

Weetwood School News

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'

Positivity, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy and productive few weeks at school, filled with enriching learning experiences and exciting activities. Across school, our pupils have participated in educational visits, sporting events, fundraising initiatives and British Science Week activities. Please find below a comprehensive update on recent events, along with some important reminders.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Year 6: Lawnswood School Production and Magna Science Adventure Centre

A couple of weeks ago, Year 6 pupils visited Lawnswood School to watch their production of *Wiz*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the acting, singing and music, and we hope this experience will inspire them to participate in school activities and clubs when they transition to secondary school this autumn. It was particularly pleasing to see many Weetwood alumni performing in the cast, and we always value the opportunity to keep up to date with their progress after leaving primary school.

Year 6 also had the opportunity to visit Magna Science Adventure Centre, where the class enjoyed an absolutely brilliant day exploring the different aspects of the centre. Magna features four distinct pavilions—Earth, Air, Fire and Water—each offering a range of interactive games and exhibits. During the afternoon, the children participated in a workshop linked to their current topic on light, which enhanced their learning and brought the curriculum to life.

Year 5: Veolia Recycling Centre Visit and Poetry Performance

Year 5 have also been busy with educational visits. Last week, they visited the Veolia recycling centre, where all of Leeds' waste is processed. Whilst the trip can be a little smelly, it is always fascinating for the children! The visit links to many areas of the curriculum and provides valuable real-world context for their learning.

Following their visit, the children worked with local poet James Nash to write poems inspired by their experience. The poems the children have written are simply amazing, and they were delighted to have a captive audience to whom they could perform their work. We would like to extend our thanks to the parents who were able to join us for the poetry performance.

These enriching experiences beyond the classroom play a vital role in bringing learning to life and inspiring our pupils across the curriculum.

Year 4 Visit to Elland Road

Year 4 pupils had the privilege of visiting Elland Road this week, marking the end of their partnership programme with Leeds United Foundation.

Throughout the programme, pupils have been learning about key aspects of health and wellbeing, including:

- Mental health awareness
- Physical exercise
- Healthy eating habits

During their visit to Elland Road, the children applied the knowledge they had gained by preparing a healthy wrap using nutritious ingredients. The pupils also enjoyed a guided tour of the stadium, providing them with a memorable experience to celebrate their learning.

We are grateful to Leeds United Foundation for providing this valuable educational opportunity for our Year 4 cohort.

RECENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

We have had an action-packed few weeks of sporting activities, and we are delighted to share the achievements of our pupils.

Golf Taster Event

A couple of weeks ago, Miss Casey accompanied a group of KS2 children to a golf taster event. The children participated in a variety of activities linked to golf, including practising their hitting, putting and accuracy. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Rugby Tournament

Our rugby team, who have been working extremely hard with Mr Cordice at after-school club, took part in a competitive rugby event on Monday afternoon. The team played well and demonstrated some outstanding talent. They won two of their matches and had a fantastic time at the event.

Year 5 and 6 Football League

The Year 5 and 6 football team have also been busy playing the final matches of their league season. Last week, they had a particularly exciting game against the Shire Oak Year 5 team. Despite going behind in the first half, the team battled hard and, with a last-minute goal from Sylvie, secured a thrilling 3-3 draw.

National Cross-Country Finals

Finally, we are immensely proud to share Nancy's remarkable achievement in cross-country running. After qualifying in the West Yorkshire finals, Nancy competed in the national cross-country finals. Out of 120 children in the Year 4 category, Nancy finished in an impressive 41st position. This is a brilliant achievement and a wonderful experience for Nancy. We are all extremely proud of her dedication and success.

Congratulations to all our pupils who have represented Weetwood Primary School so admirably in these sporting events.

Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day.

Thank you for your support with our charity events at school. We love to inspire our pupils to think of others and to celebrate our unique strengths. Our school council organised a double bun sale and we are so grateful for the donations of treats which were very well-received by our pupils and staff.

We have been so pleased to support two very special charities and we are proud to report that we have raised £267 for Comic Relief and £70 for Sunshine and Smiles.

Design a red nose competition

The winners of the competition were: Aiza, Daniel C, Lucy H, Ava, Winnie and Herbie. Congratulations! What a creative bunch!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This year, the theme was 'Curiosity - what's your question?'. The whole school has been full of curiosity and excitement. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions they had always wondered about and Mrs McLane challenged them to ask the best question they could think of. There was a question wall where pupils could park their question and lots of investigations happening throughout the week. From bubbles to rainbows, we all had a great time being scientists.

Our whole school question was 'What lives at Weetwood?' and we enjoyed exploring our school grounds from the trees to the pond, turning over stones and rummaging in the grass to find minibeasts, birds and water creatures who call our lovely school their home. What a great week!

POET LAUREATE

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about our pupils' achievements in the Poet Laureate competition.

Ten children from Weetwood Primary School entered the competition, and we are extremely proud of the exceptionally high standard demonstrated by all participants.

We are thrilled to announce that two of our pupils have been selected to progress to the next stage of the competition to become Poet Laureate for West Yorkshire:

- Emmy Evans (Year 6)
- Louie Edson (Year 5)

This is a remarkable achievement, as only 20 children were selected from thousands of entries across the region.

We extend a huge congratulations to Emmy and Louie, and we will keep you informed of their progress as the competition continues.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Medication in School

To ensure best practice and the safety of all children, we maintain strict procedures regarding the administration of medication in school. We kindly request that you only ask us to administer medication if it is essential during the school day. Please ensure that:

- The medication is prescribed to your child
- It is provided in the original container with the pharmacy label
- All required forms are completed fully and accurately

Your cooperation in following these procedures helps us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

Head Lice

This year we have experienced an increase in cases of head lice, particularly in Reception and Year 1. Head lice are a common part of childhood and there is no stigma attached to having them. However, it is essential that we work together as a school community to manage and eliminate them effectively.

We ask all parents to:

- Check their child's hair regularly and systematically
- Use appropriate treatment products when head lice are detected
- Continue checking even after treatment to prevent re-infestation

Please note that services such as the 'Nit Nurse' are no longer available, so it is the responsibility of parents and carers to support their child in treating head lice at home. Your vigilance and prompt action will help everyone in our school community.

Rocksteady Music Programme

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Rocksteady in school for the past two years. The children's concerts have been wonderful, and it has been a pleasure to see them develop their musical talents. However, we have made the decision to pause the Rocksteady programme at the end of the summer term.

We will continue to offer our peripatetic music lessons, and the children will still have the opportunity to showcase their musical achievements in our usual end-of-term music performances.

Parents' Evening: 22nd and 23rd April

Parents' evening appointments are now available to book via Arbor for Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April. Please log in to your Arbor account to secure your preferred time slot.

Ahead of parents evening, you will receive your child's mid-year progress report via Insight, our assessment platform. This report will provide information about your child's current attainment, behaviour, and attendance, which will form the basis of discussions during your parents' evening appointment.

Mrs Watkins' Absence

Many of you will know Mrs Watkins as a valued member of our staff team who provides support across the school. After Easter, Mrs Watkins will be undergoing a long-awaited knee replacement operation. During her recovery period, the individual and group interventions that she delivers will be paused.

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to provide cover for this role. However, please be assured that all staff will continue to do their utmost to support the pupils in Mrs Watkins' absence. We wish Mrs Watkins a successful operation and a smooth recovery.

PTA COLOUR RUN

Get ready to splash, dash, and get gloriously colourful!

The PTA is hosting Weetwood's first ever Colour Run on **Friday 15th May** after school, and we want all the children to join us for the most fun, colourful, and messy event of the year.

But this isn't just about having some colour fun. The funds raised will go towards much-needed work on our Wellbeing Garden and new playground equipment. We need your help to make this happen, so we will be asking every child to raise as much sponsorship as they can. Get family, friends, and neighbours on board to sponsor and watch as even small donations add up to something big. The class that raises the most sponsorship money will win a very special prize....

The PTA will be sharing more information on how to buy tickets and donate towards our fundraising efforts on the WhatsApp groups soon.

Please see the dates for the summer term below. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison



Diary Dates 2025.26

| April | May | June | July |
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| <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 April: Year 4 Skipping Festival</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April: Parents evening.</p> <p>Friday 24th April: Sing Spectacular at Headingley Stadium</p> | <p>Monday 4th May: May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p>W/C Monday 11th - Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Monday 11th May: Year 4 Viking Workshop</p> <p>Wednesday 20th May: Class Photos.</p> <p>Thursday 21st May: Share Our Learning 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>Saturday 13th June: Preschool Open Morning 1000-1200</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June: Preschool Open Evening 1530-1730</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>Saturday 4th July: Year 6 Party - *NEW DATE*</p> <p>Thursday 9th July: Music Show.</p> <p>Friday 10th July: Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p>Sunday 12th July: PTA School Summer Fair</p> <p>Wednesday 15th July: Year 6 show</p> <p>Friday 17th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly (AM)</p> <p>Friday 17th July: School closes to all pupils</p> |