

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



Newsletter: 7
12.12.25

CARE Champions

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Reception: Kai, Teddy T, Nancy.

Year 1: Freya .

Year 2: Magot, Astrid H.

Year 3: Nala .

Year 4: Lucas, Rowan.

Year 5: Grace B .

Year 6: Ivy.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Third week of Advent- Joy

Monday: 9:15 - 10:15: Christmas Church Service at Holy Trinity Church, led by Year 5. All families and friends welcome.

2:15 - 2:45: Choir singing at Waitrose.

Tuesday: 2:00 - 3:00: Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play in the school hall. Please enter through the front of the school. All families and friends welcome. No charge for tickets but a donation bucket (cash only) will be available.

5:30- 6:30: Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play, evening performance.

Wednesday: No swimming for year 4.

Christmas Dinner: see below for more details.

Santa Dash 1:15 - 3:00: see below for more details.

Thursday: 1:30 - 2:30: School Council community café in the school hall.

Friday: 8:30: Christmas Boogie to School. Meet at the bus terminus.

Christmas jumper and toy day.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 4 - 93% active travel.

2nd. Year 3 - 86% active travel.

3rd. Year 1 - 84% active travel.

We are the the 2nd most active school in Leeds.

We are the 60th in the country.

Attendance

Reception: 95.6% 😞

Year 1: 92.7% 😞

Year 2: 96.8% 😊

Year 3: 97.6% 😊

Year 4: 97.3% 😊

Year 5: 96.1% 😊

Year 6: 91.3% 😞

Whole School: 95.6% 😞

Well done year 3 you are this week's attendance champions.

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General Notices

Introducing Our New Eco Council!

We are excited to announce the launch of our Eco Council, a fantastic initiative to make our school as environmentally friendly as possible. Each class now has a dedicated representative who will meet regularly to share ideas and lead projects that promote sustainability across the school.

The Eco Council will work closely with our established adult Climate Ambassadors, combining experience with fresh pupil perspectives. Together, they will explore ways to reduce our carbon footprint, improve recycling, and encourage greener habits throughout the school community. We can't wait to see the creative ideas our pupils bring to the table and the positive impact this collaboration will have on our environment. Watch this space for updates on their progress and upcoming eco-friendly initiatives!



Nativity Performances - A Joyous Celebration!

What a tremendous treat it was to see all our Year 3 and 4 children shining on stage in their wonderful nativity performance! Every single child was brilliant, and it was heart-warming to see their smiling faces as they were warmly applauded by an appreciative audience.

A huge well done to all the children who took part—you made the story of Christmas come alive in such a special way. We also want to extend a big thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 staff for their incredible effort and dedication in preparing this memorable occasion. Mrs Monk's snoring will live long in the memory. It truly was a performance to remember!

The Reception Nativity was also amazing! A child's first nativity in school is always a special moment, and I'm sure those who attended would agree that all the children did really well. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard over the past few weeks, practicing songs and helping the children perform confidently in front of a very large crowd. It truly was a special half hour—one that will live long in the memory. Well done, Reception!

PTA

We hope you were able to grab a cake from the Year 5 sale after school today.

As we are getting closer to holiday time, we would like to say a massive thank you for everyone's continues support throughout 2025 and we will outline the events for January - July 2026 in the new year.

Upcoming events:

Cake Sales: Year 4 - Friday 23 January

Disco - Friday 30 January

Star and Breakfast Club Payments

If you have any money owing on Arbor for Star Club or Breakfast Club please could this be paid up to date as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is available to book on the Impact app. Christmas lunch is open to everybody and will take place on Wednesday 17th December.



Santa Dash Reminder - Help Us Raise Funds for the Top Playground!

There's still time to sign up for our festive Santa Dash via Arbor! For just £5, your child can take part in this fun fundraiser and will receive a Santa hat and beard to run in.

When signing up, please remember to indicate which drink you would like your child to enjoy after they have completed the dash.

Children who have signed up will run in groups at different intervals throughout the afternoon on Wednesday 17th December.

It promises to be a fantastic event full of festive cheer. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help too.

House Meetings - A Festive Success!

The amazing Miss Arnold has truly revolutionised our house system! The children are absolutely loving being part of their house and working alongside peers from all different year groups. This morning, our houses came together for some festive fun, creating cheerful snowmen. It was wonderful to see the children collaborating so well in their teams, with smiles on every face. A huge thank you to Miss Arnold for organising such a fantastic event and bringing so much joy to our school community!



Exciting Update for Star Club Sessions!

We're pleased to announce that after the Christmas break, we plan to roll out our trial ½ session at Star Club to Tuesdays. This means parents and carers after the Christmas break be able to book:

- Monday and Tuesday: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
- Tuesday only (when after-school clubs are running): 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM

We understand that after-school clubs take place on Tuesdays, so this additional slot is designed to accommodate those schedules.

Our rollout is staggered and cautious because, as many of you know, we operate on a very tight budget. We simply cannot fully commit to new offerings unless we're confident they are financially sustainable. We'll monitor how the Tuesday trial goes and make decisions from there.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

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Last Day of Term- 19th December

As we approach the end of term, we're excited to celebrate with a Christmas Jumper Day on the final day! Don't worry if you don't have a Christmas jumper—anything festive will be absolutely fine. Let's make the day as bright and cheerful as possible!

Children are also welcome to bring toys into school for some extra fun. However, please note the following important points:

- Phones and any other recording devices are not permitted.
- Please make sure that toys brought in are not the most precious or valuable to your child. When lots of children are playing together, excitement can lead to accidents, and we don't want anyone leaving school upset.

Thank you for helping us make the last day of term safe, fun, and festive for everyone!

WOW Walk to School Challenge - Let's Keep Moving!

We're having a big push in school to encourage all children to use sustainable methods of travel to and from school—and what a difference it's making! On Monday, we were 173rd nationally and an amazing 3rd in Leeds for active travel to school.

Today we are 60th nationally and 2nd in Leeds (not that I'm competitive at all...). But let's aim high—by the end of next week, let's get to the top spot in Leeds and at least the top 50 nationally!

Come on, Meanwood—let's rise to the challenge!



Woody the Elf Spreads Christmas Cheer!

Woody the Elf has been a beloved part of our Christmas preparations for quite some time now, and this year he's been busier—and cheekier—than ever! Over the past couple of weeks, Woody has been up to all sorts of festive mischief. From eating all the chocolate in an advent calendar to spray-painting the library windows with fake snow, he certainly knows how to keep us on our toes!

The children absolutely love seeing what Woody has been up to each day. Their excitement and enthusiasm bring a smile to everyone in school and make the countdown to Christmas even more magical.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Tate, who works tirelessly behind the scenes to clear up after Woody's antics every day. We couldn't do it without you!



House Totals

Oak: 885 Holly: 1020 Elm: 821 Sycamore: 785

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Advent

As we enter the third week of Advent, we focus on Joy—the joy that filled the hearts of the shepherds when they heard the good news of Jesus’ birth. Just as the angels proclaimed “good news of great joy,” we are reminded that true joy comes from knowing God’s love and sharing it with others during this season.

Lord Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate Your birth, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from Your presence. Help us to share that joy with our families, friends, and all those we meet. May our lives reflect the glad tidings the angels brought on that holy night.
Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

We’re nearly there—just one week to go! Christmas is always such a busy time: catching up with friends and family, rushing around buying and giving presents. I know that I, along with most of the staff, am ready for a well-deserved break.

I truly hope you all find time to rest during the festive season and enjoy moments with those closest to you. The most important thing we have in life is the relationships we build. Life can change so quickly, and the bonds we form with others are the most precious gift of all.

We all make mistakes, and we all have moments of judgment—but let’s use this Christmas season to cherish, uplift, and empower one another.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

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