



Meanwood CE Primary School

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Newsletter: 17
19.6.26

CARE Champions

Reception: Freya.

Year 1: Scarlett.

Year 2: Leo, Rory and Alba.

Year 3: Summer H.

Year 4: Elsa and Harry.

Year 5: Catherine.

Year 6: Tommy.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Spirituality- Others

Monday: School Improvement partner in school-AM.

Tuesday: Year 6 writing moderation-AM.

New Reception Transition Morning- 9:00- 11:30am.

Board Games Hour- 1:00-2:00pm. All classes. Children to bring in board games from home.

Afternoon tea for children with 30 CARE Points. 2:30-2:45pm

Wednesday: Sports Day-PM: Please refer to emails sent earlier in week for logistics and details.

The event will take place in the afternoon on Meanwood Park. KS1: 12:45 - 1:45pm. KS2: 2:00- 3:10pm.

Thursday: Year 1 trip to Lotherton Hall: 9:00am - 2:30pm.

Friday: School Fruit and Veg Survey-9:00am - 2:00pm.

Leeds Global Awareness Awards at Leeds Civic Hall- 12:00- 3:00pm. Children attending will be informed.

PTA Summer Fair - 3:30- 5:30pm.

Attendance

Reception: 99.1% 🏆

Year 1: 95.8% 😞

Year 2: 98.4% 😊

Year 3: 98.7% 😊

Year 4: 98.1% 😊

Year 5: 98.4% 😊

Year 6: 92.3% 😞

Whole School: 97.2% 😊

Well done reception, you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 - % active travel.

2nd. Year 3 - % active travel.

3rd. Year 4 - % active travel.

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

We are the 147th in the country.

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General Notices

Climate Week

Climate Week offered the children a wide range of exciting and meaningful experiences. The children fully embraced the opportunity to get outdoors, taking part in some wonderful activities in the park with Mr Martin, as well as planting seeds with Mrs Skelton. Back in school, they have been busy designing posters, learning about low-carbon meals and food miles, and even sampling a variety of different fruits and vegetables. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. On Tuesday we had a switch off day and saved enough energy to power 22 houses for 1 day: an amazing effort.

You can take a look at some of these fantastic moments by visiting our website here:

<https://meanwoodschool.co.uk/climate-ambassadors/>

The core aim of the week has been to raise awareness and encourage the children to understand how small changes can make a big difference to the wider world. From speaking with the children, it is clear they have really taken this message on board—so if you start receiving requests for veggie burgers or plant-based meals at home, you know who to blame!

A huge thank you goes to all of our staff and members of the community who have contributed to making this such a successful and purposeful week. In particular, I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Kelemen, whose passion for all things environmental has ensured the week has been both inspiring and impactful for everyone involved.



Physical Incidents

Earlier this week, I wrote to all parents and carers about a recent increase in instances of children acting physically towards one another. I want to reassure you that such incidents remain very rare and are typically isolated flashpoints rather than ongoing patterns of behaviour.

However, in order to prevent any further escalation, we have introduced a short-term measure: any child who is physical towards others will spend their lunchtime indoors. I fully appreciate that this approach may not be universally popular and is far from an ideal long-term solution. That said, it has already encouraged children to pause, reflect, and think more carefully about how they respond to challenging situations, helping to create a much-needed reset.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we implement this measure. We intend to keep it in place until the end of term, with the aim of helping children recognise and practise more restorative and positive ways to manage difficult emotions such as frustration and anger.

Environmental Work Recognition

As many of you will already be aware, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the Department for Education (DfE) into school this week, where they filmed both staff and children to showcase the outstanding work taking place around environmental and climate action. We are incredibly proud to have been selected as one of only four schools across the country to be part of this project. This recognition reflects the strength of our whole-school community and the positive, tangible impact we have achieved together.

The finished video will be available to view in September on the DfE's YouTube channel and website, and we very much look forward to sharing it with you then.

In addition to this national recognition, we are also pleased to share that the school has been nominated for the Carbon Reduction Award at the Leeds Global Learning Awards, which take place on 26th June. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved—fingers crossed for a positive result!

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General Notices

Class Teams for Next Year

I am pleased to announce that we are now in a position to share our staff teams for the next academic year:

- Reception: Miss Cain, Mrs Parker, Mrs Milestone and Mrs Ratcliffe
- Year 1: Mrs D Johnson, Miss Rose, Mrs Ramsden, Miss Kass and A.N Other
- Year 2: Mrs Scopes (Mon, Tues, Weds), Miss O'Dwyer (Thurs, Fri) and Miss Jackson
- Year 3: Mrs Bowie (Mon, Tues, Weds), Mrs Hall (Thurs, Fri), Mrs Kelemen and Mrs Ward
- Year 4: Mrs Monk, Miss J Johnson and Mrs Kelemen
- Year 5: Mr Martin and Mrs Banda
- Year 6: Mrs Goldthorpe, Mrs Kelly and Mrs McMahon
- Cover Teacher: Mrs A Johnson

As always, this time of year brings a number of staffing changes. Miss Butterfield will be leaving us to take up a full-time teaching role at Weetwood Primary School. We wish her every success in her new position—she has been an incredible asset to our school and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

Mr D Bright will also be coming to the end of his contract with us at the end of the academic year. He has truly been a ray of light within our school community, and we are very grateful for all he has contributed. However, we are delighted to share that he will continue to be part of our team as our “super sub”, stepping in to support classes whenever needed.

As mentioned last week, Mrs Skelton will be retiring. We thank her for her dedication and contribution over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Looking ahead to September, Miss Lovell will be starting her maternity leave. We send her our very best wishes as she prepares to welcome her new baby.

We are also delighted to share that Mrs A Johnson will be returning to school following her year-long secondment at Hovingham Primary School—we are very much looking forward to welcoming her back.

As you can see, there have been a number of changes, which is why we have waited until now to share this information. We are confident that these new team arrangements will make for another exciting and successful year ahead.

Thank you

Last May, we held a Family Portrait session to raise funds for the Top Playground Appeal.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the school families who supported the fundraising event. Thank you also to the members of our community who joined us on this project!

A special thank you to Mark Hillier from True North Studio, who registered the families' memories through his camera!

Your enthusiasm, participation, and generosity made the day truly special and a great success, raising £700!

It was lovely to see so many families involved and enjoying the experience together!

If you have any suggestions on how to raise more funds or know of anything that could help us reach our target, please get in touch.

With warmest thanks. The Top Playground Appeal Team"

Spreading Smiles with Lemonade 🍋

Today, our Year 5 children took part in a truly heartwarming community activity. Following a recent collective worship vote, the children chose to organise a simple act of kindness—making and giving out free lemonade to members of our local community.

With great enthusiasm, the children worked together to prepare and serve refreshing glasses of lemonade. Their excitement and teamwork were wonderful to see, and they embraced the opportunity to connect with others beyond the school gates: embracing one of our key values of having Open Arms.



House Totals

Oak: 1450

Holly: 1510

Elm: 1310

Sycamore: 1237

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General Notices

Nut-Free Reminder and Allergy Safety

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. This is an essential part of our commitment to keeping every member of our community safe, particularly those with severe allergies.

Please note that this includes all nut-based products, even those that may not be immediately obvious. Items such as Nutella, Nocciolata/Nuoka, and other chocolate or hazelnut spreads are not permitted in sandwiches or lunchboxes. We kindly ask that you check ingredients carefully when preparing your child's food for school including after school snacks: a piece of fruit is more than enough.

Looking ahead, Benedict's Law will come into force in schools from September 2026. While we already have robust systems and procedures in place to manage allergies, this new legislation reinforces the importance of vigilance and consistency. As a school, we will continue to review and strengthen our practices, but your support is crucial in ensuring these procedures remain effective.



Sports Events

Being one of the most active schools in Leeds means that we have certainly not let up with sporting activities this week! It has been another fantastic few days, filled with opportunity, teamwork and determination.

Our Year 3 football team kicked things off on Monday by attending a mini football tournament at Goals in Seacroft, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. On Tuesday, a selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a golf event at Sandmoor Golf Club, developing new skills in a beautiful setting.

The momentum continued on Wednesday, with one group of Year 5 and 6 children representing the school at a basketball event at the Beckett University campus, while our netball team played two competitive matches against Shadwell on the same evening (see full report below).

That's four sporting events across just three days, giving over 30 children the opportunity to represent the school and be active—something we are incredibly proud of.

A huge thank you goes to all of the staff who have given up their time to organise, transport and support these opportunities. Your dedication truly makes a difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children.

Netball Match Report

On Wednesday evening, all of our netball team took part in matches against Shadwell Primary School. It was wonderful to host netball at Meanwood and a pleasure to watch our players represent the school with such enthusiasm and determination.

Shadwell proved to be an incredibly strong team, and despite our best efforts, we were defeated 5-2 and 5-0. Nevertheless, the team spirit remained high throughout both matches, and every player gave their absolute best from start to finish.

We are extremely proud of our netballers and the commitment, resilience and sportsmanship they showed. We hope they enjoyed their final game representing Meanwood CE Primary School and would like to thank them for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school.

PTA

Events for your diary

Summer Fair - Friday 26 June

Fun Run - Sunday 28 June (from 2.15pm)

NEXT WEEK!! One last push and you can still help make both events a great success!

Summer Fair - Friday 26 June

Thanks for donations of teddies and bottles for the stalls. There are still opportunities to get involved & help make it a success:

· Buy Raffle Tickets - available on Arbor!

· Volunteer on the day - whether a class stall or something else, please help make the day a success for all the children <https://volunteersignup.org/4RL38>

Fun Run - Sunday 28 June (from 2.15pm) <https://meanwood-pta.eventcube.io/> Tickets for the 6th

Meanwood PTA Fun Run are now live!

Thanks to those that have signed up!

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Spirituality

This week, we have been continuing our journey of exploring our shared definition of spirituality. We have been thinking deeply about what it means to understand ourselves—our “selves”—and how this connects to the way we live and relate to others.

Through our discussions and reflections, we have focused on the importance of accepting who we are. We have considered how each of us is unique and valuable, and how being true to ourselves is an important part of living spiritually. At the same time, we have been learning that being ourselves does not mean forgetting about others. Instead, it means finding a balance: having the courage to be who we are while showing kindness, understanding, and respect to the people around us.

Dear God,

Help us to be confident in who we are, to accept ourselves with kindness and courage, and to always care for others as we walk together.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

It has been a particularly busy week in school, and at times it has felt as though the pace has swept us all away. The final summer term always brings with it a unique set of challenges—tired children and staff, and also managing the many important priorities that come with the end of the year. From transitions and reports to preparing for September, there is certainly no shortage of things to organise.

In the midst of this, I find it important to pause and reflect on what underpins everything we do. Our vision—to ensure that every person is valued, nurtured and empowered to achieve their full potential—along with our values of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Arms, must remain at the centre of our work. They remind us not just what we do, but how we do it.

There are, of course, moments when the pace and pressure can feel overwhelming, and I will admit that I sometimes need to take a step back and refocus. What makes the difference is the strength of our relationships—taking care of one another, showing understanding, and working together with kindness and patience.

With four weeks to go, we are very much in the final stretch. Let's continue to support one another and finish the year in the positive, thoughtful way that defines our school.

Mr Chapman

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