6th November 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic first week back in school, and a busy one too. All our children have settled back brilliantly, and there is something magical about the autumn colours and children playing in the autumn leaves.

A huge thank you to our brilliant office staff. Mrs Fish and Miss Pollard have been amazing organising school photos, parents evening, flu jabs, clubs, cross country registration in addition to the usual day job!

This Saturday sees our first cross country league event at Cardinal Heenan. Thanks to Miss Blakeney for supporting at this event and good luck to all our pupils taking part.

A huge thank you to our year 6 pupils who supported at parents evening this week and will be supporting with our tours for prospective parents next week. Our next event is 1.30pm on Wednesday 11th November. If you have not yet booked a tour or have friends and neighbours who would be interested, please share.

Don't forget Friday 13th November is Children In Need and children are welcome to come to school in their PJs or something spotty. Our school families are welcome to join on Friday about 9.05am for our St. Chad's Conga for Children In Need. The conga will be led by Kop Kat (Leeds United's mascot) who is paying us a special visit. Thank you to Miss Mathews for her support on the day as having had a crazy idea to organise a conga Mrs Marsland is out all day!!!!

We are also delighted on Friday to invite a group of students from Bishop Young Academy. They wrote and performed a phenomenal poem at the Trust's Poetry Slam last June on the theme was on diversity and inclusion. Their powerful words and performance was not only recognised at the Trust's Poetry Slam, but they were also invited to Thorpe Arch to meet up with some of the Leeds United players. https://www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk/news/thorp-arch#:~:text=Our%20students%20enjoyed%20a%20tour,the%20Leeds%20United%20teams%20train! Not only will they be performing their poem for year 5 and year 6 next week but they will also be supporting them to write and perform their own poems, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Reception and Year 6 celebrated Nature Week by embarking on a nature walk around our local field. The children captured photographs of their favourite parts of nature, taking time to enjoy moments of mindfulness and discussing the importance of caring for and protecting our natural environment.

Back at school, the children took turns presenting their favourite pieces of nature, exploring seasonal changes and sharing how being outdoors and connecting with nature made them feel. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the natural world, develop our understanding of the changing seasons and appreciate the nature that we have access to in our local community.

A Bucketful of Autumn







And the nature fun continued in Year 1 and Year 3!

We mixed our classes and got to know different children and make good connections. We collected leaves and had a go at leaf rubbing using wax crayons through paper on top of the leaves. We loved working together as a team and creating some beautiful artwork. It is going up for display in our hall, so do keep an eye out for it.





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More Nature Fun in Year 5 and Year 2…

as they enjoyed outdoor nature explorations and made their own natural creations using their surroundings. Have a look at their fabulous creations below!











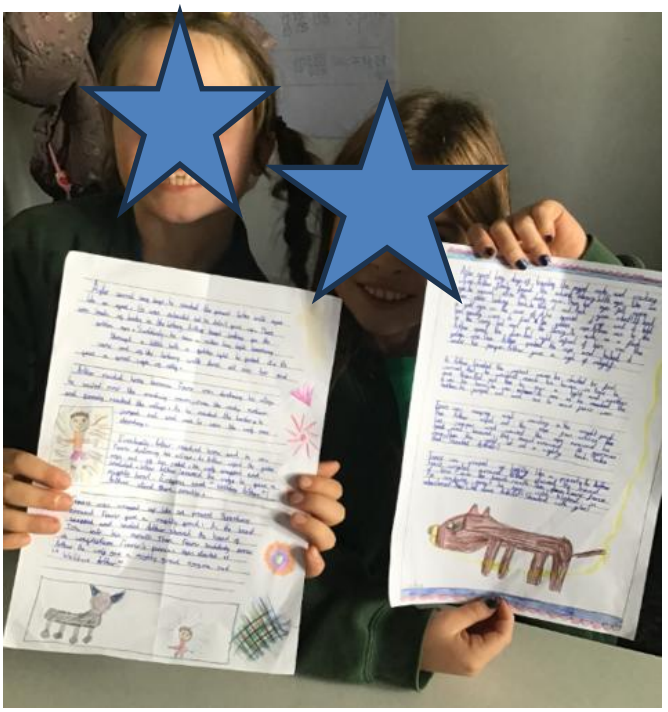
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Year 4 and Year 1 'Share our Learning'

Year 4 kindly read their wonderful imaginative stories to Year 1s before the half term break. The Year 1s listened well and asked thoughtful questions and the Year 4s did incredibly well to read their work aloud. What a lovely time we all had!







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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
11th Nov
1:30-2:45pm

Register your attendance

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.

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



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Give the gift of warmth: clothing collection

Leeds Schools of Sanctuary



Your school collections will be donated to local organisations supporting those seeking asylum in Leeds:

PAFRAS
Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Meeting Point

Donations will be collected by Leeds Schools of Sanctuary on:

Monday 30th November

As the months turn colder, we all know the importance of having warm clothes. As part of our ongoing support with PAFRAS, we are collecting donations of clothing to support those in need.

If you have any warm clothes that you would like to donate to PAFRAS, please bring them into school by 27.11.26 so that they can be collected by Leeds Schools of Sanctuary.

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Leeds SEND Local Offer

www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk

LLO@leeds.gov.uk

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 11 November	10.30 till 12.30	Horsforth Library Building, LS18 5BL

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Famiy Hub SEND Coordinators
- Time for young people
- Independent Travel Training Team

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

Leeds SEND Local Offer

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

LEEDS PCF

- SEND support in mainstream schools
- Preparing for SEND meetings
- EHCP's
- Mediation and SEND tribunal appeals
- Specialist schools, settings and provisions
- Preparing for adulthood
- Preparing for educational transitions
- SEND funding
- School transport

Leeds SEND Information Advice Support Service

- Parent-Led Support: A community for families of children with disabilities to connect and share experiences.
- Inclusive Activities: Sensory-friendly sessions, inclusive play, and family events.
- Advocacy & Resources: Help with equipment, peer support, and working with healthcare providers.

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

Carers Leeds

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

NHS
Leeds Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

We help children and young people and children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to travel independently to school or college.

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.

Leeds Family Hubs

- Low-level emotional wellbeing support for children and young people
- No appointments needed—drop in to any of our Leeds Hubs
- Safe, welcoming, creative spaces where children, young people and families feel heard, understood, and accepted
- Support with anxiety, emotional regulation, low mood, identity, education and much more

Time for young people | The Children's Society

- 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?

CHAD
Child Health and Disability Team

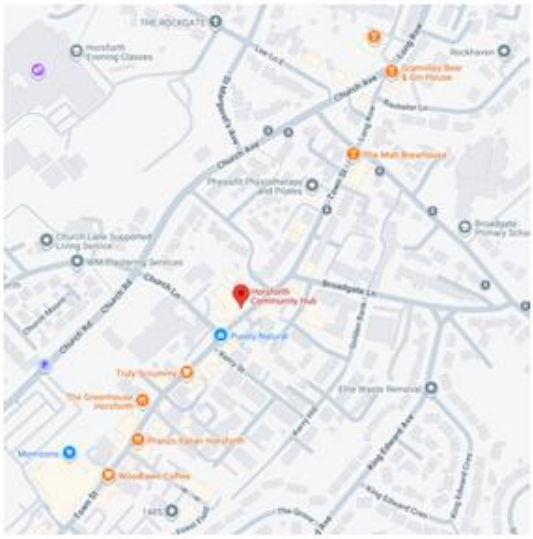
Horsforth Community Hub and Library

Town street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5BL



Travelling by bus

The number 50 and 50a bus stop is situated on Town Street – approximately 150 metres from the Hub. The number 97 bus stop is situated on Broadgate Lane – approximately 150 metres from the Hub.



Travelling by car

Sat Nav – please use postcode LS18 5BL

There is a free car park with disabled parking, and on street parking nearby. On street parking is limited to two hours.

The main door is on the main road. There is a ramp leading up to the main doors, which are automatic, opened by using a touch button.

LOCAL WELCOME

Scan here and book your seat at the table!

JOIN OUR LEEDS
COMMUNITY MEAL

You'll cook and eat a meal from scratch, with other awesome people, like you - some born in your local area, some new, some seeking sanctuary, or refugees.

It's a great way to translate your values into action, make new friends, and learn delicious healthy recipes. You might start cooking with strangers, but you'll end up eating with friends.

All our recipes are vegetarian and totally delicious. Meals are also inclusive for people who have vegan, gluten-free and dairy free diets. Our allergy charts clearly label the ingredients of each recipe as well.

You don't need to bring anything with you. Just book your place, and we'll see you there. Attendance is free for refugees and people seeking sanctuary!



Your next local community meal:

The first weekend of every month in Leeds

Book your seat at the table:
https://ti.to/local-welcome/local-welcome-meals-in-leeds

Send us your questions:
events@local-welcome.org

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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.

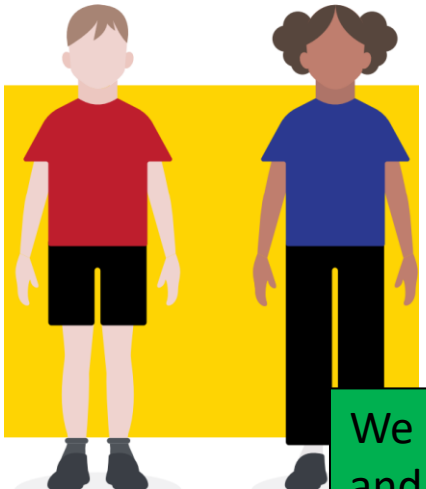
We have some stocks of spare uniform so please do let school know if you need any uniform and will from time to time put this on display and please take what you need.

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.

St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2026 – 2027_v7

AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)	
October 2026	
Friday 9th October	No Family Worship Coffee Morning *(in support of Salivary Gland Cancer UK and The Christie Charity's Ella Project)*
Thursday 15th October	FOSC Coffee Catch Up & Read It Say It Share It
Monday 19th October	Year 5 Bake Sale
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Trip Royal Armouries (am)
Wednesday 21st October	OOHA Event for children attending Fancy Dress Glow Disco (see correspondence from OOHA)
Thursday 22nd October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22nd October	9.15 – 10.45am Reception and Nursery Open Event Number 2
Friday 23rd October	Training Day
Friday 23rd October	OOHA Training Day Club (apply for spaces)
November 2026	
Monday 2nd November	8.45am school opens for reception to year 6 and 9am for nursery
Tuesday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 4th November	Parents Consultation from 3.30pm (Session One)including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Thursday 5th November	Parent Consultation from 3.30pm (Session Two) including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Thursday 5th November	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 10th November	FOSC Meeting Number 2 ~ All Welcome
Wednesday 11th November	1.30 – 2.45pm Nursery and Reception Open Event Number 3
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Conga
Monday 16th November	Bake Sale Year Group TBC
Friday 20th November	FOSC Family Bingo Night TBC
December 2026	
Wednesday 2nd December	9.30am Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 6 Trip RERF (am)
Tuesday 8th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance One)
Thursday 10th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance Two)
Friday 11th December	FOSC Winter Warmer after school

AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)	
DECEMBER 2026	
Monday 14th December	OOHA Games Tournament (for OOHA children ~ see separate OOHA communication)
Tuesday 15th December	2.15pm KS2 Carol Concert (Performance One)
Wednesday 16th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church
Thursday 17th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December	9.15am KS2 Carol Concert (Performance Two)
Friday 18th December	No Family Worship
Friday 18th December	FOSC Santas Grotto
Friday 18th December	Merry Christmas Everyone! School closes at 3.15pm for Reception to Year 6 and at 3pm to Nursery