

Weetwood School News

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, it has been a whirlwind of a term in school. From learning in all areas of the curriculum, to share our learning, World Book Day, a variety of sport, World Down Syndrome Day, Neurodiversity week and British Science week to name a few, we have packed a lot in to the last 11 weeks! I think everyone is ready for a break!

Last Thursday, we all wore odd socks to celebrate differences for World Down Syndrome Day. Mrs McLane shared an assembly with us on Tuesday and the Empson Family (Winnie in Reception and Wilf soon to join Pre-school) donated some books for us to have in the library. The children enjoyed listening to them and looking at them during the week. Thank you for the lovely donation.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you about school uniform? There are a number of children who are wearing incorrect footwear or socks as well as branded hoodies and tops for PE. If you are unsure of the correct uniform, please follow the link <https://www.weetwoodschool.co.uk/uniform>.

TOM PALMER

We welcomed best-selling author, Tom Palmer into school on Tuesday to talk to Key Stage 2 about his two loves: football and history, both of which are the inspiration for his fabulous novels! Tom was impressed by Key Stage 2's literary knowledge and brilliant questions and we ended the session with a penalty shoot out. Leeds born Tom also took time at the end of the day to sign books for the children.

MR CRAWFORD'S FUNDRAISING

On Saturday, where we experienced all the seasons in one day, Callum and his friend Pete, ran 11 in 11, which meant they ran 11 park runs in 11 hours, starting at 6am. Callum and Pete were running to raise money for MND and this is the first of their endurance events over this year, they have the marathon and Endure 24 still to come. Throughout the day, many different people and families joined them at various locations around Leeds. At the final run at Woodhouse, some of the children from Weetwood joined them to run with them and support. Well done Callum and Pete, what a great achievement. If you would like to support them to raise more money, please follow the link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/peter-long-1707672881926?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fpeter-long-1707672881926&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

STAFFING UPDATE

As always there are changes in school each year and I would like to update you on the changes over the next term and in to next year. Mrs Natasha Parker returns to school in May. She is returning to Key Stage 1 to support predominately in Year 1. Anna Coltman will be remaining as Early Years Leader until the end of the school year. In other news, Mrs Gurr is leaving us at the end of this academic year to pursue a career outside

of teaching. Finally, we have some exciting news from Miss Worsnop, she is expecting a baby in August and as a result she will be on maternity leave next academic year.

SPORT

Last week, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby competition at West Park. This is the first time they had played as a team and they did amazingly well. They played 5 games, winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2. Everyone played fantastically and had a fun afternoon. Well done Alice, James, Rocco, Sam F, Harry, Cesca, Abdul and Karim.

The Blaze, girls football team, had their second win at the weekend against Eldwick U10s. Like Mr Crawford, they played through all seasons with Emily and Vaibhavi scoring the winning goals! All the girls played well and the team continue to go from strength to strength. The year 2 and 3 teams have also played in their regular tournaments recently. All the children who have taken part have played really well and been great team players, often playing teams which are well established. Thank you to the parents that have given up their time to take the children to the matches. I look forward to hearing how the final matches go in the summer term.

Also last week, Miss Clift organised to take some year 4 and 5 pupils to watch the Leeds Rhino's netball team train at Leeds Beckett. The children had the opportunity to watch them train and play, picking up hints and tips as well as meeting them at the end of the event for signing autographs.

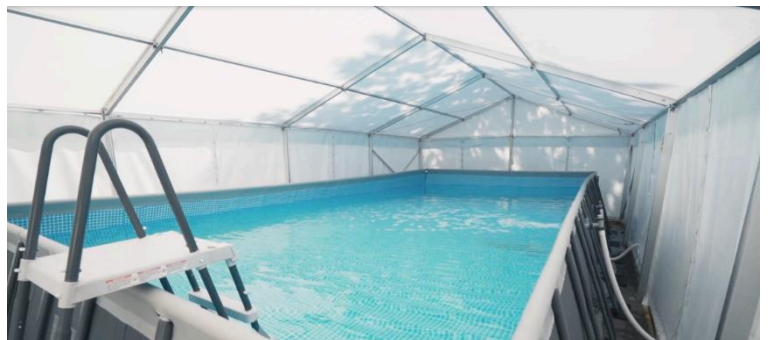
YEAR 5 POETRY

Yesterday, we welcomed the Lord Mayor, Al Garthwaite and the Headingley Literacy Festival Officials in to school. Year 5 have been working with James Nash, the local poet, to write poems about their trip to the waste recycling plant, Veola. Year 5's poems were impressive and they performed them incredibly well. Well done year 5, reading in public is a challenge and they all rose to the occasion!

SWIMMING UPDATE

As you will be aware, our link with Leeds Beckett was withdrawn early in September and we have not been able to find a suitable, cost effective replacement for this year. After much research, we have made the decision to try something new.

In the Autumn next year, we will have a, heated and covered, pop-up swimming pool on the school grounds. The swim programme will be delivered by two qualified swimming instructors and there will be a qualified lifeguard on site. More information about swimming will follow nearer the time.



Finally, below are the term time dates and training day dates for next year. Please note the changes to the Easter holiday, due to Easter being later than usual, the term time has been adjusted to fit around this. Leeds usually have the first two weeks in April as a fixed holiday but there are some adjustments this year.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter holidays, for those families celebrating Ramadan, we hope you enjoy your celebrations when they come. We will have an assembly about Eid in the first week back.

Kind regards

2024-2025 – Term Dates and Holidays

Autumn Term		
Term of holiday	Start	End
Autumn 1	Monday 2 nd September	Friday 25 th October
Half term	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November
Autumn 2	Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 3 rd January

Spring Term		
Term of holiday	Start	End
Spring 1	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Half term	Monday 17 th February	Friday 21 st February
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February	Friday 4 th April
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 th April	Monday 21 st April

Summer Term		
Term of holiday	Start	End
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
May Bank holiday	Monday 5 th May	Monday 5 th May
Half term	Monday 26 th May	Friday 30 th May
Summer 2	Monday 2 nd June	Tuesday 22 nd July
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 23 rd July	Friday 29 th August

Training Days	
1	Monday 2 nd September 2024
2	Friday 25 th October 2024
3	Friday 23 rd May 2025
4	Monday 21 st July 2025
5	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

April	May	June	July
Monday 15th April: All pupils return to school. Wednesday 17th April: Year 5 Trip to Leeds Beckett for a PE and Science Workshop Thursday 18th April: Year 4 Viking Workshop Thursday 24th April: Reception Trip to St Chad's Church Friday 26th April:	Monday 6st May: May Day Bank Holiday. Friday 10th May: PTA Quiz Night W/C Monday 13th- Year 6 SATs Week Wednesday 22nd May: Class Photographs Thursday 23rd May: School closes to all pupils. Friday 24th May: Teacher training day.	Monday 3rd June: All pupils return to school W.C. Monday 3rd June: Multiplication Check Year 4 W.C. Monday 10^h June: Phonics screening Year 1 Monday 10th- Wednesday 12th: Yr. 6 trip to Edale Wednesday 19th June: Share Our Learning	Wednesday 10th July: Year 5 Trip to Harewood House Thursday 11th July: Music Show Friday 12th July: Reports for all pupils to go home Sunday 14th July: Summer Fair Tuesday 16th July: Year 6 show

<p>Discover VR Enrichment Workshop for KS2</p>		<p>Friday 21st June: Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p>Friday 28th June: Sports Day PTA Picnic</p>	<p>Wednesday 17th July: Open evening for all parents</p> <p>Friday 19th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly</p> <p>Friday 19th July: School closes to all pupils</p>
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