



16th October 2026

Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Musa, Margot, Reuben, Autumn, Zak T, Sami, Amelie, India C, Orlaith, Oscar, Neha and Rudy

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can hardly believe that it is the last newsletter of the half term. There will not be one next week as Friday 23rd October is a training day.

A huge thank you to FOSC for providing coffee and biscuits for all our school families who attended our Read It Say It Share It Event. It was fantastically well attended again. We will be hosting more of these and will try to set some dates well in advance.

Some key dates for next week:

- Wednesday AM Year 6 Trip to the Royal Armouries
- Wednesday PM Reception and Year 6 Nature Walk
- Thursday Open Morning for Reception 2027 and Nursery

I am delighted to share that we hope to run another after school club on a Wednesday which will be girls' football (KS2). It will be run by the Leeds United Foundation provided numbers are high enough – there will be a small charge for the session about £3-£4. Please complete the attached link if you are interested [Leeds United Girls Only Football Afterschool Club – Fill in form](#). It has been lovely to see our girls' interest in football develop this year and it is something that a fabulous group of year 5 girls started. They asked if they could have a day when it was girls only football on the playground, so we arranged for Lucy our Leeds United coach to support them with this on a Monday lunchtime. Every week the turnout is fantastic just like the teamwork and sportsmanship. Will we find the next Ella Toome?

A polite reminder that our parents evening bookings go live on Arbor at 6pm today so please remember to login and book.

Finally, a gentle reminder not to park on the cul-de-sac of Thornfield Avenue and if grandparents pick up please pass on this message so we do not accost your children's wonderful grandparents!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and half term break when it comes.

Read it, Say it, Share it event for DLD

We were delighted to welcome so many parents to another of our termly **Read it, Say it, Share it** events!

This time, we placed **Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)** at the heart of our morning to raise awareness of a condition that affects communication.

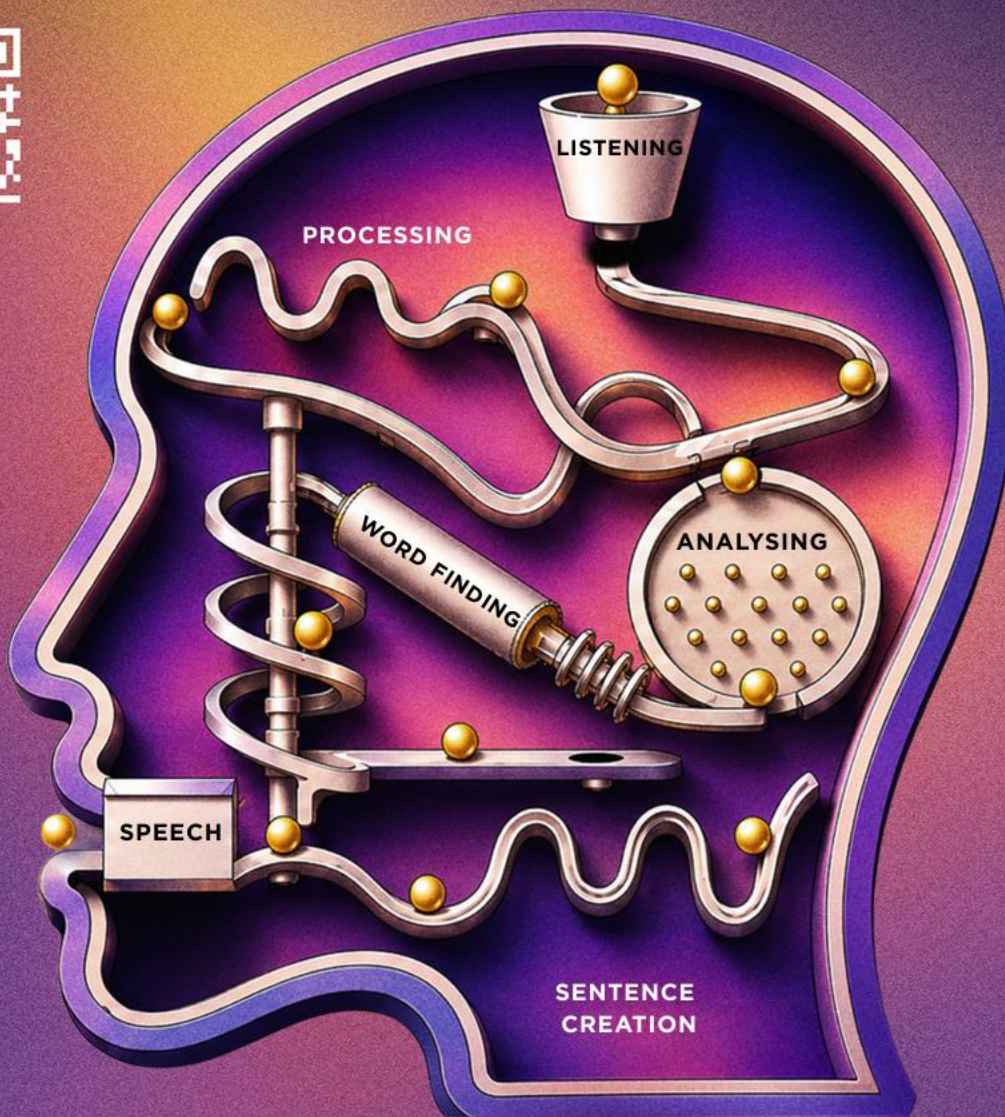
This links closely to our work on oracy, which is all about developing children's communication skills, giving them the confidence to express themselves and ensuring every voice is heard and valued.

It was a wonderful morning of reading, talking and sharing, and we would like to thank all the parents who joined us and helped make the event such a success! Thanks also to our class Oracy Leaders who presented at the event, too.





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DLD



DO YOU HAVE

DLD?

DLD IMPACTS 1 IN 14 PEOPLE

Who's Who?

There are some new faces around school – we have some fabulous trainee teachers from Leeds Beckett and Leeds Trinity Universities. Here are their names and photos so you know who your children might mention at home! They will be with us until we break up for Christmas. We are excited to have them on board!



Miss Hanafin - Reception



Miss Wood – Year 1



Miss Wallace – Year 5



Miss Boyle – Nursery



Mr Jackson – Year 4

Year 1 & Year 5 walking buddies

Year 1 and Year 5 enjoyed a lovely opportunity to meet up with their new church buddies and get to know each other better! Together, they discussed what our expectations look like when travelling to church, including how we can keep one another safe, respect our local community and take care of other people's property. Of course, it wasn't all serious talk, though! The children also enjoyed discovering three interesting facts about their buddy and spending time Autumn colouring together. It was wonderful to see friendships beginning to blossom across the year groups and we're looking forward to seeing some exceptional teamwork as our church buddies head to our next church service together.



In Collective Worship last week, the children in Year 1 took lead and retold the Parable of The Good Samaritan. They acted out key roles, demonstrated the message of the story and sang their hearts out about loving their neighbours. They were incredible!





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Is your child due to start **Reception**
in September 2027, or are you
looking for a **Nursery place**?

Open Days

Wednesday

30th Sept

9:15-10:45am

Thurs

22nd Oct

9:15-10:45am

Wednesday

11th Nov

1:30-2:45pm

Join us and explore everything our school has to offer, meet our dedicated staff, discover our vibrant learning environment and learn more about our teacher-led nursery.



**Register your
attendance**

<https://form.jotform.com/abbeymat/SCOpenEvents>



Childcare

Affordable & fun **wraparound
childcare** from 7:30am to 6:00pm

Easter, summer & training day clubs



SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on the Arbor Parent Portal 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 find that families rarely look there and so the lost property builds up. We will on a 2 weekly basis empty the lost property and send it to charity if not collected.

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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AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)

October 2026

Friday 9 th October	No Family Worship Coffee Morning (in support of Salivary Gland Cancer UK and The Christie Charity's Ella Project)
Thursday 15 th October	FOSC Coffee Catch Up & Read It Say It Share It
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 6 Trip Royal Armouries (am)
Wednesday 21 st October	OOHA Event for children attending Fancy Dress Glow Disco (see correspondence from OOHA)
Thursday 22 nd October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd October	9.15 – 10.45am Reception and Nursery Open Event Number 2
Friday 23 rd October	Training Day
Friday 23 rd October	OOHA Training Day Club (apply for spaces)

November 2026

Monday 2 nd November	8.45am school opens for reception to year 6 and 9am for nursery
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Consultation from 3.30pm (Session One) including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Thursday 5 th November	Parent Consultation from 3.30pm (Session Two) including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Tuesday 10 th November	FOSC Meeting Number 2 ~ All Welcome
Wednesday 11 th November	1.30 – 2.45pm Nursery and Reception Open Event Number 3
Monday 16 th November	Bake Sale Year Group TBC
Friday 20th November	FOSC Family Bingo Night TBC
Friday 27 th November	Children In Need (To Be Confirmed)

December 2026

Wednesday 2 nd December	9.30am Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 6 Trip RERF (am)
Tuesday 8 th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance One)
Thursday 10 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance Two)
Friday 11 th December	FOSC Winter Warmer after school

AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 2026

Monday 14 th December	OOHA Games Tournament (for OOHA children ~ see separate OOHA communication)
Tuesday 15 th December	2.15pm KS2 Carol Concert (Performance One)
Wednesday 16 th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17 th December	9.15am KS2 Carol Concert (Performance Two)
Friday 18 th December	No Family Worship
Friday 18 th December	FOSC Santas Grotto
Friday 18 th December	Merry Christmas Everyone! School closes at 3.15pm for Reception to Year 6 and at 3pm to Nursery