



13th February 2026

Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Seb, Lockie, Orla, Ada, Zara, Adam, Marnie, India, Rumaya, Noah,
All Year 5, Max, Kayla and Jack B

Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel I write this often, but once again in the "blink of an eye" the half term – a very soggy one – come to an end. This week's special mention must go to year 5 who had Bikeability on Monday to Wednesday of this week (yes, the wettest days). They were tremendous: they showed great resilience and enthusiasm. Not once did they moan and were still smiling. The instructors were incredibly impressed as were we all.

You will have received a letter this week reminding you about the dates and times for parents' evening, together with how these can be booked and when. Dates for your diary - bookings go live for the whole school **6.30pm Friday 6th March!**

The season of Lent begins during half term, and our school council supported by Mrs Rhodes will be communicating details of each classes Lent Appeal activity after half term. Please note for nursery and reception a separate communication has been shared on tapestry.

Another key date for your diary is World Book Day which is **Thursday 5th March**. I know when my children were in primary school I valued as much notice as possible about this ☺ event. There will be lots happening in school on the day and/or that week, but on the day itself children will be invited to dress up as their **favourite book character**.

Finally, we are in the process of working with the eco council around lost property and will share this when it is 'fully operational'. However, we cannot stress the importance of naming items. When the eco council sorted through the three huge boxes of lost property there were less than half a dozen named items.

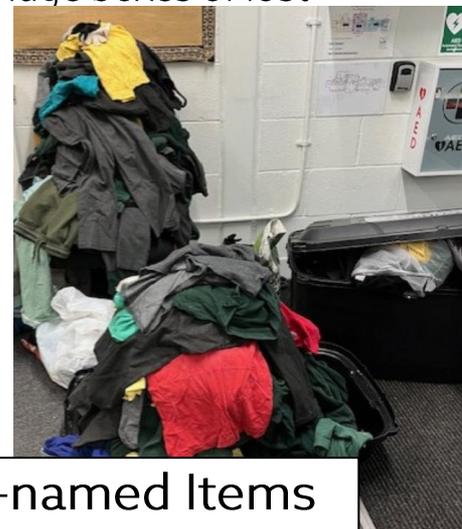
Have lovely half term break and see you on the 23rd February.

Kind Regards

Guia Marsland



Named Items



Un-named Items



Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 have had a busy week, enduring the wet and windy weather, on their bikes. Despite Baltic conditions, all children kept a smile on their face and persevered through! They learnt how to ride safely on the road and explored the highway code. They practised U-turns, group cycling, approaching and much more.

"Going around the cards was difficult," - Sadie

"Despite the cold weather, Bikeability was still really fun!" - Jonah

"Biking with my friends was a brilliant activity!" - Ethan

"It was a nice experience and we all persevered," - Miles

"I enjoyed having everyone support each other," - Juliette





In Nursery this half term we have been learning about sculpture. We looked at the work of Phoebe Cummings, a clay artist who produces beautiful sculptures from raw clay of flowers and plants, and artist Beate Kuhn, who made detailed clay sculptures of real and imaginary animals. We talked about what we liked and what we noticed. Later in provision, some children chose to make fabulous clay sculptures



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Nursery and Reception had a very special visitor. Jonney the firefighter came to show us the special clothes and equipment that help to keep him safe. He spoke to the children about the importance of having a smoke alarm in their houses too. Everyone had lots of questions and some children even got to try on the helmet!



Churches around the world Special visitors

This week we had two special worships led by a Methodist Minister, Rev Tim and a Catholic Priest, Father Marc. They talked about their call to ministry and the priesthood, the historical contexts of Methodism and Catholicism and the highlights of their jobs.

The children said, 'We learnt that Methodists sing a lot of hymns and Catholic Priests use bells in church to help them listen to God.'



Mental Health Awareness Day

The children in Year 1 took part in a circle time where they practised giving compliments to each other. They discussed the importance of being kind to each other and lifting each other up by choosing nice words to say. They were very respectful towards each other. Well done Year 1!



KS2 enjoyed a fun filled taster day with City of Leeds Basketball Club



Year 5 have had a very busy week! On top of their Bikeability training and Basketball taster session, we also welcomed Barbara, our governor, to talk about her recent pilgrimage.

In RE, we have been exploring pilgrimages from different world religions and have discussed what the impact might be people who make pilgrimage.

We were able to use our oracy skills to ask lots of insightful questions about how Barbara felt after completing her trip to Jerusalem. Thank you Barbara!



2026 book missions



This year is the National Year of Reading. Inspired by the BookTrust Reading Mission, we have created a monthly reading mission here at St Chad's Primary School to encourage and celebrate reading throughout the year.

March

Join the World Book Day celebrations



April

Read a poetry book or a verse novel.



May

Can you read a book that makes you laugh!



June

Can you read a book outside! What's the most unusual place you can find?



July

It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book.



August

Can you send a letter or a drawing to your favourite author or illustrator?



September

Read a book because you love its pictures/illustrations



October

Read a spooky book for Halloween!



November

Can you read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact.



December

Swap your favourite book with your friends.



My favourite books of the year are...



Reception and KS1 Children
are invited on Friday
6th March to a Tiger Who
Came to Tea Party



*Dear Parents, Carers
and little readers,*

*We would like to invite Reception
and KS1 to The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Party at St Chad's to celebrate World
Book Day! Join us for a cosy story
time where we will read The Tiger
Who Came to Tea, talk together about
the story and share our ideas about
the characters. After the story, we'll
enjoy a fun tea party to finish our
celebration. Get ready for a roar
some time full of stories, smiles,
and a little bit of tiger magic!*



*From, Miss Griffiths
and Miss Agley.*



For our Lent Appeal this year.

EYFS IS EXCITED TO HOST A SPECIAL

IT'S NOT A SLEEPOVER EVENT

26th February 6-7:15PM

For our Lent appeal this year, EYFS is excited to host a special "It's Not a Sleepover!" event! Children in Nursery and Reception are warmly invited to return to school in the evening for a magical and cosy story time experience. They can come dressed in their pyjamas, bring along their favourite teddy bear, and snuggle up with friends to enjoy stories and popcorn together. Entry is £5 per child, with all proceeds going to our chosen charities.

It's going to be so much fun, and we can't wait to see everyone there!



Quality First Teaching: Support Built In

You may hear staff talk about "Quality First Teaching". This means high-quality classroom practice that benefits all children, including those with SEND. Clear instructions, visual supports, structured routines and flexible ways to show learning are everyday features of classrooms at St. Chad's. Our staff receive regular training to strengthen these approaches, ensuring that support is built into lessons rather than added on later. This means children do not need to struggle or fail before help is offered. Instead, learning environments are designed to reduce barriers from the outset.

Quality First Teaching supports children in different ways – whether that is breaking tasks into smaller steps, using visuals alongside spoken instructions, offering thinking time, or allowing different ways to record ideas. These strategies help children feel successful and confident, while keeping expectations high for everyone.

Try this at home:

When giving instructions, try one or two sequenced steps at a time. Clear, simple language and allowing thinking time can help children process information more easily and feel less overwhelmed.

St Chad's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term	Dates
Term begins	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Last day of Half Term	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
School re-opens	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Last day at School	Friday 18 th December 2026

Spring Term	Dates
Term begins	Monday 4 th January 2027
Training Day	Friday 29 th January 2027
Last day of Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2027
School re-opens	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Good Friday - School Closed	Friday 26 th March 2027
Easter Monday - School Closed	Monday 29 th March 2027
Last day at School	Friday 2 nd April 2027

Summer Term	Dates
Term begins	Monday 19 th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Last day of Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2027
School re-opens	Monday 7 th June 2027
Last day at School	Tuesday 20 th July 2027

Training Days

The tables above include our Training Days which are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 29th January 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

In Partnership to
Educate, Nurture & Empower



Club timetable

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Internal clubs				
3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm
Classical drawing club (KS1 and KS2)	School of Sanctuary Club (KS2)		Choir (KS2)	Basketball (Years 2-6)
			3:15pm – 3:45pm	
			Maths Boosters (Y6)	
External Clubs				
3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm
Multi sports (KS1 and KS2) KS2 only due to insufficient KS1 numbers	Games Club (KS1 and KS2)	Taekwondo (KS1 and KS2)	Football (KS1 and KS2)	Netball (KS1 and KS2) Insufficient numbers - club cancelled
			3:15pm – 4:00pm	
			Art Club (KS1 and KS2)	
Please note: Due to parents' evenings, all clubs will not run on Thursday 26th March Wednesday 1st April				

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:

- **Negotiation**
- **Objective**
- **Odd**



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](#)

Save the date

The FOSC annual curry and quiz returns.

Date : Friday 13th March 2026

Time : 7:15pm start (tbc)

Location: school hall.

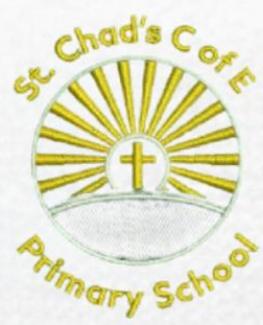
Join us for a fun evening of food, laughs, and friendly competition

More details coming soon!

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15% off
your first order!

Save

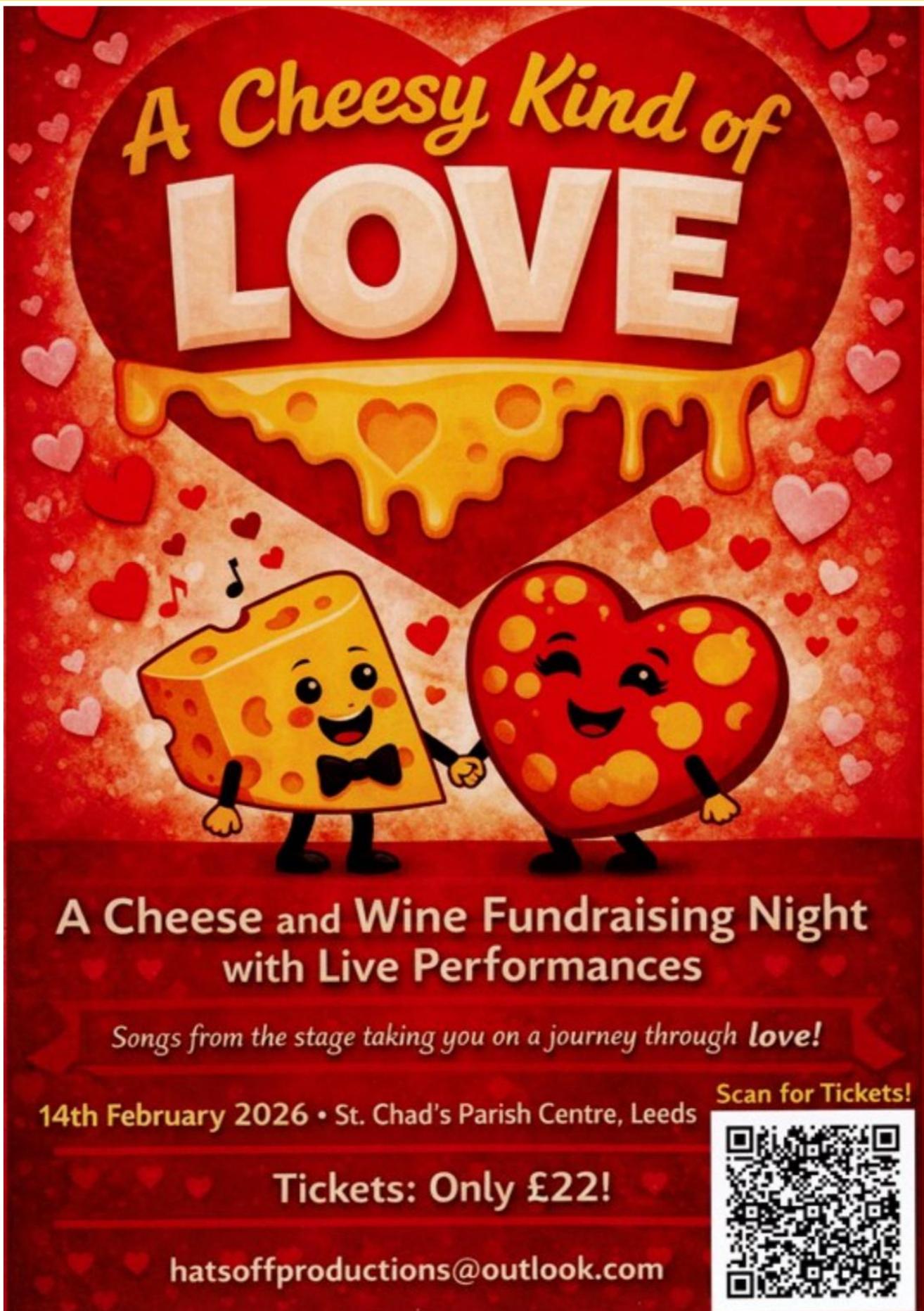
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A Cheese and Wine Fundraising Night
with Live Performances

Songs from the stage taking you on a journey through love!

14th February 2026 • St. Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds

Tickets: Only £22!

hatsoffproductions@outlook.com

Scan for Tickets!



Half of all proceeds to St Chad's church
Raindrop Appeal.

DIVING TALENT SEARCH!

Do you have a child who loves gymnastics, trampolining, or mountain biking, or is just a total adrenaline junkie?

Leeds Diving are on the search for children who want to attend their taster session to explore the sport of diving!

Saturday 18th April 2026

Slot 1: 9.00-11.30

Slot 2: 12.00-14.30

REQUIREMENTS

Children aged 6-8 years

Swimming stage 5+, or confidently swim 50m in deep water (all children will be assessed)

Children will need dryland clothes, and swimwear for the pool

HOW TO BOOK

Please email phoebe.banks@leeds.gov.uk with your child's name, requested time slot, DOB, emergency contact number and any medical details we need to be aware of.

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

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.

We will be sorting the boxes soon as our lost uniform seems to have grown considerably of late!

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.

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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
w/c Monday 12 th January	Year 1 - Year 5 Assessment Week 1
Monday 12 th January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Tuesday 13th January	FOOSC Meeting 8pm (online)
Wednesday 14 th January	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 15th January	FOOSC Coffee Morning 9am
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
Tuesday 3rd February	Reception Trip to Harlow Carr
Friday 6 th February	NCMP and Vision Screening- Reception and Year 6 Children
Friday 6th February	FOOSC Family Bingo Night
Mon 9 th - Weds 11 th February	Year 5 Swimming 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

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SPRING TERM (continued)

March 2026 (continued)

Friday 13 th March	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)

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

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June 2026 (continued)	
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)
Saturday 27 th 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 st July	pm Whole School transition afternoon
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)
Thursday 2 nd July	am Whole School transition morning
Thursday 2 nd July	Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Friday 3 rd July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 8 th July	5pm Year 6 Production
Thursday 9 th July	10 – 2pm Year 6 Mearwood Park
Monday 13 th July	School Reports issued
Friday 10 th July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery End of Year Celebration (pm)
Wednesday 15 th July	Reception End of Year Celebration (pm)
Wednesday 15 th July	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 16 th July	1.45pm Leavers Service @St. Chad's Church
Friday 17 th July	2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 th July	School closes
Monday 20 th July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 21 st July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)