

# Weetwood School News

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'

**Positivity, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, Excellence**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school following the Easter break. We are delighted that so many parents attended parents' evening last week.

If you were unable to attend your scheduled appointment and have not yet had the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher, please refer to the pupil progress report that was sent home last week. We encourage you to arrange a convenient time to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

As we progress through the summer term, we are now entering the Ofsted inspection window. School will be inspected as part of the normal 4-year inspection cycle – it is hard to believe it has been four years since our last inspection during that memorable heatwave!

Inspections under the new framework began in November 2025, and Ofsted now uses an updated framework to evaluate schools. In subsequent newsletters, I will share more detailed information about the new framework and what the inspection process involves.

To help us prepare effectively and plan for the future, I would be grateful if you could complete our parent survey using the Google Form link below. The survey will remain open until **Friday 22 May**.

<https://forms.gle/xHVeugkpzSjrpRu6>

## **\*EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS\***

We are delighted to share news of the wide range of activities that have taken place across school recently.

### **Year 4 Skipping Competition Success**

Year 4 pupils have dedicated the past term to developing and refining their skipping skills. Their hard work culminated in a skipping competition at Trinity University last week, where they competed alongside pupils from several other schools.

Our Year 4 pupils represented Weetwood Primary School exceptionally well, demonstrating impressive skills and sportsmanship throughout the event. Notable achievements included:

#### **Individual Awards:**

- Lucy: Gold medal for the pretzel skip
- Eva G and Nancy: Silver medals for the facing double bounce skip
- Tavneet: Gold medal for the side straddle
- Suho: Silver medal for the side straddle.

#### **Special Recognition Awards (nominated by Mrs Horsman):**

- Layla: Outstanding teamwork
- Seb: Exceptional determination
- Suho: Self belief

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 4 pupils who participated.

## **Leeds Rhinos Match Day Performance**

On Friday evening, pupils from Years 1 to 5 had the exciting opportunity to perform at the Leeds Rhinos match against Catalan Dragons. Our pupils joined children from other schools in singing 'Golden' and 'Marching on Together' ahead of kick-off, contributing to a memorable pre-match atmosphere.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff and parent helpers who gave up their time to support the children at this event.

## **West Yorkshire Young Poet Laureate Competition**

We are delighted to share that on Friday 24th April, Emmy from Year 6 and Louie from Year 5 represented Weetwood Primary School at Leeds University, competing in the West Yorkshire final of the Young Poet Laureate competition.

Emmy and Louie's poems were selected from an impressive 1,100 entries, with only 110 progressing to the final – a remarkable achievement in itself. Throughout the day, the children participated in a poetry workshop led by professional poets, where they developed their performance skills. In the afternoon, they performed their poems, which will be judged by the renowned poet Simon Armitage.

We anticipate hearing the results before the May half-term break.

Both Emmy and Louie were exemplary ambassadors for our school throughout the event, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishment.

## **Other Achievements**

Outside of school, Ava has been working really hard on her Tennis skills at Leeds Becketts. Have a little look the article below:

### ***Leeds 7-year-old selected for Yorkshire county tennis squad after progressing through Leeds Beckett programme***

*A seven-year-old pupil at Weetwood Primary School has been selected for the Yorkshire County U8 tennis squad after progressing through the junior tennis programme at Leeds Beckett University.*

*Ava Mairaj, 7, began in Leeds Beckett's weekly group sessions before progressing through the programme into the advanced squad. Since September, she has been working one-to-one with coach Nic Tweedy, an LTA-accredited coach within the Leeds Beckett programme.*

*Working closely with Nic, Ava has developed a stronger understanding of the game, alongside growing confidence and determination on court—progress that is now reflected in her selection for the Yorkshire county pathway.*

*Nic Tweedy said: "Ava has a great attitude and really wants to improve. She listens, applies feedback and has made strong progress in a short space of time, which is reflected in her selection."*

*Her family say they are proud of her progress and are enjoying seeing her develop her game. They hope that, as a young South Asian girl in a sport where representation remains limited, her journey encourages more girls from similar backgrounds to take up tennis.*

Keep up the hard work Ava. We look forward to hearing more about your tennis pursuits.

## \*PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS\*

Our pre-school is a cherished part of the Weetwood Primary School community, and we would be delighted if you could help us showcase our wonderful setting to other families.

We would be most grateful if you could take a few moments to write a review of your experience. Your feedback not only helps maintain our overall rating but also enables prospective families to learn about the high-quality provision we offer.

Currently, we have only a small number of reviews, so your contribution would make a real difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/65432238560>



## \*STAFFING\*

As we progress through the summer term, we are beginning to finalise staffing arrangements for the next academic year. We would like to update you on several staff changes.

### **Administrative Team**

Mrs Haworth will be leaving us on 15th May to take up her new role as School Business Manager at Adel St John's Primary School. We are currently in the recruitment process for this administrative position and will share further updates in the coming weeks.

### **Pre-School Staffing**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Curtis has been appointed to a full-time role in Pre-School. Mrs Curtis previously stepped into the Pre-School position on an interim basis following Mrs Fisher's departure, and we are extremely grateful for her support and dedication to the school during this period. We are pleased to welcome her permanently to the team.

### **Teaching Staff**

It is with sadness that we announce Mrs Horsman has made the decision to leave the teaching profession and will be departing at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Horsman has been a valued member of the Weetwood community since 2013. She began her career at the school as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), teaching Art and Design Technology across the school, before completing her teaching qualifications and taking on a full-time class teacher role.

Many children, both past and present, have fond memories of Mrs Horsman, and she will be greatly missed by the entire Weetwood community. We wish her every success and happiness for the future and we are keeping our fingers crossed Mrs Horsman will come back to us to work on a supply basis in the future.

We will provide further updates regarding staffing arrangements as recruitment progresses.

Finally, the online safety newsletter is now available with videos. Please find attached the link for this month's video linking to the newsletter about staying safe gaming online:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

I hope you have a lovely long weekend,

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

Dairy Dates – New dates in red

Diary Dates 2025.26			
April	May	June	July
<p><del>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</del> School closes for Easter Holiday</p> <p><del>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April:</del> All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.</p> <p><del>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:</del> Year 4 Skipping Festival</p> <p><del>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:</del> Parents evening.</p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Sing Spectacular at <b>Headingley Stadium</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:</b> May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p><b>W/C Monday 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Year 4 Viking Workshop</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Class Photos.</p> <p><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:</b> Share Our Learning</p> <p>School closes to all pupils.</p> <p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:</b> Teacher training day.</p>	<p><b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:</b> All pupils return to school</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:</b> Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Preschool Open Morning 1000-1200</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <b>Year 2 Skipping Festival – Leeds Trinity University (pm)</b> <b>Reception Trip to This Green Moon</b> Preschool Open Evening 1530-1730</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Edale Residential (Y6)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:</b> <b>Year 1 Trip to Temple Newsam</b></p> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b> Sports Day and PTA Picnic.</p> <p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 6 Party - *NEW DATE*</p> <p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <b>Year 5 Trip to Harewood House</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Music Show.</p> <p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:</b> PTA School Summer Fair</p> <p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 6 show</p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Y6 Leavers Assembly (AM)</p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> School closes to all pupils</p>