

Weetwood School News

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'

Positivity, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, Excellence

Dear Parent/Carers,

It's been a busy last few weeks in school, the shows have gone off with a bang and it has been lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and family friends. Both the Early Year's and Key Stage One Nativities were wonderful, with some excellent singing, acting and dancing! Yesterday was the music show, which started with a moving performance from Year 5 with a poem about the Christmas Truce. Followed by a range of musicians from KS2 showcasing their talents. The choir also sung beautifully on stage at the music show and at St Chad's Court earlier in the week. A BIG THANK YOU to Harriet and Jules for giving up their time to support the school choir this term. The pupils who take part in Rocksteady also had great fun last week, performing with their rock bands and showcasing their talents. A huge well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to watch and support us! Have a look at the pictures below with some of the highlights of the last fortnight.

YEAR 6 TRIP- A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Christmas Carol Review by Emmylou

On Thursday, the whole of year 6 went out of school in the afternoon to go to the Leeds Playhouse to watch a production of 'A Christmas Carol'. The whole experience was magical, with the stage only metres away. Year 6 were so close to the stage that it felt like we were really part of the show. The cast were brilliant with a variety of actors who were deaf or had a disability so the whole show felt warm and cosy like in a family environment, including everyone from all different backgrounds. There were a few funny bits, where we would all laugh and there were also sometimes where it was quite sad, or someone in the show was disappointed.

There were several different schools there. Some schools were younger, some older and some about our age. It made you feel happy and excited that other people, just like you, had come to see this show in all of its glory. It was very enjoyable, and the whole cast had wonderful stage presence.



Overall, it was a tremendous experience and it was so fun to share it with all of my classmates too.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are offering the following after school clubs for the next half term which will run from the first week back:

Tuesday – KS2 Ukulele Club – 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday – Years 5/6 Tag Rugby – 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Thursday – Years 3/4 Football Club – 3:15pm – 4:15pm

These clubs are now available to book on Arbor under the Clubs section. We will be offering clubs to KS1 children after February half term when the weather and lighter nights improve. Please note the Drama Club is taking a short break and we will let you know when it is running again in due course.

***POET LAUREATE ***



West Yorkshire is looking for the next Poet Laureate. Please see the information below about the partnership and how to apply if your child is interested.

Created by National Poetry in partnership with National Literacy Trust, and supported by Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, the Young Poet Laureate programme provides children and young people with new opportunities to explore and discover poetry in their schools and communities. The Young Poet Laureate programme aims to inspire a new generation of young poets.

- Championing young poetic voices.
- Celebrating poetry as an accessible, diverse and powerful form of expression.
- Raising the profile of poetry in schools.
- Developing children and young people's literacy, creativity and confidence.
- For children and young people aged 7 to 14 (KS2 -KS3)

This major new initiative, has been scaled up from the hugely successful West Yorkshire programme, championed by Mayor Tracy Brabin, thanks to continued support from West Yorkshire Combined Authority, alongside new funding from Arts Council England and the Charlotte Aitken Trust.

The Young Poet Laureate opportunity

Young Poet Laureate submissions are now open. If your child would like to enter the Please send any entries to bursar@weetwoodprimary.co.uk by Wednesday 14th January

Key information

How to apply:

A member of school staff will need to upload their students' applications using the form below.

Each student will need to submit a word document which includes:

A personal statement explaining why they would like to be a young poet laureate for their region (max 200 words)

An original poem (max 40 lines)

More information can be found in the terms and conditions document below.

Shortlisting stages:

120 shortlisted young poets will be announced in March and their work will be published in our celebratory anthology. All shortlisted students will be invited to take part in a regional masterclass (must be accompanied by a member of school staff) where they'll receive support from professional poets, before performing to a judging panel. The regional judging panels will select their regions' two laureates.

Final stage:

12 young poets (two per region, one aged 7 to 11, and one aged 11 to 14) will be appointed as a Young Poet Laureate for their region (North, Midlands, London, South-East and South-West of England, as well as West Yorkshire). The laureateship will run for a year (June 2026 - July 2027). The appointed laureates will receive mentoring from professional poets and a range of opportunities to write for commission and perform at events to promote poetry, joining the national Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, as champions for the role that poetry can play in public life.

Timeline:

19 January 2026 – Deadline for Young Poet Laureate submissions

March 2026 - The 120 shortlisted young poets will be announced

20 April to 8 May 2026 - Regional masterclasses and judging panels take place

June 2026 – Announcement and appointment of the 12 Young Poet Laureates

June 2026 to July 2027 – Laureateship: Mentoring programme, publication of anthology, events and celebrations

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We look forward to seeing you back on January 5th but before then please, have a wonderful break! Merry Christmas everyone!

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison and the Weetwood Team.

Diary Dates 2025.26

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January	February	March	
<p>Monday 5th January All pupils return to school.</p> <p>Wednesday 7th January: Reception 2026 Open Morning</p> <p>Tuesday 20th January Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p>	<p>Saturday 1st February: PTA Quiz and Curry Night</p> <p>Wednesday 4th February: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Monday 9th – 11th February: Lineham Farm for Year 4.</p> <p>Friday 13th February: School Closes for half term.</p> <p>Monday 23rd February: All pupils return to school</p>	<p>Thursday 5th March: World Book Day</p> <p>Wednesday 18th March: SEND Parents Evening</p> <p>Monday 23rd March: Year 4 Trip to Elland Road (am)</p>	
April	May	June	July
<p>Thursday 2nd April: School closes for Easter Holiday</p> <p>Monday 20th April: All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April: Parents evening.</p>	<p>Monday 4th May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>W/C Monday 11th - Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Wednesday 20th May: Class Photos.</p> <p>Thursday 21st May: Share Our Learning</p> <p>Thursday 22nd May: School closes to all pupils.</p> <p>Friday 22nd May: Teacher training day.</p>	<p>Monday 1st June: All pupils return to school</p> <p>W.C. Monday 1st June: Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p>W.C. Monday 8th June: Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p>Friday 19th June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June – Friday 26th June: Edale Residential (Y6)</p>	<p>Friday 3th July: Sports Day and PTA Picnic.</p> <p>Thursday 9th July: Music Show.</p> <p>Friday 10th July: Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p>Saturday 11th July: Year 6 Party</p> <p>Sunday 12th July: PTA School Summer Fair</p> <p>Wednesday 15th July: Year 6 show</p> <p>Friday 18th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly(AM)</p> <p>Friday 18th July: School closes to all pupils</p>