

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



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CARE Champions

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Reception: Arthur.

Year 1: Mariia.

Year 2: Zach.

Year 3: Poppy.

Year 4: Ephrem .

Year 5: Eleanor.

Year 6: Leo.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: School Rule and Making Mistakes

Monday: Normal day in school

Tuesday: Girls Football match vs Shadwell (Home)- 3:30pm - 4:15pm. (Children involved have been informed).

PTA Teams Meeting - 8:00pm - 8:30pm. See link below.

Wednesday: Normal day in school

Thursday: U'10 football match vs St Peter and Paul, Yeadon- 3:00pm - 5:15pm. children involved have been informed.

Friday: Christmas Card orders to be returned to school.

Attendance

Reception: 82.8% 😞

Year 1: 91.3% 😞

Year 2: 98.4% 😊

Year 3: 98.7% 😊

Year 4: 97% 😊

Year 5: 100% 😊

Year 6: 91.6% 😞

Whole School: 94% 😞

Well done year 5 you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 - 91% active travel.

2nd. Year 4 - 79% active travel.

3rd. Year 3 - 71% active travel.

We are the 3rd most active school in Leeds.

We are 124th in the country.

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General Notices

Black History Month

Throughout October, we've been proud to celebrate Black History Month across the school. Together, children and staff have explored the lives of inspiring figures such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Mae Jemison—learning how passion, courage, and commitment can lead to real and lasting change. These stories have helped us reflect on the importance of equality and the power of standing up for what is right. In a world where division can sometimes be louder than unity, our celebration of Black History Month has reminded us that we are all equal, we are all worthy, and we all have a part to play in shaping a better future. At Meanwood, we thrive on inclusion, understanding, and love, and this month has been a powerful reminder of those values in action.



Bake Off

Our recent School Bake Off was an incredible success, raising around £500 for the school! The quality and quantity of bakes were truly out of this world—honestly, we could have been eating cake for the next two weeks if it hadn't been for the fantastic sale at the end of the day! Children received prizes across a range of fun categories including Most Spooky, Family Favourite, and Anything Goes. A huge thank you to everyone who entered and supported the event.

A special shout-out goes to Georgie Walters, who did a magnificent job organising the entire competition. The event brought our school community together in a really special way, and we're so grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by all.



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Sporting Success - Congratulations Peter!

We're thrilled to share that Peter Yoon in Year 3 recently won the North & Midlands East Tour Tennis Tournament, held at the John Charles Centre for Sport. This is a remarkable achievement, especially at such a young age, and a testament to Peter's dedication, skill, and sportsmanship. Well done, Peter! We're incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see where your tennis journey takes you next—Wimbledon in a few years, perhaps?



PTA

Christmas Rock and Roll Bingo, Myrtle Pub (Adults only) - Thursday 27 November

Tickets on sale now...but there less than 10 still available. Contact Linzi on 07731 160573.

Cake Sales:

Year 6 - Nov 14th

Year 5 - Dec 12th

Year 4 - Jan 23rd

Christmas Movie Night - Dec 5th

Disco - Jan 30th

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29 November 12 noon - 2.30pm

Get Ready for a Magical Christmas at Meanwood C of E!

There are plenty of ways to get involved in the run-up - from donating items to buying raffle tickets, to simply spreading the festive cheer.

Key Events & Donation Dates:

- Toy & Teddy Donations (nearly new and intact) - Week commencing 3rd November
- Jolly Jar Donations (no nuts, sweets in wrappers only) - Week commencing 10th November
- Bottle Donations - Week commencing 17th November
- Chocolate Donations for 'Dress Down Day' - Friday 21st November
- Raffle Prize Donations (parents & local businesses) - Ongoing throughout November
- 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Prizes - 1st to 12th December

All donations can be dropped off at the school office or handed to the PTA during drop-off and pick-up.

PTA Teams Meeting link- Tuesday 4th November 8:00pm: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTc0NzY1ZDYtZTA5MC00ZmNhLWJjMmYtNWZMDQ2NzVmZTk5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224927b3ff-aff7-4042-a835-3a0a1e339736%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d1e6186c-a71f-4cb6-b682-e4fbd40556e6%22%7d

Year 5 Leads the Way in Sustainability!

A huge congratulations to Year 5, who have officially been crowned the most sustainable class in school this month! Their commitment to eco-friendly practices has truly stood out - not only did they finish top of the Active Travel Tracker, but they've also shown an outstanding attitude towards recycling and reducing waste in the classroom.

As a reward for their efforts, Year 5 will be the proud keepers of our sustainability mascots for the next half-term. Even more exciting - they get to name them!

Well done, Year 5! Your leadership in sustainability is inspiring the whole school. Keep up the fantastic work!



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House Cross Country

What an amazing afternoon we had for our House Cross Country event! The rain held off, giving the children a fantastic opportunity to run around our beautiful park and enjoy the fresh air. There were some outstanding performances, along with some truly gritty efforts that perfectly reflected one of our core values: keeping an open mind and never giving up. The encouragement and support from both children and parents were a joy to witness and added to the wonderful atmosphere. As with any competition, there must be a winner—and this year, Holly House took the top spot!

Here are the final scores:

- Holly - 600 points
- Oak - 539 points
- Elm - 447 points
- Sycamore - 396 points

A huge well done to all the children who took part. We are incredibly proud of you!



School Community Gardening Afternoon

Wednesday's Community Gardening Day was a fantastic success and a true reflection of the strength of our school community. With the help of our wonderful parents, dedicated staff, and enthusiastic children, we planted a beautiful variety of plants and herbs that the children will now help nurture and care for. A huge thank you goes out to our amazing parent volunteers—Mr and Mrs Balding, Mrs Booth, and Mr England—for their time, energy, and green thumbs! It was heartening to see everyone working side by side, united in a shared goal to make our school environment even more vibrant and welcoming. Days like this remind us of the power of collaboration and the joy that comes from giving back to the spaces we share. We look forward to watching our garden grow and flourish in the months ahead.



House Totals

Oak: 729 Holly: 853 Elm: 679 Sycamore: 641

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Open Hearts

This week we've spent time thinking deeply about the importance of reflection. We've explored how taking a moment to pause, look inward, and consider our actions and choices can help us grow into kinder, wiser, and more thoughtful individuals.

Dear God,

Help us to take time to reflect. To learn from our mistakes, To celebrate our strengths, And to grow into the people you know we can be. May our hearts be open, our minds be thoughtful, and our arms ready to support others.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

As we come to the end of this half-term, I want to say how proud I am of everything we've achieved together. It's been a truly special few weeks, filled with moments that remind us why our school community is so unique. The Bake-Off was a joyful celebration of creativity and generosity, raising nearly £500 for our playground appeal—thank you to everyone who contributed. Our gardening afternoon was another highlight, with parents, children, and staff coming together in a shared spirit of care and collaboration. We've also seen fantastic participation in a wide range of sporting events, showing that opportunity and enthusiasm go hand in hand. Of course, school life isn't without its challenges, and sometimes decisions are made that not everyone agrees with—but we always strive to keep our values at the heart of everything we do: open hearts, open minds, and open arms. Thank you for your continued support and trust.

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful, and well-deserved half-term break.

Mr Chapman

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