



12th December 2025

Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Ralph, Eddie, Sophie, Henry, Sofya, Oliver, Ruqaiyah, Oliver, Fern, Hester, Suz, Miles, Faith and all of Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week it was reception and Key Stage One's turn to make us smile, laugh until our belly hurt, cry and feel incredibly Christmassy! Thank you to all the staff and children for the huge efforts, and to you – our school families – for helping your children learn their lines, providing costumes and coming along to support them.

Christmas is now fast approaching, with next week our last week in school. Just a reminder of some of the Christmas events next week including carol singing, The Elf Run, the Key Stage Two carol concert, Santa's Grotto and our Christmas Church Service. All our school families are welcome to join our Christmas Church Service at 1.45pm, and if you can walk with us then please contact the school office (office@stchadsprimary.net).

On Tuesday all year groups will be taking part in our Elf Run which we are doing to support Simon on the Streets which is a local charity supporting the homeless and the vulnerable. Children can come in PE kit on the day – we will provide them with elf hats. Laura from the charity came into school this week to explain more about the charity. For more details see the website [Providing hope for those without a voice | Simon on the Streets](https://www.justgiving.com/page/stchadscofeprimaryschool-simononthestreets?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL). If you are able to support Simon on the Streets and make a donation, then please click the link below

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stchadscofeprimaryschool-simononthestreets?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

We are delighted to announce that Katie Brown joins us as OOHA Manager. Some of you may have met her already. Please take your time to introduce yourself to Katie and make her feel welcome. We know that organising holiday clubs and "sorting out" the invoicing is a priority. Katie is working on this already, but please bear with us whilst Katie gets up to speed.

Tonight sees our FOSC Winter Warmer another fantastic family event to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Guia Marsland



After a sudden downpour that cleared the skies on Wednesday morning, year 6 took a trip to the RERF; this was to conclude our science and geography energy and sustainability topics.

We went on a VR journey, stood seven storeys high out in the balcony next to the hydroponic wall and smelt the aromas of thousands of tonnes of rubbish – it really was great fun!



Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting Temple Newsam where we learnt how the Victorians celebrated Christmas. Some of us even got to dress up and practice being royal for the day, which was made even better when members of the public bowed down to us as we walked past! To top things off, we sang some festive carols in the grand ball room to another group of visitors and would have made Mrs. Futers very proud.

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I loved playing the
Victorian parlor
games!
-Aria



Stepping into the
house was like
stepping back in
time.
-Juliette





Year 3 Trip to Leeds Central Library to see the Elves and the Storyteller

Year 3 had an amazing time at Leeds Central Library watching a Christmas performance of the Elves and the Storyteller. They reflected that they had a wonderful time and left feeling joyful!

"It taught me that the best part of Christmas is spending time with your family."

"I want to spread joy like the storyteller and the elves!"



Online Safety Alert: Risks of JustTalk App

ONLINE SAFETY ALERT:

 **JUSTALK
APP RISKS**

We want to make parents aware of growing concerns around the JusTalk app.



- Free messaging and video-calling platform
- Risks of harmful content and contact with strangers
- Profile details can be easily shared

Check if your child is using JusTalk and make sure they stay safe online.



As we approach the holidays, we want to remind parents about the importance of monitoring children's online activity. Apps like JustTalk may seem harmless, but they can expose young users to risks such as contact with strangers, inappropriate content, and sharing personal information.

Please check your child's app usage regularly, ensure privacy settings are enabled, and talk to them about staying safe online. For more guidance, visit [How safe is the JusTalk App? - Safer Schools NI](#). At school, we will continue to educate and talk to children about staying safe online.

Supporting Maths Reasoning at Home

To help children build strong problem-solving and reasoning skills, we've gathered a selection of free, high-quality online maths resources that you can use at home. These sites offer games, challenges, and reasoning activities suitable for all primary ages. **This is not instead of homework but in case parents would like extra maths activities.** We hope you find them helpful for practising key skills in a fun and engaging way!

[Home](#) | [NRICH](#)

[Fun maths games and activities - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

[Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe](#)

Belonging to a *talk-rich* Trust

Abbey Trust
Primary 100 Words



What does Oracy do?

Oracy will:

- Value your voice
- Improve your vocabulary
- Develop your language and expression



This week's words are:

- feature
- frequent
- furthermore

Working with Voice 21

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Voice 21 to our school for a full day of oracy consultation. Throughout the visit, they spoke with children and joined listening walks across KS1 to UKS2, witnessing our oracy in action. They observed a wide range of talk-rich learning—from enthusiastic partner talk in Year 1, to a thoughtful reading discussion in Year 4, and the confident use of the Harkness model in UKS2.

Voice 21 were particularly impressed by the inclusive atmosphere across the school and the strong culture of listening that underpins our classrooms.

Overall, the day celebrated the richness of talk embedded in our learning community and the positive impact it has on every learner. It was a pleasure to be part of it.



OUR VISION

PROVIDING HOPE FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

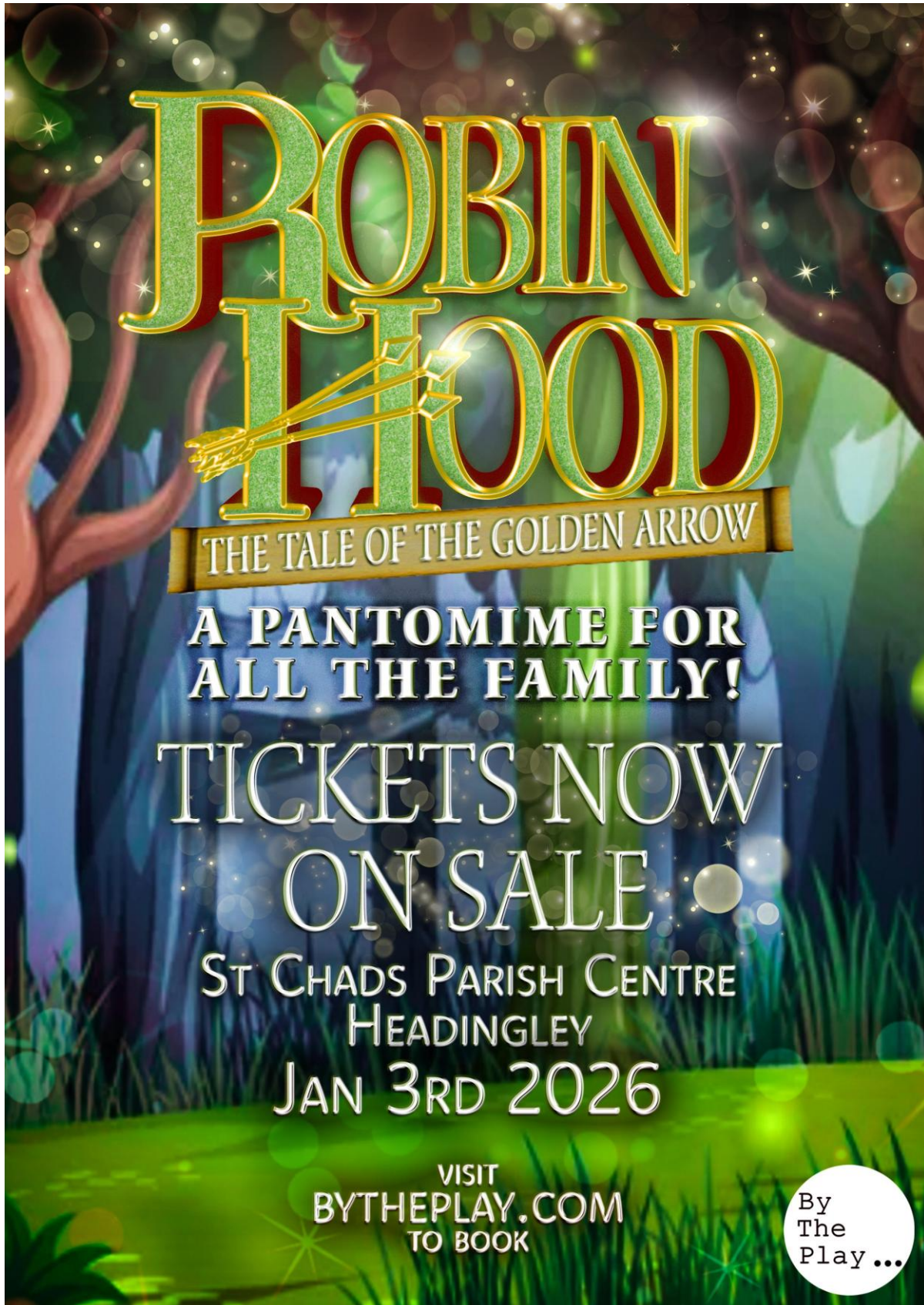
We offer unlimited emotional and practical support for homeless and vulnerable people to enable them to achieve their goals.



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St Chad's Parish Centre

St Chad's Parish Centre are having a fundraising pantomime on Saturday 3rd January 2026. There are two performances at 1pm and 5pm and ticket prices are £12 adults and £9 children - a bargain and a great family activity to do before heading back to school after the Christmas break



Merry
Christmas

CHRISTMAS MENU

Main Course:

Roast Turkey Breast, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

or

Sage & Onion Pastry Roll, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (VG)

Followed By:

Festive Chocolate
Cookie

JOIN US ON THE 17TH OF DECEMBER!



**FRIENDS
OF
ST CHAD'S**

LOTTERY

**Join the fun and help to raise
money for school books!**

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL LOTTERY WORK?!

- **£4 a month**
- **Monthly draw with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes**
- **Winners announced on Facebook**
- **MORE PLAYERS = BIGGER PRIZES**

Will you be the lucky winner this month??

50% of funds go towards books for school and 50% go towards 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

If you would like to sign up to the FOSC lottery please email stchadsptalotto@gmail.com or complete the booking link below <https://forms.office.com/e/LGpZ0yt4qv>

SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on www.parentpay.com by 3.30pm on a Friday for the following week. If meals are not ordered a packed lunch must be provided. Thank you for all your support with this – it really makes a difference.

LOST PROPERTY

Any named lost property found has been returned to classes. I hope that you were re-united with some uniform which was out on display during the recent parent consultations.

Lost property will continue to be stored in the boxes outside of school.

We have some stocks of spare uniform so please do let school know if you need any uniform and will from time to time put this on display and please take what you need.

PE KIT REMINDERS

Unfortunately, children are still not adhering to the PE kit uniform. We continue to see an array of coloured tops, shorts and many branded t-shirts and sweatshirts. The uniform is as follows:

- Black PE shorts/jogging bottoms
- Plain round necked t-shirt in team colours
- Plain sweatshirt in team colour, bottle green or black (no branded items).



We are still seeing colourful and branded sweatshirts. Please support with this.



Great News!

In partnership with our cluster of schools and PE Partner, there are 7 fantastic activity clubs a day running at venues across the city on December 22nd and 23rd. The clubs will be a great mix of fun games; sports; music; crafts; dance; play; wild activities and exciting adventures with qualified and DBS certified coaches and are simply a brilliant way to keep children entertained and active during the school holidays.

WINTER HEALTHY HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CLUBS Dec 22nd & 23rd.

22/12/25 - Activity club	23/12/25 - Activity Club
Host school	Host school
Holy Rosary and St Annes (LS7 4AW)	Holy Rosary and St Annes (LS7 4AW)
Chapel Allerton Primary School (LS7 3PD)	Chapel Allerton Primary School (LS7 3PD)
Morley Victoria (LS27 9NW)	Birchfield (LS27 7HU)
Hunslet St Marys (LS10 2QY)	Hunslet St Marys (LS10 2QY)
The BEAT building (LS5 3PX)	The BEAT building (LS5 3PX)
Coop Academy Nightingale (LS9 7AX)	Coop Academy Nightingale (LS9 7AX)
Oulton Primary School (LS26 8NT)	Oulton Primary School (LS26 8NT)
All clubs run 9.00am to 3.30pm and are for children aged between 5 and 11 years old.	

How to book:

Children who are eligible for **income related free school meals** will get **100% funding support** to attend and will have lunch provided. If that applies to your child, all you need to do is register for a place here:

<https://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk/> If you are already registered, please go to the website to book.

If you have any issues with setting up your account, adding your children, or booking sessions, please get in touch with the Healthy Holidays team by emailing HHBooking@leeds.gov.uk

If your child is not eligible for income related free school meals, the cost is £20 per day per place (if booked before Monday 15th December, when prices go up to £22 per day) and places can be booked with PE Partner directly at www.pepartner.co.uk or by calling 01133226115

Places are limited and available on a first come first served basis.

SEND - If your child would require 1to1 support to attend, please call us on 01133226115 as we do have a limited amount of staff and need to plan this accordingly so that all the children can have a positive experience.

TRIPS - We will also be running 12 bus trips over the Christmas period. Information about the trips will be sent out in the coming days.



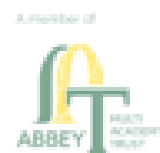
Healthy Holidays is our local name for the Department for Education's (DfE) Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

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AUTUMN TERM

September 2025

Tuesday 2 nd September	8.45am school opens to Nursery, Year 1 to Year 6
Tuesday 2 nd September	3.15pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd September	Phased start for new Reception pupils
Thursday 4 th September	3.15pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting
Friday 5 th September	3.15pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting
Monday 8 th September	3.15pm Year 5 Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 4 swimming starts (pm)
Tuesday 9 th September	3.15pm Year 3 Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 9 th September	FOSC Meeting No1 - approx. 7pm in the school hall
Wednesday 10 th September	Year 6 Trip (The Royal Armouries)
Wednesday 10 th September	8.45am all Reception children start full time
Thursday 11 th September	9 - 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents
Friday 12 th September	9 - 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents
Friday 12 th September	No Family Worship
Monday 15 th September	3.15pm Reception Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 16 th September	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 18 th September	Nursing Team (school immunisations) in school
Monday 22 nd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Wednesday 24 th September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Thursday 25 th September	9.15am - 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event
Friday 26 th September	Parent Consultation - Booking goes live at 6.30pm
Tuesday 30 th September	Fire Brigade Talk to Year 5/Year 6 (provisional)

October 2025

Friday 3 rd October	FOSC 'Wine Night'
Wednesday 8 th October	Year 2/Year 3 City of Leeds Diving Club Session
Wednesday 8 th October	Rev Hannah meeting year 1 links to RE Unit
Monday 13 th October	Year 1 only Parents Consultation Event 1 3.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Nursery, Reception, Year 2 - Year 6 Parent Consultation Event 1 3.30 - 6.30pm

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October 2025	
Wednesday 15 th October	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 15 th October	1.45pm Harvest Service @St . Chad's Church
Thursday 16 th October	3.30pm - 5.30pm Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)
Friday 17 th October	pm Year 3 Stone Age Den Building (provisional)
Wednesday 22 nd October	9.15 - 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event
Thursday 23 rd October	Whole School Individual Photos
Friday 24 th October	3.15pm school closes for half term
November 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 4 th November	8.45am school opens for nursery to year 6
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 1 Trip to St. Chad's Church
Thursday 6 th November	FOSC Coffee Morning after <u>drop</u> off
Thursday 6 th November	Year 5 Trip to St. Chad's Church
Friday 7 th November	FOSC Coffee and Catch Up from 2.30pm
Saturday 8 th November	Cardinal Heenan Cross Country Event - First Race 10am
Friday 14 th November	FOSC Family Beetle Drive {may need to change - TBC}
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need
Wednesday 19 th November	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event
Friday 21 st November	Year2 @Great Fire of London immersive experience (Temple Newsam)
Saturday 29 th November	Woodhouse Grove Cross Country Event - First Race 9.30am
December 2025	
Thursday 4 th December	10am Nursery Nativity
Friday 5 th December	No Family Worship
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 5 Trip to Temple Newsam
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 4 Rewind to Christmas - details to follow
Wednesday 10 th December	am Year 6 Trip to RERF
Wednesday 10 th December	12pm Choir @ St Chad's Lunch Club

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December 2025 (continued)	
Thursday 11 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th December	10am Reception and KS1 Nativity
Thursday 11 th December	Year 3 Trip to Leeds Library (The Elves and the Storyteller) - provisional
Thursday 11 th December	2.15pm Reception and KS1 Nativity
Friday 12 th December	FOSC Winter Warmer
Monday 15 th December	Year 3 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (am)
Monday 15 th December	Year 2 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (pm)
Monday 15 th December	Choir singing at Manor Care Home (Horsforth)
Tuesday 16 th December	No Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 16 th December	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Elf Run (Simon on The Streets)
Wednesday 17 th December	9.30am KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 17 th December	2.15pm KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration - Note time change
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	Year 4 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (am)
Thursday 18 th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church
Thursday 18 th December	Choir Carol Singing in the Playground
Friday 19 th December	No Family Worship
Friday 19 th December	FOSC Christmas Celebration (in school) including Santas Grotto
Friday 19 th December	3.15pm School closes for Christmas Holidays
Sunday 21 st December	Choir to sing at Carols by Candlelight at St Chads Church 6.30pm
SPRING TERM	
January 2026	
Monday 5 th January	8.45am School Re-Opens Nursery to Year 6
Monday 5 th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Tuesday 6 th January	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 and Nursery Open Event
Tuesday 6 th January	No Year 4 Swimming
w/c Monday 12 th January	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1

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January 2026	
Monday 12 th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 4 Swimming restarts
Wednesday 14 th January	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Saturday 17 th January	Prince Henry's Cross Country Event – First Race 10am
Monday 19 th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
w/c 19 th January	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2
Monday 26 th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Friday 30 th January	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
February 2026	
Monday 2 nd February	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Friday 6 th February	NCMP and Vision Screening- Reception and Year 6 Children
Friday 6th February	FOSC Curry and Quiz Night FOSC Family Bingo Night
Mon 9 th – Weds 11 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 12 th February	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Friday 13 th February	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 18 th February	Lent Starts
Monday 23 rd February	8.45m School Re-Opens
w/c 23 rd February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins
Saturday 28 th February	Middleton Park Cross Country Event – First Race 10am
March 2026	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange
Friday 13th March	FOSC Family Bingo Event FOSC Quiz Night
Tuesday 17 th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries
Thursday 19 th March	Year 1 – Year 6 Reports Issued
Thursday 26 th March	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 1)
Wednesday 1 st April	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)

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SUMMER TERM	
April 2026	
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Service @St. Chad's Church
Thursday 2 nd April	3.15pm School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	8.45am School Opens
Wednesday 22 nd April	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
May 2026	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Tuesday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Wednesday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Test
Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Friday 15 th May	FOSC Spring Fling
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)
Thursday 21 st May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Friday 22 nd May	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays
June 2026	
Monday 1 st June	8.45am School Opens
Monday 1 st June	Multiplication Times Tables Check opens
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens
w/c 8 th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1
w/c 15 th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 2
Tuesday 16 th June	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 Trip to Saltburn
Thursday 18 th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)
Friday 19 th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)
Saturday 20 th June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) - option 1
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Thursday 25 th June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Trip to Armley Mills (provisional)

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June 2026 (continued)

Saturday 27th June

FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) – option 2

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July

Lawnswood Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)

Wednesday 1st July

pm Whole School transition afternoon

Thursday 2nd July

Nursery Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)

Thursday 2nd July

am Whole School transition morning

Thursday 2nd July

Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)

Friday 3rd July

Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)

Wednesday 8th July

5pm Year 6 Production

Thursday 9th July

10 – 2pm Year 6 Meanwood Park

Monday 13th July

School Reports issued

Friday 10th July

Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)

Tuesday 14th July

Nursery End of Year Celebration (pm)

Wednesday 15th July

Reception End of Year Celebration (pm)

Wednesday 15th July

Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am

Thursday 16th July

1.45pm Leavers Service @St. Chad's Church

Friday 17th July

2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th July

School closes

Monday 20th July

Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 21st July

Training Day (school closed to pupils)