

# Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



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## CARE Champions

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Rec: Patrick

Year 1: Muaz and Anaya

Year 2: Ezra and William

Year 3: Leia

Year 4: Sam, Mi-Ru and Scarlett

Year 5: Ollie

Year 6: Kita

## Next Week in a Nutshell

### Christian Focus: Lent- Protected Characteristics

Monday: Normal day in school.

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday: Year 4 - swimming.

PC Meek talking to year 1: 9:30am - 10:00am.

Teaching and Learning governors meeting: 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Thursday: Normal day in school.

Friday: Normal day in school.

A very quiet start to the new half-term.

Please be aware that after school clubs do not start the first week back. They will start week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please refer to after school rota for further details which will be sent out during the first week back after half-term.

## Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1<sup>st</sup>. Year 5 - 99% active travel.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Year 3 - 95% active travel.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Reception - 85% active travel.

We are the the 3rd most active school in Leeds.  
We are the 126th in the country.

## Attendance

Reception: 94% 😞

Year 1: 89.3% 😞

Year 2: 98.4% 😄

Year 3: 97.3% 😄

Year 4: 91.9% 😞

Year 5: 95.5% 😞

Year 6: 90.3% 😞

Whole School: 93.9% 😞

Well done year 2 you are this week's attendance champions.

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

# General Notices

## Family Evening

We are delighted to share that this year's Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th March will look a little different. We are excited to be launching our newly rebranded Family Evening – an event designed to bring our whole school community together.

Alongside your scheduled appointment with your child's class teacher, we will be opening the main hall for a range of stalls, presentations and activities, including:

### Workshops & Presentations

- Handwriting/presentation across the curriculum.
- Calculation methods in maths – practical demonstrations and guidance for families.

Presentations will run at:

- 4:00pm – 4:30pm
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm

### Stalls & Activities

- School uniform stall
- Book swap table – bring a book, take a book!
- PTA refreshments, including delicious food from our wonderful catering team.
- Governor stall – meet some of our school governors and learn more about their work.

### Everyone Welcome

Family Evening is designed to be an open and inclusive community event: all parents and carers are warmly invited to come along, connect with school and enjoy the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Family evening teacher meetings will be able to be booked on Arbor during the first week back after the half-term break.

## World Book Day

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March with a day full of creativity, imagination, and a love of reading.

Dress Up for World Book Day – Dress as a Word

This year, our theme for World Book Day is "Dress as a Word." Children are very welcome to come to school dressed as a book character, but we invite them to think of a word that links to their character. For example, this could be:

- A colour (Sparkly Silver, Midnight Blue)
- An adjective (Brave, Curious, Invisible)
- Any word inspired by their favourite stories

Please don't worry if you already have a book character costume planned or ready – simply choose a word that fits the character. We hope this gives everyone the chance to join in in a way that suits them.

Book-Themed Bake Competition and Sale

Following the great success of our last baking competition, we are inviting children to take part in a book-themed bake competition. Bakes should be inspired by a favourite book or character, for example:

- Matilda Muffins
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Cake
- Harry Potter Golden Snitch biscuits
- Paddington Bear marmalade treats

There will be a £1 entry fee to take part in the bake competition. All entries will be displayed during the day, and we will then hold a bake sale after school.

All money raised will go towards buying new furniture for our school library, helping to create an even more inviting space for reading.

KS2 Book-Inspired Art Exhibition

To mark World Book Day, KS2 children will be creating a piece of book-inspired artwork on canvas, which will be proudly displayed in classrooms.

When you collect your child at the end of the day, parents are invited to come back into the classroom to view the exhibition and celebrate the children's creativity and hard work.

More details will follow soon, but we wanted to share our plans with you early. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support,

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## Anxiety Workshop - Tuesday 10th February

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers join us in the school hall for the Anxiety Workshop on Tuesday 10th February. The presentations delivered by professionals from Cluster, MindMate, and the Educational Psychology team sparked thoughtful discussion and provided valuable insights into supporting children and young people with anxiety.

We hope everyone who attended came away with practical strategies and a deeper understanding of how to help at home.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Caldwell, whose hard work and organisation made this event possible.



## Headteachers' Conference

Yesterday and today I was fortunate enough to attend a national headteacher conference held at The Met Hotel in Leeds. The event brought together headteachers from across the country to share ideas, explore best practice, and celebrate the work happening in schools nationwide.

A highlight of the conference was the contribution from a group of our Year 6 pupils, who spoke confidently in front of the assembled audience. They shared everything from their favourite lessons to the achievements they are most proud of during their time at school.

Needless to say, we were incredibly proud of them. They represented our school brilliantly, speaking with confidence, clarity, and real eloquence. Well done to all involved!



## PTA

We hope everyone has a fantastic week off next week and those who wanted a cake were able to buy one this afternoon - thanks to Year 3 for donating and selling them!

Upcoming events for your diary

Meanwood Marvel Bar: Chocolate on sale on Arbor NOW until Thursday 5 March

Come with us and you'll be in a world of pure imagination.

The search for the Golden Tickets begins—buy a chocolate bar and be in with a chance of finding a golden ticket. Find a ticket and win a prize!

Bars cost £2.50 (dairy free option available) - maximum of three bars per child.

Once all the orders have been made by Thursday 5 March the bars will be distributed at the end of a school day the following week.

Easy Fundraising

The easiest way to support the school and the PTA is to sign up to Easy fundraising!

It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation.

This month only, with their Free £2 Appeal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding!

You won't need to purchase anything for us to receive the £2!

Get the app now and choose to support Meanwood C of E Primary School Parents Association once installed - send this message to family and friends and ask them to sign up to!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?>

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## Diversity Week- Good to be Me

This week, we have been celebrating Diversity Week, centred around the theme "Be Good to Me". It has been a truly fantastic few days filled with learning, creativity, and reflection. The children have taken part in a wide range of experiences designed to help them understand, celebrate, and value the uniqueness in themselves and others.

Throughout the week, pupils enjoyed inspiring sessions delivered by members of our own school community, including a vibrant and energetic talk from a Cuban dancing member of staff, as well as a creative workshop led by one of our talented artist colleagues. We were also delighted to welcome Sunshine and Smiles, a wonderful charity who delivered engaging sessions to support children's understanding of inclusion and celebrating difference. In addition, Little Voices provided drama activities that encouraged confidence, expression, and teamwork.

The week culminated in a joyful Celebration Day, where children came to school dressed in clothes that represented who they are - their culture, their interests, or simply what makes them feel most themselves. It was a colourful and heartwarming end to a brilliant week.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for making Diversity Week such a meaningful and memorable experience for our pupils.



## Book Drop

Our book drop is in full swing! We are thrilled that over 400 children's books were donated in the last two weeks! This means 200 children from our school might give these books a new home and enjoy the joy of reading!

We hope that every pupil in our school will have the opportunity to rehome at least two books, read them, and enjoy the magic they will bring!

As our campaign continues, we want to ensure our KS2 pupils will also have a good selection of books to choose from. At the moment, we have more for KS1-aged children and less for KS2-aged children.

Of course, we welcome all donations! If you could help with books for the KS2 age groups (particularly 9-12 years old), that would be great!

Donations will continue throughout the week following the half-term.

Thank you for your endless support!

## Likkle Lit Fest

Introducing LIKKLE LIT FEST, Out of Many People's first festival of Black literature and writing for children and young adult readers - rooted in Black narratives, history and characters, told by Black writers, brought to life by Black illustrators, to be enjoyed by all.

<https://libraries.leeds.gov.uk/events/likkle-lit-fest>

## House Totals

Oak: 1058

Holly: 1192

Elm: 939

Sycamore: 948

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# Open Arms

This week in school, we have been focusing on celebrating difference—recognising the qualities, backgrounds, and experiences that make each of us unique. Through activities, discussions, and shared experiences, children have explored what it means to value one another and to show kindness, respect, and empathy in everything we do.

This work links closely with one of our core school values: open arms. We strive to be a community that welcomes everyone, embraces individuality, and ensures every child feels seen, heard, and valued. By celebrating difference, we continue to grow as a school where diversity is not only accepted but cherished.

Loving God,

Thank you for making each of us wonderfully different.

Help us to open our arms to others, welcoming everyone with kindness and understanding.

May our school be a place where every person feels safe, valued, and included. Amen

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## A note from Mr Chapman

It may have been a grey and wet half-term, but the children have taken it all in their stride. I've managed to spend time in many classrooms over the past few weeks, and I am always blown away by the wonderful outcomes our pupils produce—both in their books and in the way they express themselves. Their confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm continue to make us incredibly proud.

Our building may be showing its age in places, but what truly defines our school is the remarkable staff and the wonderfully supportive community around us. Together, they create exceptional opportunities for our pupils every single day.

We are usually quite understated about our achievements, but it is worth highlighting that our national outcomes at KS2, Reception and KS1 remain consistently among the highest in Leeds. This is something we can all take pride in—children, staff and families alike.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

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