

27th March 2026



Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Kai, Drae, Pria, Kaya, Viola, Zak H, Nimrah, Tom, All Year 4, Emma, Alex and Grace

Another wonderful week in school. Thank you to Mrs Futers and the choir for their fabulous performance of You Are Special. Not only was the singing, acting and speaking fantastic but the underlying messages of celebrating difference was so powerful. Hopefully, the choir will share one of the songs at our Easter Service next week.

This brings me on to our Easter Service next week. We are hoping the service will start at 1.30pm but we will confirm the start time next week. If you would like to join us on our walk to Church, please let the office know and you are all welcome to join us in Church. Once again, I am terribly sorry we had to cancel the Christmas Service at Church; I have been watching the weather forecast for next week and am confident we will be in Church!

We have had to temporarily close the top gates off Thornfield Avenue. This has resulted in more footfall onto Northolme Avenue. We currently say no cycling or scootering once through the wooden gates. From Monday, can we please request that bikes and scooters are walked once through the gates on Northolme Avenue and on school grounds for everybody's safety.

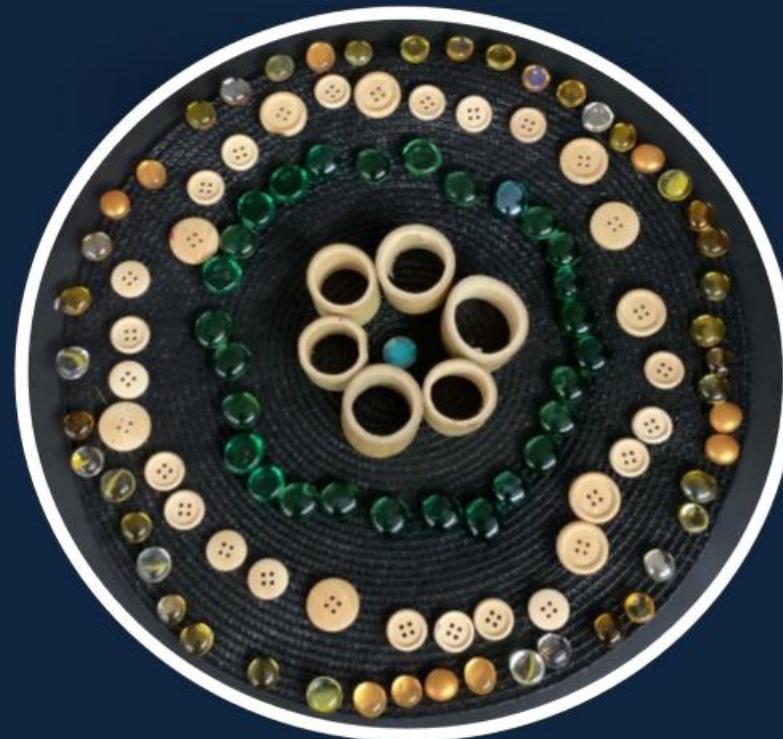
Yesterday we held our first spring consultation event; thank you to all those who attended and to our year 6 pupils for their 'meet and greet' role, and immaculate timing with the bell. Thank you also for respecting the bell and keeping to time 😊. Apologies to those attending the latest appointments when the last of year 6 children had left; Miss Matthews and my timing was not as accurate!

This week saw year 4 and year 5 attend a special event learning about Easter at Cornerstone Baptist Church, and year 6 went to see the musical Joseph performed by Abbey Grange's drama group. It was a great performance and lovely to see some of our former pupils in action. Next week years 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in Easter bonnet parades for the residents of Alexandra Court Residential Home. Many of our classes will also be taking part in their chosen Lent appeal activity.

For now, let's hope the spring conditions return of the weekend and we look forward to welcoming you on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Guia Marsland

Nursery Mandalas to celebrate Mothering Sunday



The object chosen for the middle of the mandala has great significance. As Mum's and Grandma's, you are in the centre of your child's world, so this represents how special you are!
We hope you all had a wonderful day.

Little Easter Chicks by Nursery



We drew the outline of our chick in black pen.
We filled in the spaces with watercolours trying
our best to not go over the lines.

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Year 3 visited the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds to further their learning about Romans in Britain. It brought our history topic to life through a Boudicca workshop. They explored the story of Boudicca and the resistance of the Celtic tribes against the Roman invasion. The children had a great fun learning!



Marnie – I liked hearing the story from the Celt about their battles with the Romans. I also liked holding a real life sword.



Jake – I really enjoyed our class trip to the Royal Armouries because I like the Roman and Celts workshop, and watching the battle at the end was brilliant!



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Noah had a great time fundraising at his bake sale on Saturday, he raised over £130 for sunshine and smiles and his favourite was definitely the chocolate cake! Well done Noah!





On Monday 23rd March, amidst revision for SATS, year 6 took a trip over to Abbey Grange to watch the high school's first full rehearsal of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. We witnessed some absolutely incredible singing, beautifully crafted costumes and gorgeous smiles from St Chad's alumni (including a solo performance from Grace's older brother, Oliver). It definitely gave us inspiration for our own production in July and provided us all with a real sense of awe and wonder.

Thank you Abbey Grange for letting us sneak a peek – we hope your performances went brilliantly this week!!

A trip to Cornerstone Baptist Church

Year 4 and Year 5 have enjoyed a morning at Cornerstone Baptist Church, learning all about Easter. We were welcomed with juice and biscuits and enjoyed some quite colouring on arrival. Then, we learnt about Good Friday and why we it is called this. Marc answered lots of our questions and we even got to see the baptism pool which was available to view!

After some fun games and arts and crafts, we got to work in teams to create our own Easter gardens.

A brilliant day was had by all (including the teachers)!





FOSC Curry and Quiz Night

Here is our winning team from this year's FOSC Curry quiz which was a great success raising £450. Thanks to all those who attended and contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable evening. It was lovely to have a staff team this year, thank you for joining us. Huge thanks to Lucy Wiggins and the team of helpers, and the Quiz Masters, Rob Chauhan and Matt Pitman.



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! 😊



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.

Year 5 Lent Appeal

For our Lent Appeal, we are going to do 'Crazy Hair Day' on Thursday 2nd April. You can wear a funky hairstyle or cool hair accessory. We will also have a competition to see who has the craziest hair!

Please bring your donations into school on the day



Year 6 Lent Appeal

For our Lent Appeal, we are going to do 'Odd Shoes and Socks Day' on Thursday 2nd April. Children are invited to wear mismatching shoes and socks.

Please bring your donations into school on the day



Message from Councillor Izaak Wilson

You may be aware that he visited school last week to look at the damage done to the gate following the incident on Wednesday 18th March. Izaak is liaising with the highways and the police. When Izaak was at school, a number of parents raised the issue of e-bikes with him. He is running a public meeting on **Friday 24th April** and has asked that we share a link to his survey:

<https://forms.gle/3GJbyXXRGG38JGdd8>

He is also happy for you to contact him directly on:

izaak.wilson@leeds.gov.uk

Finally, **Tuesday 31st March** is the West Park Residents Association AGM which will be held in the school hall. Izaak will also be in attendance and happy to answer any questions during the Q&A.

Reminders about Hoop Earrings Please

We have noticed an increase in children wearing hoop earrings. As per our uniform policy for safety reasons, we ask that only small stud earrings are worn.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

General School Uniform

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/smart school trousers/shorts
- Gold or bottle green polo shirt (with or without logo) or white blouse/shirt worn with a tie
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Green or yellow check or stripe dress
- Black sensible school shoes (flat heels)
- Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours if possible
- For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery in school. Where children have pierced ears, they should wear a small pair of flat ear stud earrings (no hoops please). Earrings should be removed for PE.



Creating Calm, Predictable Classrooms

Children learn best when they feel calm, safe and secure. At St. Chad's, classrooms are designed to be predictable and supportive so children know what to expect throughout the day.

Staff use clear routines, visual timetables and consistent language to reduce uncertainty. Calm classrooms help children focus their attention on learning rather than worrying about what might happen next. This is especially supportive for children who experience anxiety, sensory sensitivities or difficulty processing information.

Predictability does not mean rigidity. Teachers remain flexible and responsive, adjusting support when children need extra reassurance or movement. These small adjustments help children regulate themselves and remain engaged.

Creating calm environments is a proactive approach - it supports wellbeing before difficulties arise.

Try this at home:

Simple routines (such as a consistent bedtime or morning sequence) can help children feel secure and reduce stress, particularly during busy periods.

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:

- PROCESS
- REACTION
- REFINE



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](#)

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
Breakfast	Porridge with blueberries	Porridge with raspberries & banana	Porridge with strawberries & banana	Porridge with apple & banana	Porridge with orange & banana
Light Lunch	Roast chicken with potatoes & vegetables	Roast beef with potatoes & vegetables	Roast pork with potatoes & vegetables	Roast lamb with potatoes & vegetables	Roast turkey with potatoes & vegetables
Afternoon Tea	Crackers	Crackers	Crackers	Crackers	Crackers
Dinner	Beef & lentil bolognese	Chicken & chickpea creamy coconut curry	Beef & lentil bolognese	Chicken & chickpea creamy coconut curry	Beef & lentil bolognese
Dessert	Chilled watermelon wedge	Chilled watermelon wedge	Chilled watermelon wedge	Chilled watermelon wedge	Chilled watermelon wedge

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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NOW!**

HALF-TERM FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES



LEEDS UNITED
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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.

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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)