

Newsletter

I think it's fair to say it's been a bumper couple of weeks with so much going on as you can probably tell from the photographs! We have had nativities, carol concerts, Santas grotto and as you can see some end of unit science activities including making soup and windmills. It's no wonder we are all exhausted.

Wednesday saw Christmas dinner day which was a huge success; thank you for our caterers for being able to accommodate the last-minute requests for a Christmas dinner. Children were very excited when they noticed a special guest who helped serve the dinner @.

Thanks also to FOSC for organising our Winter Warmer last Friday and for supporting in school today in the grotto when we were surprised by another special guest. I wonder if you know who that might have been?



This year during advent, we have being developing our links with local communities and charities and it has been heart-warming to see how our children respond to these opportunities. We have taken children to St.Chad's Lunch Club, the Manor Care Home and Alexandra Court Care Home to sing and share festive cheer. As you know our children took part in an Elf Run to support Simon on the Streets. They have also made cards and gifts for Home Instead a fabulous company that works within our community to provide care and companionship to seniors who are lonely, especially at this time of year. Children showed such care and thought in their messages to the recipients of the cards and gifts.

As the term comes to an end, on behalf of all the staff we wanted to say a huge thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Christmas. See you all next year!











Cancellation of St. Chad's Church Service

My sincere apologies for having to cancel the service. This has not happened before in my time at St.Chad's either

since I returned in January 2023 or when I worked here before. I am sure the most frustrating aspect was the 'last minute' cancellation. We thought we had been lucky as the weather had been kind to us all morning, and the heavy rain started as we were getting ready to leave. We had to consider the risk of children and adults falling on the journey as we go through a 'wooded' area to get to Church amongst a number of other factors.

We will of course reflect on the cancellation (and the timing of this), and what steps we can take next year to be more prepared for a 'plan B' option. Hopefully, we will not need a Church Service Option 1 and Church Service Option 2 reserve date as we use for sports day!

I have written to all the children who had practised hard and were looking forward to reading in Church.

Thank you for your understanding.



The school choir have been very busy spreading Christmas cheer. We have visited St Chad's lunch club, singing before their Christmas lunch. We also travelled to Horsforth Manor care home to sing for the residents there and our children then took their time to speak to the residents and wish them a Merry Christmas.





On Tuesday 16th December, everyone across school took part in the 'Elf Run'. With their iconic red and green hats adorned, children (and staff!) jogged, walked and ran laps of the playground in aid of Simon on the Streets. If you would like to donate or find out more about this charity, please follow the link at the foot of this page.







https://www.justgiving.com/page/stchadscofep rimaryschoolsimononthestreets?utm_medium=FR&utm_sou rce=CL





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.



Our Reception children were inspired by the 'Elf Run', so we decided to keep our hats on for a little bit longer! The children enjoyed a "hilarious" Christmas story, according to some of the Reception boys, in the forest. They also took part in some fun 'elfersize' after the run, exploring lunging, stretching and star jumps.











Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 visited Alexandra Court this week to spread Christmas joy and cheer. We sang lots of carols and Christmas songs for the residents and gifted them cards to show them how much we care.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported during this trip — we appreciate you!

"We went to sing Christmas carols at the care home because it's a kind and thoughtful way to share joy. Some of the people who live there might not have many visitors and hearing us sing might make their day feel special. Our songs can help them feel included in the holiday spirit and it reminds them that people care about them. By singing for the residents, we are spreading God's love and light,. Our songs can remind them of hope, kindness, and the true meaning of Christmas"



In Years 1 and 5 this week, we collaborated on the Year 1 Design and Technology unit of work, "Windmills".

The fabulous Year 5s were super kind and helped the Year 1s to assemble their windmills into working models. The children were a delight to spend time with, watching lovely compromising, sharing and turn taking skills. Well done to all the children! Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Rhodes were so impressed that the children worked so well – you made us proud to teach at St Chad's!



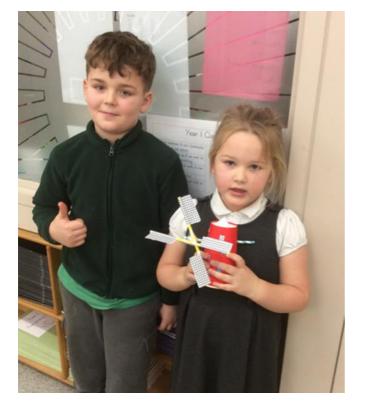
























To conclude Reception's exploration of their senses, the children worked together to design, prepare, make, and taste their very own vegetable soup! The children washed, peeled, and chopped all of the vegetables; they did amazingly. After tasting it themselves, we decided to share it with other members of staff around the school and even our families.

















Thank you to families who signed up for our afterschool clubs.

We are pleased to confirm that a number of clubs will be running next half term. Unfortunately, a small number of clubs did not receive enough sign-ups to run and will not be going ahead next half term. These clubs may be reviewed again in future terms.

For external clubs, facilitators will contact families directly to confirm arrangements. For internal clubs, the school office will be in touch shortly with further details.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or a member of SLT. Thank you for your support!

Online Safety Alert: Risks of JustTalk App

ONLINE SAFETY ALERT:



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 activites. We hope you find them helpful for practising key skills in a fun and engaging way!

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Fun maths games and activities - Oxford Owl for Home

Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe



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SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

 Date
 Time
 Venue

 Wed 14th January
 10.30 till 12.30
 Swarcliffe Community Hub, Leeds, LS14 5LS

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email LLO@leeds.gov.uk











What you might want to speak to each service about



- How to find out about SEND services in Leeds
- The Leeds Local Offer website and events
- Signposting to SEND services



- SEND support in mainstream schools
- Preparing for SEND meetings
- Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments and plans
- Mediation and SEND tribunal appeals
- Specialist schools, settings and provisions
- Preparing for adulthood
- Preparing for educational transitions
- SEND funding
- School transport



- · How to have your voice heard in Leeds.
- How we represent the voices of parents and carers.
- Events and sessions for families.



- Benefits advice and support (DLA and PIP)
- · Emotional support around parent caring role

CHAD Child Health and Disability Team

- What support do CHAD offer?
- How can children access specialist care packages?
- What is the threshold for CHAD social worker involvement?
- General questions or queries about social care?
- How to make a referral?



Our family hubs provide a welcoming space where families with children and young people (0 to 19 years, or up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities) can access support, advice, and services in one convenient location.



- Support with communication
- · Support with eating, drinking and swallowing

Swarcliffe Community Hub

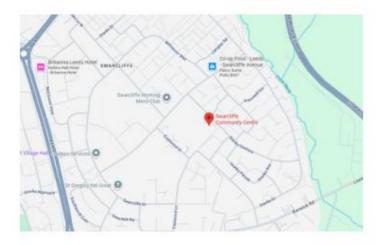
65 Stanks Gardens, Leeds LS14 5LS



Travelling by bus

Take the number 56 bus which will take you to Stanks Lane North. Swarcliffe Community Hub is a 4 minute walk from the bus stop.

The Swarcliffe Community Hub is situated at Swarcliffe Community Centre. When you enter through the main entrance you will be shown to the drop in.



Travelling by car

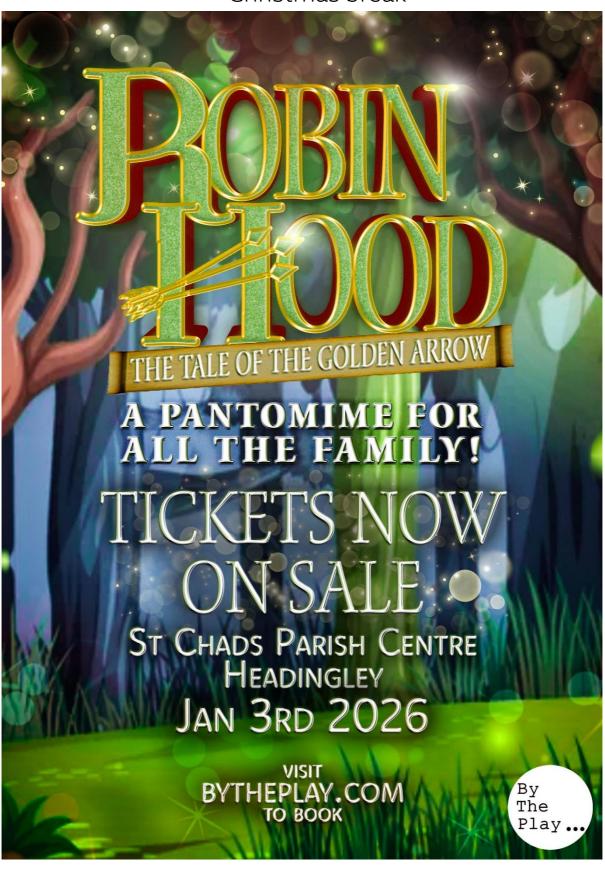
Swarcliffe Community hub is situation at Swarcliffe Community Centre.

Swarcliffe Community Centre is located just off Stanks Gardens, and is an 16 minute drive from Leeds City Centre. There is a car park available.

Use the venue post code in your navigation system (LS14 5LS)

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



SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on

www.parentpay.com

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 reunited 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	ren 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.



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2025 - 2026_version 16



AUTUMN TERM		
September 2025		
Tuesday 2 nd September	8.45am school opens to Nursery, Year 1 to Year 6	
Tuesday 2 rd September	3.15pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting	
Wednesday 3 rd September	Phased start for new Reception pupils	
Thursday 4th September	3.15pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting	
Friday 5th September	3.15pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting	
Monday 8th September	3.15pm Year 5 Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 9th September	Year 4 swimming starts (pm)	
Tuesday 9th September	3.15pm Year 3 Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 9th September	FOSC Meeting No1 – approx. 7pm in the school hall	
Wednesday 10th September	Year 6 Trip (The Royal Armouries)	
Wednesday 10th September	8.45am all Reception children start full time	
Thursday 11th September	9 – 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents	
Friday 12th September	9 – 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents	
Friday 12th September	No Family Worship	
Monday 15th September	3.15pm Reception Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 16th September	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Thursday 18th 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 24th September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip	
Thursday 25th September	9.15am – 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event	
Friday 26th September	Parent Consultation – Booking goes live at 6.30pm	
Tuesday 30th September	Fire Brigade Talk to Year 5/Year 6 (provisional)	
October 2025		
Friday 3™ October	FOSC 'Wine Night'	
Wednesday 8th October	Year 2/Year 3 City of Leeds Diving Club Session	
Wednesday 8th October	Rev Hannah meeting year 1 links to RE Unit	
Monday 13th October	Year 1 only Parents Consultation Event 1 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Tuesday 14th October	Nursery, Reception, Year 2 – Year 6 Parent Consultation Event 1 3.30 – 6.30pm	



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	October 2025		
Wednesday 15th October	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am		
Wednesday 15th October	1.45pm Harvest Service @St . Chad's Church		
Thursday 16th October	3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)		
Friday 17th October	pm Year 3 Stone Age Den Building (provisional)		
Wednesday 22 rd October	9.15 – 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event		
Thursday 23 rd October	Whole School Individual Photos		
Friday 24th October	3.15pm school closes for half term		
November 2025			
Monday 3 rd November	Training Day – School Closed		
Tuesday 4th November	8.45am school opens for nursery to year 6		
Wednesday 5th November	Year 1 Trip to St. Chad's Church		
Thursday 6th November	FOSC Coffee Morning after <u>drop</u> off		
Thursday 6th November	Year 5 Trip to St. Chad's Church		
Friday 7th November	FOSC Coffee and Catch Up from 2.30pm		
Saturday 8th November	Cardinal Heenan Cross Country Event – First Race 10am		
Friday 14th November	FOSC Family Beetle Drive [may need to change TBC]		
Friday 14th November	Children In Need		
Wednesday 19th November	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event		
Friday 21st November	Year2 @Great Fire of London immersive experience (Temple Newsam)		
Saturday 29th November	Woodhouse Grove Cross Country Event – First Race 9.30am		
	December 2025		
Thursday 4th December	10am Nursery Nativity		
Friday 5th December	No Family Worship		
Tuesday 9th December	Year 5 Trip to Temple Newsam		
Tuesday 9th 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 11th December	National Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 11th December	10am Reception and KS1 Nativity	
Thursday 11th December	Year 3 Trip to Leeds Library (The Elves and the Storyteller) – provisional	
Thursday 11th December	2.15pm Reception and KS1 Nativity	
Friday 12th December	FOSC Winter Warmer	
Monday 15th December	Year 3 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (am)	
Monday 15th December	Year 2 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (pm)	
Monday 15th December	Choir singing at Manor Care Home (Horsforth)	
Tuesday 16th December	No Year 4 Swimming	
Tuesday 16th December	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Elf Run (Simon on The Streets)	
Wednesday 17th December	9.30am KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration	
Wednesday 17th December	2.15pm KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration – Note time change	
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 carol singing at Alexandra Court Care Home (am)	
Thursday 18th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church	
Thursday 18th December	Choir Carol Singing in the Playground	
Friday 19th December	No Family Worship	
Friday 19th December	FOSC Christmas Celebration (in school) including Santas Grotto	
Friday 19th December	3.15pm School closes for Christmas Holidays	
Sunday 21st December	Choir to sing at Carols by Candlelight at St Chads Church 6.30pm	
SPRING TERM		
January 2026		
Monday 5th January	8.45am School Re-Opens Nursery to Year 6	
Monday 5th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4	
Tuesday 6th January	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 and Nursery Open Event	
Tuesday 6th January	No Year 4 Swimming	
w/c Monday 12th January	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1	



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January 2026		
Monday 12th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4	
Tuesday 13th January	Year 4 Swimming restarts	
Wednesday 14th January	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Saturday 17th January	Prince Henry's Cross Country Event – First Race 10am	
Monday 19th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4	
w/c 19 [±] January	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2	
Monday 26th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4	
Friday 30th 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 6th February	NCMP and Vision Screening-Reception and Year 6 Children	
Friday 6th February	FOSC Curry and Quiz Night FOSC Family Bingo Night	
Mon 9th – Weds 11th February	Year 5 Bikeabilitx	
Thursday 12th February	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Friday 13th February	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term	
Wednesday 18th February	Lent Starts	
Monday 23rd February	8.45m School Re-Opens	
w/c 23 rd February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins	
Saturday 28th February	Middleton Park Cross Country Event – First Race 10am	
March 2026		
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 12th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange	
Friday 13th March	FOSC Family Bingo Event FOSC Quiz Night	
Tuesday 17th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Wednesday 18th March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries	
Thursday 19th March	Year 1 – Year 6 Reports Issued	
Thursday 26th March	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 1)	
Wednesday 1≭ 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 20th April	8.45am School Opens	
Wednesday 22 nd April	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
May 2026		
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday	
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS Test	
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Friday 15th May	FOSC Spring Fling	
Friday 15th May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)	
Thursday 21st May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Friday 22nd May	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays	
	June 2026	
Monday 1 st June	8.45am School Opens	
Monday 1st June	Multiplication Times Tables Check opens	
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens	
w/c 8th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1	
w/c 15th June	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2	
Tuesday 16th June	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Wednesday 17th June	Year 6 Trip to Saltburn	
Thursday 18th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)	
Friday 19th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)	
Saturday 20th 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 25th June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)	
Friday 26th 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 1 st July	Lawnswood Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)	
Wednesday 1* July	pm Whole School transition afternoon	
Thursday 2 ^{rxl} July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon ~ reserve date)	
Thursday 2 rd July	am Whole School transition morning	
Thursday 2 rd 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)	