

Weetwood School News

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'

Positivity, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, Excellence

What a busy half term it's been!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. If you missed your appointment, please get in touch with your child's class teacher – they'll be happy to arrange a catch-up meeting or phone call.

Harvest donations

Thank you for your generous harvest donations that came into school today. These will be collected this evening and delivered to St Vincent's.

Scholastic Book Fair success

A huge thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your generous purchases, we've raised an incredible £1,148 to spend on books and resources for the children at school.

ig Draw

As you will know, we have been busy taking part in The Big Draw this half term and all classes have been creating some wonderful art work on canvases. As part of this year's Big Draw, we will be creating an art gallery where we will be selling your child's art work to help us invest further in to art resources in school. We hope you will be able to buy your child's canvas as a gift for a family member for Christmas. The Christmas period is busy for everyone so we have paired the art gallery with Share our Learning on Wednesday 12th November. Please check Dojo for more information regarding the Art Gallery and the purchasing of the art work.



WELLY APPEAL



Can you help? Hawksworth Wood, one of our local Primary Schools, are collecting wellies for the winter months to give to their children. If you are able to donate any wellies that have been outgrown to this cause then please do so through the school office.

TRIPS AND HANDS ON LEARNING

Where we can't get out for trips, we work hard to bring learning to life in the classroom, Year 3 have been particularly busy with this over the last couple of weeks. They have been acting out breaking news reports linked to the discovery of the 'invention' of bronze. They have also been working practically in science, looking at the best rocks for a new kitchen worktop.

Year 4, have been lucky enough to have a local artist, Megan, visit them. The children have designed and made their robots linked in to the art and design curriculum.

Last week, Year 5 welcomed in to school a British Library Drama Workshop. Focusing on the graphic novel, *Aziz in Between*, by Sarah Harland, the class used movement and drama to retell the story. The story focuses on a family's refugee journey and the children used freeze frame and drama to retell aspects of the story. The class listened well and showed empathy and understanding of the characters.

FOOTBALL

Last week, Miss Casey and I took the U11 girls to Armley to play Holy Catholic Family and Holy Name. The Girls, comprising of Year 5 and 6 pupils, played incredibly well as a team, and won both matches. Thank you to the parents that helped and supported us. Last night the U11 boys team, again made up of Year 5 and 6 played their fixture against Shire Oak. The teams were closely matched but unfortunately, we lost 2-1. Oscar was nominated players player for his amazing saves in goal. He was tenacious and determined to keep the ball out the net! Well done, Oscar! All the team members played really well, supporting each other, working as a team and most importantly having fun. Well done everyone.

HOT CHOCOLATE

I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, that we are focusing on behaviour, this is part of the school development plan this year. One of the elements we have changed is the hot chocolate and biscuit with a member of the SLT. Instead of the children getting to a certain number of Dojos, the teachers are nominating the children who always follow the school rules and demonstrate the values. Many of the classes had more than 6 children to choose from so had to choose names out of a hat and have kept the other names for next time.

PTA UPDATE



The PTA are busy arranging a different event for Christmas this year – a Sip and Shop Christmas Social on Friday 28th November where there will be stalls from local businesses, Weetwoodies Bar and Snacks and a Christmas Wreath Making event to book onto. Please keep an eye on messages from the PTA about this event. This is a community event so it is open to anyone to attend so please share this with your family and friends.

The PTA are also holding their **Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th November at LOAF Café on Otley Road at 7.30pm**. This meeting will confirm committee members roles and responsibilities. It is also an opportunity to hear how much funds have been raised and spent during the last academic year as well as a chance to have some discussions as to the plans for the year ahead. All are welcome to attend.

Finally, I hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy a little downtime before the next busy half term. Please see the dates below for your diary.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellison

New dates in Red

Diary Dates 2025.26			
September	October	November	December
<p>Tuesday 2nd September: School opens to pupils.</p> <p>Wednesday 10th September: Curriculum Open Evening (4 – 5.30pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 24th September: Reception/Year 1 Phonics information evening.</p> <p>Friday 26th September: European languages day.</p> <p>Monday 29th September: Flu Spray</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th October: Year 5 Trip to Lotherton Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 8th October: Individual Photographs</p> <p>Friday 10th October: PTA School Disco</p> <p>W.C. 13th October: Book fair in school.</p> <p>W.C. 15th October: SEND Parents meetings</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October: Parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 23rd October: Year 6 Trip to Abbey House Museum and Kirkstall Abbey</p> <p>Friday 24th October: Harvest Assembly & School Closes for the half term break</p> <p>W.C 27th October: Half term holidays</p>	<p>Monday 3rd November: Training Day.</p> <p>Tuesday 4th November: Pupils return to school.</p> <p>W.C 10th November: Anti-Bullying Week</p> <p>Wednesday 12th November: Share our Learning.</p> <p>Friday 14th November: Children in Need.</p> <p>Wednesday 19th November: Year 1 Trip to Abbey House Museum</p> <p>Wednesday 26th November: Reception 2026 Open Morning (Fully Booked)</p> <p>SEND Bowling Event at Kirkstall Hollywood Bowl</p> <p>Thursday 27th November: Aladdin Pantomime in school</p> <p>Friday 28th November:</p>	<p>Thursday 11th December: Year 6 Trip to see A Christmas Carol at Leeds Playhouse</p> <p>Tuesday 16th December: 9.15am – EYFS Christmas Show. 2.15pm – KS1 Christmas Show</p> <p>Wednesday 17th December: 9.15am – KS1 Christmas Show. 2.15pm – EYFS Christmas Show</p> <p>Thursday 18th December: -KS2 Christmas Music Show.</p> <p>Friday 19th December: School closes for the Christmas holidays.</p>

		Year 4 Ancient Greece Day in school	
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>