

meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



Newsletter: 5
14.11.25

CARE Champions

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Reception: Camille.

Year 1: Qiao.

Year 2: Hanna .

Year 3: Lenny and Cecilia.

Year 4: Gabriel and Alex.

Year 5: Lucas.

Year 6: Mary D .

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Judgement

Monday: Bottle donations for the Christmas Fair.

Reception Habitat walk in the Park (PM).

Year 3 Football Tournament at Sives in Seacroft. Children involved have been informed- 3:30-5:15pm.

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday: Student teacher interviews in school (AM).

KS1 Infant Agility Session at Mandela Centre. Children involved have been informed- 12:30-2:30pm.

Governors Teaching and Learning Committee- 5:30- 6:30pm.

Thursday: Challenge 20- Celebrating 20 years of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation. Children will be taking part in challenges throughout the day which involve the number 20.

Premier league Girls Football Tournament at Bodington. Children involved have been informed - 9:30 - 1:30.

Year 6 football team vs Shire Oak at Lawnswood. Children involved have been informed - 3:30 - 5:00.

Friday: Dress down day for Chocolate donations (PTA Christmas Fair).

NE Leeds Cross Country Event at Roundhay School. Children involved have been informed - 12:00 - 3:30

Year 6 PTA Cake Sale after school on the bottom playground.

Attendance

Reception: 96.9% 😊

Year 1: 98% 😊

Year 2: 99.4% 😊

Year 3: 96.3% 😊

Year 4: 98.7% 😊

Year 5: 99.7% 🌟

Year 6: 96% 😊

Whole School: 97.8% 😊

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

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 - 100% active travel.

2nd. Year 3 - 93% active travel.

3rd. Year 4 - 91% active travel.

We are the 4th most active school in Leeds.

We are 307th in the country.

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

General Notices

Star and Breakfast Club- Upcoming Changes.

Following consultation with parents, we are excited to announce that we will be trialling a new payment structure for Star Club. Feedback has shown strong support for the following charges:

£7.50 for a half session (3:15 - 4:30)

£15.00 for a full session (3:15 - 5:45)

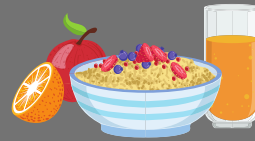
The trial will begin on Mondays from 24th November. We are starting with a trial rather than a full rollout because we need to monitor whether uptake increases enough to make this change financially viable. Like many services, our costs have risen significantly over the past couple of years, and we want to ensure Star Club can continue in its current form.

From 24th November, you will be able to book a half session through Arbor at the cost of £7.50.

In addition, based on popular feedback from the consultation:

- Breakfast Club will open from 7:30am (with no extra charge). Starts Monday 24th November.
- We will introduce a more varied and healthy menu for both Star Club and Breakfast Club. Starts first week back after Christmas.

Thank you for your continued thoughts and opinions—they are helping us create an improved wraparound care service for our families.



We're 3rd in Leeds for Active Travel - Let's Go for Gold!

We're thrilled to announce that our school ranked 3rd in Leeds for active travel to school in October! This achievement is part of the WOW Walk to School project, which includes up to 50 schools across Leeds and over 1,000 schools nationwide.

A huge thank you to all our families who have made the effort to choose sustainable ways of travelling to school—whether walking, cycling, scooting, or using park-and-stride. Your commitment is making a real difference to health, the environment, and our community. Our ambition is clear: we want to be the number one school in Leeds! So let's keep striding forward—eyes on the prize for November!

	LA LEADERBOARD: LEEDS	
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	2.	Yeadon Westfield Junior School
	3.	MEANWOOD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
	4.	SEVEN HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
	5.	ALWOODLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
	6.	GREENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
	7.	OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY
	8.	KIPPAX GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
	9.	SOUTHROYD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
	10.	WHITE LAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Celebrating Our Amazing Catering Team!

We want to take a moment to celebrate our incredible catering team, Janine and Jodie. These two lovely ladies took over at a very challenging time and have raised our school meal standards to new heights. The food they prepare is always appetising and enjoyed by the children—so much so that we now have more pupils choosing school dinners than ever before!

Janine and Jodie work extremely hard every single day to make sure our children have healthy, tasty meals. We are truly lucky to have them as part of our school community.

Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work—you're amazing!



PTA

Christmas Rock and Roll Bingo, Myrtle Pub (Adults only) - Thursday 27 November - SOLD OUT! Thank you for your support and have an amazing time!

Cake Sales:

Year 6 - Nov 21st; Year 5 - Dec 12th; Year 4 - Jan 23rd

Wreath Making Workshop - Tuesday 2nd December, 7pm - Tickets on Arbor now!

Christmas Movie Night - Friday 5th December 5pm-7pm - Tickets on Arbor now!

Disco - Friday 30th January

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29 November 12 noon - 2.30pm

We're getting closer to our magical Christmas Fair and preparations are well underway! A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated towards the stalls – your generosity is amazing. If you missed bringing in a toy, teddy or jolly jar, don't worry – we'll continue collecting next week too.

Next Week - Bottle donations all week

Next Week - Dress down day for a donation of chocolate for the tombola - Friday 21st

Raffle Tickets on Sale Now on Arbor!

In a change to previous years, raffle tickets will not be sent home with children.

Raffle tickets are available to buy on Arbor – and every ticket sold brings us closer to unlocking the next Challenge Chapman milestone!

We're also still looking for raffle prize donations, so if you or anyone you know (friends, family, local businesses) can offer a prize or voucher, please do reach out – every little helps!

Volunteer Sign-Up

Can you spare 30 minutes and make a big difference? The link to the sign up sheet is below if you are able to offer your time.

volunteersignup.org/HLVD7

Thank you as always for your incredible support – together we'll make this Christmas truly magical for the children!

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Lanterns for the Meanwood Lights Switch-On!

The Meanwood Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on Friday 21st November, and we'd love to see our school community represented!

If you're attending, it would be fantastic if your child could bring along a decorated lantern. This could be something simple like a jam jar decorated with festive designs and a battery-operated tea light inside, or any creative idea you come up with.

To help spark your creativity, here are some useful links with ideas and inspiration:

<https://www.mudandbloom.com/blog/make-lanterns-from-jam-jars-decorated-with-tissue-paper>

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2012/10/glowing-tissue-paper-lanterns.html>

<https://www.thejoysharing.com/2018/10/paper-lantern-craft.html>

Let's make Meanwood shine bright together!



Football result

On Tuesday the girls' team made the trip to Gledhow: a place where we've had little success in the past. The team were absolutely amazing. The game finished 3-3, with stand out performances all over the pitch. Well done to all the girls who took part.

So far this Autumn term we have partaken in over eight football matches and tournaments with more in the pipeline. These participation levels are truly something to be proud of. Thanks to all the staff that make this happen for the children.

Role Model: Mahatma Gandhi

This half-term, we are inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, a leader known for his deep understanding and compassion. Gandhi showed the world the power of listening and respecting others' perspectives, which reflects our Christian value of having an open mind. He believed that true strength comes from empathy and peaceful dialogue, reminding us to approach differences with kindness. As we learn from his example, let's strive to keep our hearts and minds open to the people and opportunities around us.



New School Football Kit Appeal

Due to the amount of games we are currently playing we are finding it harder and harder to dress teams in a full kit. If you would like to sponsor or know of anyone who would like to sponsor a new kit please let us know. The cost will be around £300-350.

House Totals

Oak: 775 Holly: 892 Elm: 732 Sycamore: 691

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This week we've spent time thinking deeply about being resilient. being resilient is born out of making strong relationships with one another, knowing that when we meet a challenge we will be supported and helped through it. God's love is always with us. With God by our side we can tackle and achieve anything.

Dear Lord,

Sometimes things are hard. We don't want to face them. May we be strengthened by the knowledge that you are always with us and through times of struggle you will always listen and guide. May we take your hand when things challenge us and face them with courage and kindness.

Amen

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A note from Mr Chapman

Things already seem to be cranking up for that special time of year! On my walks around school this week, I've seen children practicing songs and learning lines out on the playground. Alongside all the brilliant learning taking place in classrooms, I think we'll all be ready for a well-deserved break when it finally comes around.

Today was Children in Need Day, and the children loved wearing their spotty and yellow clothes. Our final total was £183—a fantastic achievement! Children in Need does an amazing job supporting children who really need help and care, and it's wonderful to see our community contributing to that. Life is a precious thing, and I'll admit I'm sometimes guilty of taking the wonderful things around me for granted. It's important to cherish the moment and focus on the present—because as we continue on our journey, that's all we truly have.

Mr Chapman

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