebrating this week.

Leeds Local Offer Live / Wednesday 26th March 2025 / 10am till 3pm (drop in) / Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

The Leeds Local Offer [website](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/LLOLive2025/) provides information about services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers in one place. Leeds Local Offer Live is an annual marketplace event that provides families with the opportunity to find out more about SEND services in Leeds. At this year's event you will also have the opportunity to attend workshop sessions:

- Ordinarily available provision and toolkit
- Eating / ARFID support

Book your free event ticket here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/LLOLive2025/> If you would like further information please email llo@leeds.gov.uk

Well done to all our recent **Superstars** and **Citizens of the Week** who have been celebrated in our Superstars assemblies. I will include your names in a newsletter very soon!

I have been asked to encourage parents to wash their **children's water bottles** regularly. If they are the sort with spouts and other parts they may need disassembling from time to time to clean them properly. (Mould can build up inside these parts if only rinsed.) A reused pop bottle with a screw on lid can be a cheap and easy to clean water bottle!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

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!
Friday 14 th February	Illustrator drawalong webinar for KS2 am
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
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 25 th 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
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.