

# Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



## Next Week in a Nutshell

### Christian Focus: Lent- Forgiveness

Monday: Anne Frank Ambassadors from Abbey Grange- talk with year 4 (2:00pm - 3:00pm).

Tuesday: Rev John in school - Lent session with years 3 and 4 (9:00am - 9:20am) .

Wednesday: Family Evening (3:00pm - 7:00pm). See below for more details.

Thursday: Sarah Morell - author- in school. (9:00am - 9:30am: whole school assembly. 9:30am - 12:00pm: year 3 and 4 workshops).

Friday: Leeds Eco-Conference at Leeds Civic Hall-KS2 Eco-Councillors attending (9:00am-3:00pm) .

## Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

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

2<sup>nd</sup>. Year 3 - 93% active travel.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Year 4 - 86% active travel.

We are the the 1<sup>st</sup> most active school in Leeds.  
We are the 8<sup>th</sup> in the country.

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## CARE Champions

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Rec: Henry.

Year 1: Hope and Jacob.

Year 2: Cole.

Year 3: Summer D and Summer H.

Year 4: Abeera and Arya.

Year 5: Alfie.

Year 6: Rahel.

## Attendance

Reception: 96.3% 😊

Year 1: 96.8% 😊

Year 2: 96.8% 😊

Year 3: 100% 😊

Year 4: 95.2% 😞

Year 5: 98.7% 😊

Year 6: 95.3% 😞

Whole School: 97% 😊

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

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# 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 (bookable on Arbor), 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!

## World Book Day

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration across the whole school, and it was wonderful to see so many incredible costumes—staff and children alike really embraced the spirit of the day! Our bake sale was a huge success, raising over £200 towards new library furniture, and the brilliant book sale organised by our amazing Year 3 parents and children meant that every child in school went home with at least two books. To make the day even more special, all of our KS2 pupils enjoyed a visit to The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton, which was a truly lovely experience for them. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day (week) so memorable.



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## Lent

This week, our school marked the beginning of Lent with a special visit from Rev. John, who spent time with our Year 5 and Year 6 classes. He spoke to the children about the meaning and importance of Lent, helping them explore its themes of reflection, preparation, and kindness.

The children thoroughly enjoyed his engaging presentation and came away with a much deeper understanding of the season and its significance in the Christian calendar.

Rev. John will be visiting all other classes throughout the Lenten season, ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to learn more and reflect during this special time.



## Ramadan

As the holy month of Ramadan begins, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all members of our community who are observing the fast. This is a time deeply rooted in reflection, gratitude, and compassion, and we hope that each of you finds strength, peace, and a sense of renewal throughout this sacred period.

Ramadan invites us all—whether we are fasting or supporting those who are—to think about empathy, generosity, and the importance of caring for one another. We hope that the days ahead bring moments of calm, connection, and spiritual growth to every family taking part.

As a community, we walk through this season together. We stand with you, we support you, and we celebrate the values that unite us—kindness, respect, and understanding.

## PTA

### Events for your diary

**Meanwood Marvel Bar:** Thank you to everyone who purchased one or more Marvel Bar.

We sold an amazing 262 and details of when the bars will be distributed is in the attached document.

**Cake Sale - Year 2 - Friday 27 March**

**Break the Rules Day - Thursday 2 April**

Does your child want to drink squash instead of water all the time? Is brushing hair in a morning a task you want to avoid? Are trainers the first choice of footwear? Is pudding wanted before the main meal? If so you are in luck! For one day only at school, the children will be allowed to not conform to most the usual rules at school for a donation. Further details to be provided.

**Clothing donations - Thursday 23 April** -Are you planning a spring clean? We have a clothing collection arranged for after the Easter holiday and we will receive up to 45p per kilogram for the donations.

Further details on what can and cannot be donated will be provided nearer the time.

**Break the Rules Day**  
Thursday 2 April

Come into school and do any OR all of the following rule breakers

- Squash in your water
- Eat your pudding first at lunch
- Crazy/coloured hair
- Fancy nails
- Odd socks
- No school uniform
- Temporary tattoos

Win an Easter Egg for the best 'rule breaker' - one per class

**£2 donation via Arbor**

Please **no** mobile phones in accordance with school policy

*Meanwood Marvel Bar*

**HOW IT WILL WORK**

Thank you for buying one or more Marvel Bar

- The Golden Tickets will be a printed golden sticker attached to the original chocolate bar wrapper
- Each sticker will have a number relating to a prize
- The Meanwood Marvel Bar Flyer will be wrapped over the top of the chocolate and the bars will then all be mixed up so no-one knows where the winning Golden Tickets are
- The bars will be split into the relevant number purchased for each class
- At the end of the day on Friday 13 March the chocolate will be handed out
- There will be a table of prizes after school that day where the winners can claim their prize
- To ensure an equal chance of winning, all tickets will be attached to the milk chocolate bars - those who have purchased a dairy-free bar will need to exchange the milk bar for the dairy-free once they have unwrapped the chocolate to see if they won

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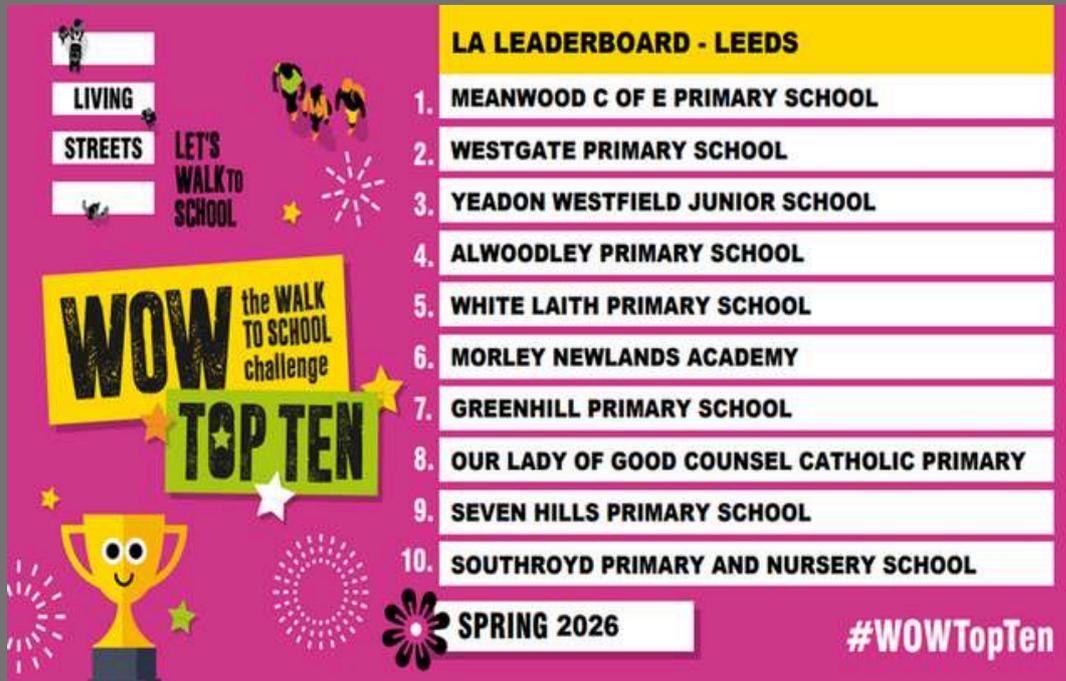
## Celebrating Sustainable Travel - WOW Top Ten- NUMBER 1!

We are delighted to share that our school has featured in the Leeds WOW Walk to School Challenge Top Ten for Spring 2026! WE ARE NUMBER 1!

The image below shows the top ten schools in the city who have shown exceptional commitment to walking, wheeling, and choosing other sustainable methods of travelling to school.

A huge thank you to all the children, families, and staff who have made the effort to travel in greener, healthier ways. Whether you walk, cycle, scoot, park and stride, or use public transport, every choice contributes to cleaner air, safer streets, and a stronger sense of community.

This recognition is a fantastic reflection of our community's dedication to looking after our environment and supporting active, healthy lifestyles. What a great achievement—well done, everyone! Let's keep this brilliant momentum going as we head into the Summer term. Together, we can make an even bigger difference.



The image is a promotional graphic for the 'WOW Top Ten' challenge. It features a pink background with a yellow trophy, stars, and the text 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge TOP TEN'. To the right is a yellow-bordered table titled 'LA LEADERBOARD - LEEDS' listing the top ten schools. At the bottom, it says 'SPRING 2026' and '#WOWTopTen'.

LA LEADERBOARD - LEEDS	
1.	MEANWOOD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
2.	WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
3.	YEADON WESTFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL
4.	ALWOODLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
5.	WHITE LAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL
6.	MORLEY NEWLANDS ACADEMY
7.	GREENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
8.	OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY
9.	SEVEN HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
10.	SOUTHROYD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SPRING 2026 #WOWTopTen

## Leeds Rhinos

Leeds Rhinos Ticket Offer - We're Nearly There!

We are excited to promote the Leeds Rhinos match on Sunday 8th March, where they will be taking on Castleford. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets—we've sold 27 so far and are now only 8 away from hitting our target of 35. Reaching this target would be a fantastic achievement for our school, as it would entitle us to two free home tickets for every Leeds Rhinos home game throughout the upcoming season.

Families can purchase tickets at a 50% discounted rate, making it a great opportunity to enjoy a brilliant game while supporting the school at the same time. Full details on how to purchase tickets can be found in the attachment included with this newsletter.

Let's see if we can reach (or even exceed!) our target— Rhinos!



## House Totals

Oak: 1098

Holly: 1240

Elm: 1043

Sycamore: 990

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# Lent

This week in Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on the season of Lent and what it means to follow God's way. The children have been thinking about how small acts of kindness, patience, and compassion can help us walk more closely in God's footsteps throughout this special time of preparation.

We have encouraged everyone to consider how they might make positive choices each day, showing love and care to others just as Jesus teaches us.

Dear God, Thank you for guiding us through this season of Lent. Help us to follow Your way with kindness, courage, and love. Be with us as we try to make good choices each day. Amen.

## Class page links

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## A note from Mr Chapman

I want to begin by thanking you all for the incredible kindness and generosity shown across our school community this week. From the World Book Day Book Sale to the fantastic Bake Sale and, of course, the brilliant costumes, your support, creativity, and hard work have been truly appreciated. The children have gained so much joy and inspiration from these events, and we simply could not do even half of what we do without the wonderful community we are lucky enough to have around us. Thank you.

It's hard to believe how quickly this term is already passing by. Lent is upon us, and it has been lovely to welcome Rev. John into school to teach the children about the meaning and significance of this important period in the Christian calendar.

You will no doubt have noticed that the school is still a little upside-down following the flood, with boxes and belongings tucked into unusual corners, but we are making steady progress. The kitchen in the staffroom has now been fitted, and we are hopeful that decorators will be in next week. The front office, however, remains very much a work in progress. I have been promised a fully functioning school after the Easter break—though, as anyone who has lived through a school building project knows, I have been promised many things before! Still, we are staying positive and moving forward.

Wishing you all a very lovely and restful weekend.

Mr Chapman

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