



Dear Parents and Carers

This week a highlight has been the **Music Recital** featuring performances from nearly 60 of our young musicians. We enjoyed pieces on violin, piano, drums, trombone, trumpet, flute, guitar and ukelele including some duets and own compositions. We know that there are other children who weren't quite at the right point of practising a piece to share it confidently, as well as children learning outside school who hadn't realised they could perform so the total number could have been even higher! Thank you to everyone who played, to the audience, to the music teachers who have taught them all year and especially those who were able to support them yesterday, to Mrs Susan Koyuncu for organising lessons and to everyone else who helped get children set up tuned and technically supported! At Shire Oak we offer lessons from Year 2 or Year 3 that are typically in a small group and therefore cheaper than lessons outside of school. (Bursaries are also available.) Artforms also run **Saturday music centres** for children to learn instruments and play with others (see flyer).



Soon it will be time to celebrate our children's **sporting achievements** as Sports Days are coming up soon, weather dependant. Please see the email or the homepage of our website for team colours, etc.

We were very proud of how the children in school handled their **transition visits** this week. There were lots of excited conversations about their new teachers, adults, classrooms and things to look forward about the coming year.

This morning KS2 are taking part in a **draw-along webinar** with author/illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson. We will follow this up with an assembly from Headingley Library next week to explain the summer reading challenge in more detail.

Finally, I am very pleased to share with you the official **Ofsted report**, which has now been published. (It may not be on their website for a few more days though.) We are very pleased that a lot of the things we think are important have been noted and praised in the report, especially including all children, helping children's personal development in all areas and a strong focus on reading for information and pleasure. We are also happy with the area for improvement, as continuing to develop our wider curriculum to make it as relevant and learning-rich as possible is already our focus.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS Do you know anyone who would be good at working with our children in Acorn Club but would also help to keep our school environment clean? We are advertising! [Before and After School Club Worker and relief Cleaner \(E4429\) - Shire Oak CE Primary School | Leeds Jobs](#)

DIARY DATES

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| Friday 5 th July | FOSOPS meeting 2:30pm to debrief/plan for the music festival |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Paris Olympics Day at Guiseley – group from Y5 |
| Tuesday 9 th July | * Look out for a special rugby-themed visitor straight after school on the field... |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Summer reading challenge assembly with Headingley Library |
| Thursday 11 th July | * Y6 waffle and smoothie sale after school |
| Monday 15 th July | YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day am Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm (reserve date 18 th TBC) |
| Monday 15 th July | * Y6 waffle and smoothie sale after school |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Y5 Y6 Sports Day pm (reserve date 19 th) |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Wheatfields brunch summer garden launch |
| 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 | * Summer book giveaway! |
| 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) |
| Friday 19 th July | Y6 transition to secondary road safety day (planning and walking local routes) |
| Weekend 20 th /21 st July | * Scaffolding being erected for roofing work. Please do not use path next to Y1/YR |
| Monday 22 nd July | Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome! |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | Y6 Leavers' trip |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | * Last day of term. Acorn Club closing at 4:30pm to enable pre-building work checks. |
| Saturday 27 th July | * Wonderday at HEART 10-4pm |
| 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.

