

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



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Newsletter: 16
25.4.25

CARE Champions

Reception: Mariia

Year 1: Kayla

Year 2: Dottie

Year 3: Rowan

Year 4: Eleanor.

Year 5: Kita.

Year 6: Eva, Kara,
Gabriella.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Keeping to the rules

Monday: KS2 Golf Festival at Sandmoor Golf Club. Children who are attending have been informed. 12:45- 3:00pm.

Year 1 phonics meeting in the hall. Please enter through the Green Door. 6:00-6:30pm.

Tuesday: Year 5 and 6 Netball Festival at Allerton High School. Children involved have been informed. 3:30-5:00pm.

Year 6 Residential Meeting in the hall. Please enter through the Green Road Door. 6:00-6:30pm.

Wednesday: Normal day in school.

Thursday: Year 5 at Headingley Water Treatment works. 9:00- 3:15pm

Friday: School Council Community Club in the school hall. 1:45- 2:45pm.

parent Prayer group in the staff Room. 2:45-3:00pm

Film Night. 5:00- 6:45pm. Entry and Exit through the Green Road Door. KS1 in year 6 and KS2 in the hall.

Attendance

Reception: 92.4%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 94.4%

Year 3: 98.4%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 90.3%

Year 6: 97.9%

Whole School: 95.8%

Well done year 4 you are this week's attendance champions.

"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

General Notices

Training Days 25/26

- Monday 1st September 2025.
- Monday 5th January 2026.
- Friday 22nd May 2026.
- Monday 20th July 2026.
- Tuesday 21st July 2026.

New Catering Company

From 26th May a new catering company will be taking over the distribution of meals in school. We are very hopeful that they will provide an improved service. The company provide the meals at Abbey Grange as well as other primary schools in the Abbey Multi Academy Trust. They come with very positive reviews.

There will be changes to how parents and carers order meals. The logistics have not been confirmed yet but we will let you know what the arrangements are as soon as we have the correct information.

Community Cafe

The School Council have been working really hard to organise a community cafe for the local community. The cafe will take place on Friday 2nd May from 1:45-3:00pm. If you know of any grandparents or neighbours who may be interested in attending please spread the word.

The council members are really passionate about this project and have put in a tremendous amount of effort to make it happen.

Attendance

Attendance is always a bit of a thorny issue but as a school we must promote and encourage the importance of good attendance. At the start of the year the government issued guidance around attendance and the protocol for fining families (attached with this newsletter). We will follow this guidance unless in very extreme circumstances. I understand that people may feel that this is excessive or unjust but in order to operate a fair system for all - it must be implemented.

In order to give parents and carers clear guidance on what constitutes an unauthorised absence I have listed examples below.

- Going on holiday or travelling abroad. (The school will not authorise any holiday during term time).
- Days off for birthdays, shopping trips.
- Feeling tired.
- Bad weather.
- Non urgent appointment.
- Parent unwell to bring child to school.
- Birthday.

Our attendance target is always to achieve over 96%. In previous years we have always managed to attain this but currently we are tracking at slightly below. We politely ask all parents and carers to make every effort possible to ensure that children are in school every day. We do understand there will always be occasions when children are ill and can not attend school- this can not be helped.

Thank you for your support.

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General Notices

PTA

We hope you all had a great Easter. We have a busy 5 week half term ahead, please see details of upcoming events below.

Movie Night - Friday 2 May (next week)

Tickets available on Arbor now at £5 per person. Please see attached poster.

Fun Run - Sunday 18 May, book your entry place now!

The Meanwood PTA Fun Run - 2 km and 5 km distances - aimed at any running abilities. All entrants will receive the 2025 Fun Run medal. Please share with friends, family, colleagues, running clubs... There more the merrier! <https://meanwood-pta.eventcube.io/>
We still have some sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested, please get in touch with Matthew on 07843 55 55 69 or email pta@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk to find out more

Clothing donations Wednesday 7 May (please see the poster for what can and can not be donated)

Clothing collection where we will receive 55p per kilogram for the donations. Please bring your bags (using any type of bag) to school on Tuesday 6 May or the morning of Wednesday 7 May.

Summer Fair - Friday 27 June

Further details to follow

Rock and Roll bingo @ Myrtle - Thursday 3 July

Come and join us for an end of year celebration! More information and how to get tickets to follow.

Further events are currently being discussed...watch this space!

House Tallies

Oak: 2673

Holly: 2675

Elm: 2554

Sycamore: 2494

Year 6 Hoodies

After a bit of a protracted wait, the year 6 children have their leavers hoodies they look great.



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Open Minds

Over the past week in Collective Worship we have been focusing on 'Never Giving Up'. It is far too easy sometimes to take the easy option: not challenge ourselves because it might be tough or hard. We have spoken about how taking the 'easy option' can create pain for ourselves and others around us. No-one, especially God, expects us to be perfect but we should always try and be the best versions of ourselves

Dear God,

You never give up on us. You always hold our hand when things get tough or hard. May we show others the power of resilience and strength through our kind and thoughtful actions.

Amen

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A note from Mr Chapman

Welcome back to school to all the members of our school community. The Easter break is one of my personal favourites as it gives me a bit of time to catch up with family. This term is relatively short but we have lots planned. Some after school Clubs have already started (2-Touch football, dance and basketball) and the year 6 children are busily preparing for their SATs in a few weeks.

We hope with the guidance and strength of God we can have a peaceful and harmonious half-term full of celebration and love for one another.

Mr Chapman

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