



Meanwood

CE Primary School

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms

Proudly supporting:



Newsletter: 4
16.10.26

CARE Champions

Reception: Riley.

Year 1: Patrick.

Year 2: Freya.

Year 3: Leo.

Year 4: Parker.

Year 5: Elsa, Ziko, Lucas and Darcy

Year 6: Eleanor

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Hearts: Reflection

Monday: Year 1 Trip to Meanwood Valley Farm: 9:00am - 2:15pm.

Year 3 football Tournament Goals in Seacroft: 3:15pm - 5:00pm. Children involved have been informed.
U'10 match vs St Paul's (Alwoodley) away: 3:30pm - 4:30pm.
Collection by parents and carers from St Paul's : no minibus travel available for return journey. Children involved have been informed.

Tuesday: KS2 Key Stage Collective Worship led by Year 5.
Year 2 rescheduled trip to Meanwood valley Farm: 11:15am - 3:15pm

Wednesday: MindMate Coffee Morning in staff room - Everyone welcome: 9:00am - 10:00am.
Forest School activity for KS2 children at Meanwood Valley Farm: 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Children involved have been informed.
KS2 Key Stage Collective Worship led by Year 5.

Thursday: House Cross Country Event (see below for more details) - 1:30pm - 3:00pm.

Friday: Normal day in school.

Attendance

Reception: 99.7% 🤗

Year 1: 97.4% 😊

Year 2: 95.2% 😞

Year 3: 99.7% 🤗

Year 4: 99.3% 😊

Year 5: 94.5% 😞

Year 6: 99.3% 😊

Whole School: 97.8 % 😊

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

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 97% active travel.

2nd. Year 4 95% active travel.

3rd. Year 6 82% active travel.

We are the 2nd most active school in Leeds.
We are 83rd most active school in the country.

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

General Notices

Church Service

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us for our church service this morning. There was a real sense of our school community coming together as we reflected on everything we have explored during this half term.

The children who led the service were absolutely excellent, confidently reflecting on the different themes we have considered under the umbrella of one of our key values, Open Hearts. They spoke thoughtfully about what it means to show an open heart through our words, choices and actions. We were also treated to some beautiful singing from our school choir, which made the service feel particularly special.

It was a lovely morning and a fitting way to bring the half term to a close. Church is always such a special place for us to gather together as a school community, to reflect, celebrate and share in the values that are at the heart of Meanwood CE Primary School. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



Family Evening

Our Family Evening (previously called Parents' Evening) will take place in school on Wednesday 18th November, from 3:20pm to 7:00pm. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their progress and discuss their learning.

The booking system will go live on Arbor at 6:00pm tonight, so please remember to book your appointment.

During the evening, Mrs Parker and I will also be holding talks in the school hall about one of our key School Development Plan priorities for this year: presentation and handwriting. We will share why this is an important focus, what we are doing across school and how families can support at home.

There will also be food available in the hall, so please do pop in while you are with us.

We look forward to welcoming everyone into school for what we hope will be a really positive and useful evening, bringing families and school together to support our children.

Reception Admissions - September 2027

We are beginning to think ahead to September 2027 and would really appreciate your help. If you have a younger sibling who will be due to start Reception with us in September 2027, please let us know.

Having an early indication of the number of siblings who may be joining us is incredibly useful and helps us understand how many places we may be able to offer to other families within our local community.

If this applies to your family, please let Mrs Tate in the school office know. You can either send her an email or simply pop into the office and speak to her.

House Points

Oak: 1073

Elm: 1012

Holly: 1125

Sycamore: 1030

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House Cross Country Event

We are really looking forward to our annual House Cross Country, which will take place on Thursday 22nd October at 1:30pm in Meanwood Park. It is always a fantastic afternoon and a great opportunity for the children to represent their House, encourage one another and enjoy being active together. All children will gather in their class groups along the central row of trees in the middle of Meanwood Park. Reception and KS1 will run first and, once their races have finished, they will return to school. This will then allow our KS2 children to take part in their races.

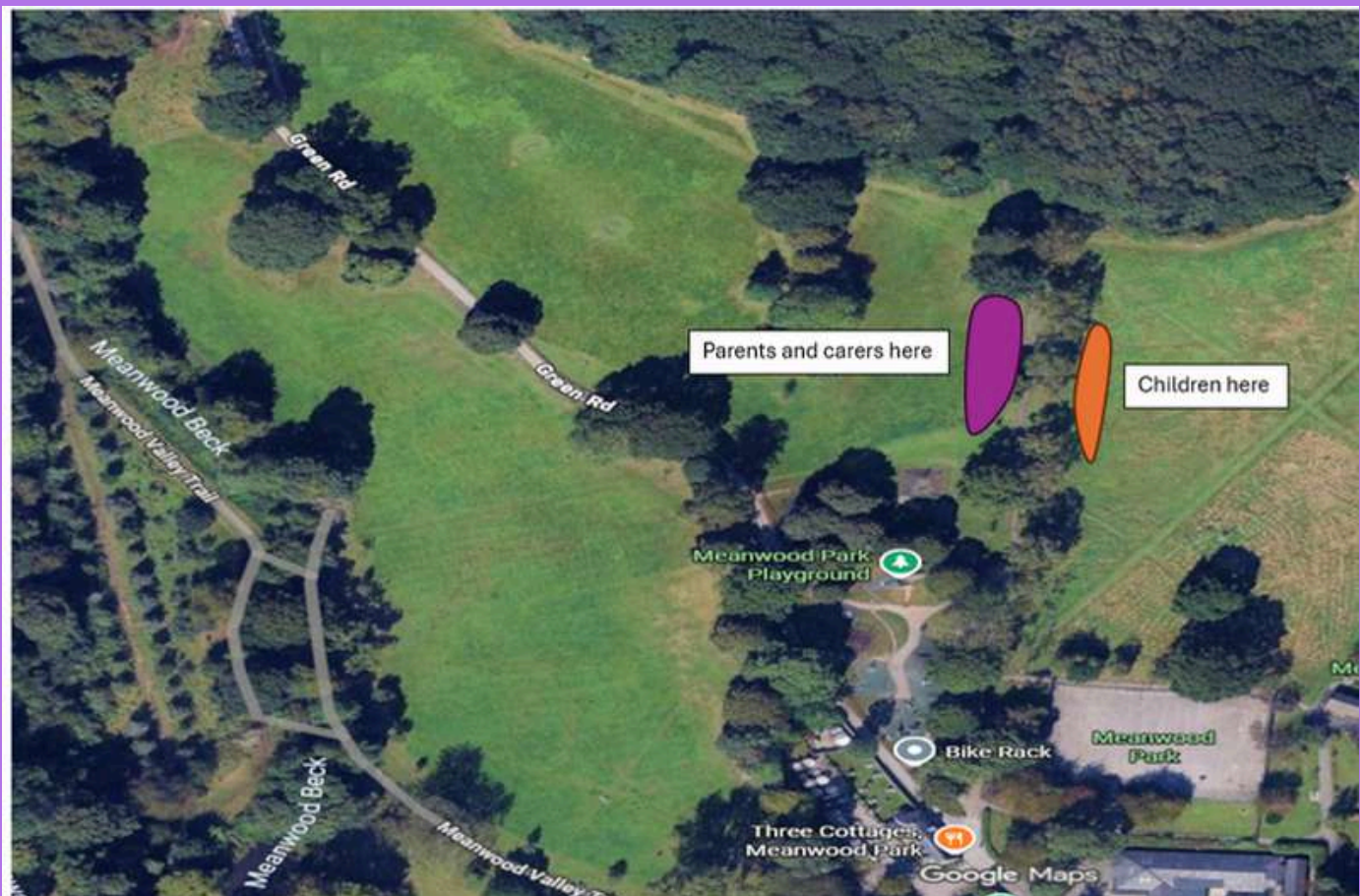
We know that lots of parents and carers will be joining us to cheer the children on. Please do not attempt to collect your child once their class has finished running. All children will return to school with their teachers and will be dismissed from their usual collection points at the normal time of 3:15pm.

What should children wear?

Please send your child to school wearing their normal PE uniform. If possible, we would love children to wear a T-shirt or top in their House colour:

-  Oak - Yellow
-  Elm - Green
-  Holly - Red
-  Sycamore - Blue

Please refer to the map below for where children and parents/carers should be positioned on the day. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and are looking forward to a brilliant afternoon of House spirit, determination and encouragement!



General Notices

Upcoming Dress Down Days

We have two dress down days coming up as we start getting ready for our PTA Christmas Fair:

- Friday 20th November: Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a chocolate donation for the PTA Christmas Fair. Any donations, big or small, will be gratefully received and will help support the PTA with the fair.
- Friday 27th November: Children can once again come to school in their own clothes, as this is the day of our Christmas Fair, which takes place straight after school.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our PTA and the events they organise for our school. We are really looking forward to all the festive fun!

U10 Football & A Huge Thank You for Your Support!

On Monday 16th October, our U10 football team played their second match of the season against Shakespeare Primary. It was a fantastic game and, although we finished on the other side of a 7-5 scoreline, the team played brilliantly, showed great determination and never gave up. Well done to everyone who represented the school so positively. We are proud of you and now it's on to the next match!

Last week, I put out a plea in the newsletter for sponsorship for new football kits, and we were absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. We received so many incredibly kind offers from both individuals and local companies that we now have enough sponsorship to purchase an amazing four football kits, as well as a new netball kit!

A huge thank you to everyone who offered to support us. Your generosity really does make a difference and means that our children can represent Meanwood CE with pride. We hope to have the new kits ready at some point next half-term, and we can't wait to see our teams wearing them!

LITTLE LEEDS BIG SLEEP 2026 - THUR 29TH OCTOBER

For the first time ever, young people aged 18 and under are invited to take part in the Little Leeds Big Sleep; a special DIY sleepout at home or in another safe space, raising money for Leeds Rhinos Foundation and St George's Crypt.

This year is extra special as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Leeds Big Sleep!

Young people can take on the challenge by creating their own sleepout, swapping their bed for a sleeping bag, blanket fort, tent or another safe sleeping space for one night. The sleepout must be supervised and overseen by a responsible adult.

Make a difference from home

The Little Leeds Big Sleep is a fun and meaningful way for young people to:

Raise money to support people experiencing disadvantage and homelessness across Leeds

Learn more about the challenges people in Leeds face

Get friends, family and their community involved in fundraising

Take part in fun activities included in the fundraising pack

To take part please see the link below:

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/LeedsBigSleep2026>

This section of the newsletter has been populated by an external agency: Leeds Rhinos Foundation.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket to the Family Quiz Night tomorrow night and also those who bought a tea towel.

Upcoming Key Dates:

- Family Quiz Night - Saturday 17 October, 5pm, Holy Trinity Community Hall
- Rock and Roll Bingo (at the Mrytle Pub) - Thursday 26 November
- Christmas Fair - Friday 27 November

The stalls for this years Fair will be announced next week and then we will detail where and when you can help make the event a success.

- Wreath Making - Saturday 5 December

Cake Sales:

- Yr4 - 13 Nov
- Yr3 - 11 Dec

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Open Hearts- Learning from Mistakes.

This week, our focus has been Learning from Mistakes. We have been reminding the children that making mistakes is a natural and important part of learning and growing. What matters is that we are able to recognise when something has gone wrong, take responsibility, learn from it and try to make a better choice next time.

We have encouraged the children to remember that a mistake does not define us. What we choose to do next is what really matters.

Dear God,

Thank you that we can learn and grow each day. Help us to be honest when we make mistakes, brave enough to say sorry, and wise enough to learn from them. Give us open hearts to forgive others and the courage to try again.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

As we come to the end of what has been a long and busy half term, there is certainly no slowing down, with plenty still happening next week!

As a school, we rightly have our priorities for teaching and learning and the work that takes place every day in our classrooms. However, what continues to shine through for me are the opportunities we give our children beyond the classroom, helping them to grow in confidence, contribute to their community and become the very best citizens they can be.

There are so many examples: our Archbishop's Young Leaders providing free hot chocolate to members of our community, Year 5 leading Collective Worship, our choir singing in church, Forest School beginning next week, football matches, our RP representatives, numerous trips and visits, with Meanwood Valley Farm proving particularly popular next week, and so much more besides!

These opportunities do not simply happen. They take planning, enthusiasm, time and a genuine commitment to giving our children the richest possible experience of school. So, as we approach the end of the half term, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff team who make all of this possible.

have a lovely weekend.

Mr Chapman

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