



Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Musa, Auggie, Isaac, Reuben, Lizzie, Kalvinder, Jake, Nimrah, Iylah, Marley, Jack B, Sadie and Grace

Dear Parents/Carers,

So much going on this week again, and all the lovely spring weather! Firstly, thank you so much to OOHA staff and children on Wednesday evening for their calmness and maturity in dealing with incident involving the stolen car which was driven into the outer school gate. A huge thank you to Mr Waudby who came back to school and worked his magic somehow making our gate secure and almost presentable! Yesterday, we liaised with our local councillor about next steps; we will update you when we are able.

There were over 90 members of our school community who attended our Read It Say It Write Event. We were overwhelmed by the number in attendance and will definitely look to run similar events in the future. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to FOSC for providing the coffee and biscuits; to our key stage two oracy leads for explaining the importance of reading; Mrs Holloway (the Trust's Strategic Lead (English)) and Miss Agley for organising the event.

For parents in year 1 to year 6 you should have received your child's report which includes your child's attendance up until Friday 13th February. There are several children with 100% attendance which is amazing 😊. Please see below to help understand your child's attendance:

Attendance During One School Year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	54 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	114 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	174 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	228 Lessons

Many thanks

A child with 80% attendance throughout primary school will miss the equivalent of over a full year of learning by the end of year 6.

Guia Marsland

The Year 5 Big Bird Watch

As part of our statistics unit, Year 5 put their understanding to the test and gathered real life data to analyse. We enjoyed spending Tuesday morning outside of class in the sunshine and counting the different types of birds that visited our playground.

The children had great fun outside and even saw some birds of prey!



Eid Celebrations

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 and Year 5 collaborated to make cards for those who are celebrating Eid.

The children learnt about the festival of Eid and children shared their own experiences.

It was great to see relationships being built and both Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Rhodes were impressed with the team work! We wish all of our lovely families who are celebrating Eid a happy time!



Year 1 Visit from a Vet

We were extremely fortunate to have one of our parents, Mr Drewrey in to deliver a session to us all about care of pets, which links to our English unit of work. He led a very engaging session and we played a fabulous game of Guess the Animal from an x-ray. Thank you to Phoenix and Amber for being wonderful veterinary nurses too!





Year 4 Worship

On Tuesday, Year 4 delivered a fantastic class assembly based on *The Friend at Midnight Parable*. Through confident speaking, thoughtful acting and expressive storytelling, the children brought the story to life and explored its themes of resilience, courage and trust. We were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork, and they thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with the wider school community!



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:

- Persistent
- Perspective
- Potential



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](#)



Understanding Autism as a Difference

At St. Chad's, the majority of teaching and support staff, including our lunch time supervisors, have completed the Autism Education Trust Tier 1 training through STARS, which supports us to understand autism as a difference, not a deficit. Our SENCo has also completed Tier 2 and Tier 3 training.

Autistic children may experience the world differently in areas such as communication and interaction, sensory processing or flexibility of thinking. These differences often come with real strengths too, such as creativity, honesty, deep interests or strong memory. Autism looks different for every child.

Our training helps staff move beyond typical stereotypes and focus on understanding each child as an individual. This includes using clear language, predictable routines, visual supports and calm, consistent approaches. These strategies benefit many children, not just those who are autistic.

By reducing uncertainty and increasing understanding, we help children feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

Try this at home:

Predictability helps many children. Giving advance warning of changes (for example, "In five minutes, we're leaving.") can reduce anxiety and help transitions feel calmer.



-  www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk
-  @Leeds Local Offer
-  LLO@leeds.gov.uk
-  <https://tinyurl.com/LLOWhatsApp>

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 1 April	10.30 till 12.30	Carr Manor Community Hub, Carr Manor Community School, Stainbeck Lane, LS7 2PS

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- 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



- Parent-Led Support: A welcoming community for families of children with disabilities to connect and share experiences.
- Inclusive Activities: Sensory-friendly sessions, inclusive play, and family events that build confidence and social inclusion.
- Advocacy & Resources: Help with equipment, peer support, and working with healthcare providers to improve local services and accessibility.



- 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

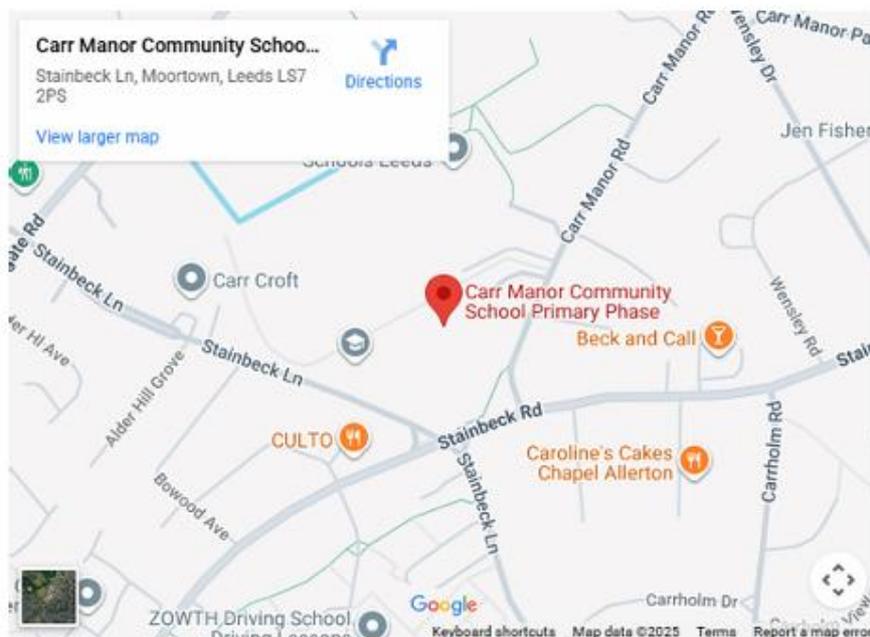
Carr Manor Community Hub

Carr Manor Community School, Stainbeck Lane,
LS7 2PS



Coming from the city centre, head out of Leeds onto the A58/A61. At the traffic lights head straight on to Sheepscar Street North (A61). Continue onto Scott Hall Road (A61). At the first roundabout continue straight on (A61). At the second roundabout turn left onto Stainbeck Lane.

Continue down Stainbeck Lane to the traffic light junction and then take the second right after the traffic lights into the Primary Phase car park (the first right is the car park exit).



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW MENU!

We are delighted to share that after the Easter break we will be launching our new primary school menu. This refreshed menu has been designed around three key priorities: **safety, nutrition and enjoyment**. We want every child to have access to meals that are delicious, balanced and inclusive, while also preparing our offer for future school food standards.

KEEPING PUPILS SAFE: Safety remains our top priority. Working with the Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, we have reviewed our core menu to reduce allergens where possible and support more children to enjoy the same mealtime experience together. Our **Allergy Aware** menu helps every pupil enjoy a healthy, balanced meal with confidence.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms
2	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms
3	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms
4	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms
5	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast chicken with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms	Roast beef with onion gravy, roast potatoes, peas, carrots & mushrooms

SUPPORTING HEALTHIER CHOICES: We have also made a number of positive menu updates, including a greater focus on pulses and legumes, more balanced choices, and a fruit dessert with no added sugar. You will see ingredients such as lentils and chickpeas referenced more clearly in familiar favourites like **beef and lentil bolognese** and **chicken and chickpea creamy coconut curry**. This helps children become more familiar with a wider range of nutritious foods. A **chilled watermelon wedge** will also feature as a lighter dessert option for the warmer months.



NUTRITIONIST'S CHOICE: **UP 20%**
We are proud to continue expanding our **Nutritionist's Choice** range, which focuses on reducing ultra-processed ingredients and increasing the fruit and vegetables within our dishes. Since our last menu, the number of **Nutritionist's Choice** dishes has increased by **20%**!

A few new dishes to look out for:

- Pea Powered Vegetable Stir Fry
- Tomato, Spinach & Salmon Pasta
- Carrot Cake with Orange Glaze

We have also improved our everyday staples, with all rice now served as a 50/50 blend of wholegrain and white varieties.

As always, we continue to listen to pupil feedback and shape a menu children enjoy every day. We are excited for everyone to try the new menu and hope it becomes a highlight of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Alex Hall

Food Director
Impact Food Group



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



LEEDS UNITED
FOUNDATION

5-12
YEARS OLD

CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

MIXED SOCCER SCHOOLS

30TH MAR - 17TH APR

9:00AM - 3:00PM

KINGS JAMES HIGH SCHOOL, HG5 8EB
GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT LEEDS, LS17 8GS
GARFORTH ACADEMY, LS25 1LJ
ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LS27 9LX
ST WILFRIDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WF7 6BD
PRINCE HENRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LS21 2BB

Led by FA-qualified coaches, our sessions are packed with skill-building activities, small-sided games, and friendly competitions designed to boost confidence both on and off the pitch.

Every child is fully supervised by DBS-checked, first-aid-trained coaches, ensuring a safe, supportive, and positive environment throughout.

You can book per day or make the most of it with our full 4-day course. Perfect for kids who love football and want to learn the Leeds United way!

HOW TO BOOK:

EMAIL: soccer.schools@leedsunited.com
or scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE!



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HALF-TERM FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES



LEEDS UNITED
FOUNDATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

7-14
YEARS OLD

GIRLS ONLY CAMPS



WAKEFIELD

30TH MAR - 2ND APR

LEEDS

7TH APR - 10TH APR

13TH APR - 16TH APR



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HOW TO BOOK:

MAKE SURE TO CHOOSE GIRLS ONLY

EMAIL: womenandgirls@leedsunited.com
or scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE!



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CHILDS
PLACE
NOW!**

Lent Appeal Years 1 and 2

Fancy dress day!
Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in an obstacle race in fancy dress on Thursday 2nd April.

Please bring your donations on the day.

Any fancy dress at all! 😊

Piano Lessons

at St. Chad's Academy



**LINK
LEARNING**

Piano Lessons at St. Chad's Academy

Link Learning are offering piano lessons at St. Chad's Academy. Lessons are taken weekly during the school day during term time. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at admin@linklearning.education.

What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

Tuition price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)

Please register at www.linklearning.education/register

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

To learn more visit linklearning.education

**LINK
LEARNING**

Friends of St Chad's

AGM



Tuesday 24th MARCH

8pm via Teams

Meeting ID: 934 895 169 590 5

Password: xe9Xb6

Whether you would like to get more involved or just want to hear more about what the PTA has been up to, please come and join!

PURPLE PARTY

Lent Appeal

2nd April

This year, we would like to invite Year 3 and Year 4 to come to school **dressed in PURPLE** for our own purple parties for lent. Children are encouraged to be as creative as they want to be though there will be opportunities to incorporate purple into their outfits on the day regardless.

Children are also encouraged to bring in purple themed snacks and food for a **purple picnic** in the afternoon too. It will be an extra fun way of learning about the importance of lent appeal and our chosen charity.

Ideally, please remember to bring your donations towards the charity with you on the day.



Teachers2Parents

If you have the teachers to parents app please can you delete it from your phone. We are experiencing problems with some parents not receiving text messages because the messages are delivered to the app. If you do not have the app installed messages will come through as a text. Thank you

INTRODUCTION TO GIRLS RUGBY



**WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL
7 - 7.30 PM**

**THE SYCAMORES, BRAMHOPE
LS16 9JR**



WEST PARK LEEDS RUFC

Please email:

marketing@westparkleeds.com



**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**

Cricket for girls ages 8 - 11

Sign up today at: meanwoodcc.com/dynamos

Join us at Meanwood Cricket Club, Parkside Road, Leeds LS6 4NE

Timings Eight sessions: Saturdays 9-10am, May 2 – June 20

Sessions Girls-only ages 8-11, Female-led coaching team

Total cost £40 including personalised New Balance t-shirt

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	
February 2026	
Monday 23 rd February	8.45m School Re-Opens
w/c 23 rd February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins
Thursday 26 th February	EYFS It's Not a Sleepover Event 6 - 7.15pm
Saturday 28 th February	Middleton Park Cross Country Event - First Race 10am
March 2026	
Wednesday 4 th March	KS2 Poetry SLAM Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	EYFS & KS1 The Tiger Who Came To Tea Party
Monday 9th March	Year 4 Multisport @Abbey Grange
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange
Friday 13 th March	FOOSC Quiz Night
Tuesday 17 th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries
Thursday 19th March	8.45am Read It - Say It - Share It Open House Event
Thursday 19 th March	Year 1 - Year 6 Reports Issued
Tuesday 24th March	Year 5 Easter Experience @ Cornerstones Baptist Church
Tuesday 24th March	FOOSC AGM 8pm Via Teams
Thursday 26 th March	Year 4 Easter Experience @ Cornerstones Baptist Church
Thursday 26 th March	2.15pm You Are Special (Choir - invited parents)
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
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

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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
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 5 Trip to Leeds Grand Mosque
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
Saturday 20th June	FOSC Summer Fair (note correction)
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 6 supporting @National PE Conference (Leeds Becketts)
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Thursday 25 th June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)
Saturday 27th June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) —confirmed

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)

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July 2026 (continued)

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 Meanwood 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)
Tuesday 14 th July	FOSC Reception to Year 6 School Disco (TBC)
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
Thursday 16 th July	FOSC Reception to Year 6 School Disco (TBC)
Friday 17 th July	2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 th July	School closes
Monday 20 th July & Tues 21 st	Training Days (school closed to pupils)