

Thursday 12th February 2026

## Bikes and Scooters

We break up tomorrow at 3.10pm for half term. Tomorrow we will be having a non-uniform day. During half term and straight after the holidays, we will be having a new Y1/Y2 playground built. The bike shed will be removed and will not be replaced for 4 weeks. Children will not be able to bring their bikes or scooters to school for 4 weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

## Attendance and lateness

We have a number of children arriving late to school, we must remind you that the doors open at 8.45am. At 8.45am, children start learning through 'Early Bird Maths' – these are a set of revisit maths questions to help your child with recall in maths. Research shows that recall is really important in all learning. If children arrive after 9am, they have missed this and enter through the office which then generally causes them some anxiety because the rest of their class are settled. Children missing this early morning work seem to be struggling with maths. Please aim to be in the playground at 8.40am to help them learn better, thank you.

**Breakfast Club and Dinner Money** - Reminder: Dinner Money and Breakfast Club MUST be paid for in advance each week. If your child is absent, this will stay in credit on their account. Thank you.

## World Book Day - Wednesday 4th March (for us!)

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be having a special themed lunch! Order now if you are in KS2 or Nursery and do not usually have a lunch...all other children will get one FREE (Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). We will be inviting children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book characters in or in non-uniform with their favourite book.

## Book in a Box Competition

Does your child have a favourite book? Children are asked to get creative and create 'a book in a box'! We look forward to seeing all of your amazing entries and awarding prizes later in the week.



We have two authors in school. On Tuesday 3rd March, Behan Woollvin will visit KS1 and on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Phil Earle will visit KS2 – books can be pre-ordered (last day today!)

Have a lovely half term!  
Mrs Wood, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 Oak Class visit Thackray Museum

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 Willow visit Thackray Museum

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Leeds United Y5/6 Football Finals 11.30-3pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – author to visit KS1.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day dress up.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – author to visit KS2.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Reception and Year 6 whole cohort photo (Tempest)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Hand to Mouth Christian Day - LENT

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
– Cinema visit – highest class attendance

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – School Nurses in School Y6 Height/Weight

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 to the Big Sing!  
Pudsey Civic Hall  
Red Nose Day

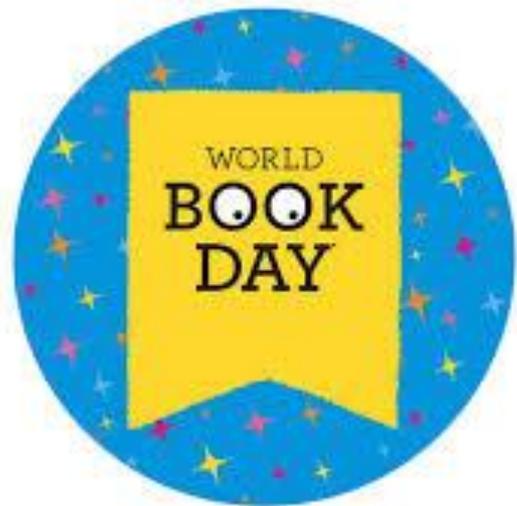
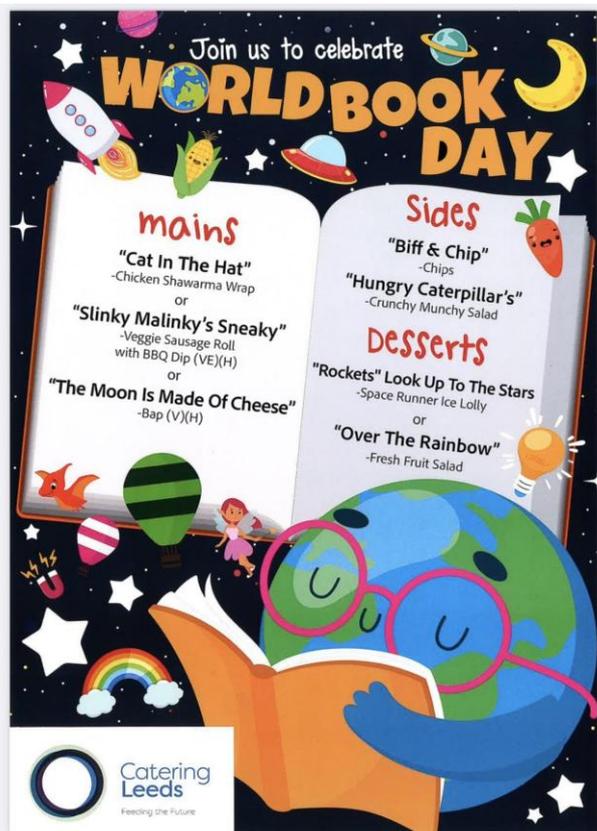
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service in Church Rec/KS1 1pm (Y2 Lead) and KS2 at 2pm (Year 5 Lead)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – School Closed - Training Day 5

## Finish the Story Competition

Children have the chance to create their own story using the story opener below. It can be handwritten, typed, illustrated. It can be a short chapter book, a graphic novel or a picture book! Winners from each year group will have their finished stories displayed in the school library.

*One morning, on the very edge of the forest, a little door appeared where it had never been before. No one knew where it had come from. When you opened it, something amazing happened...*



## SWIMMING IN OUR POP-UP POOL!

We are so pleased for our Year 6 children, 93% have got to the National Curriculum expected level in swimming from 23% at the start due to swimming daily in our pop-up pool for 3 weeks. We are so proud! We need to thank our governors for supporting leaders with this initiative and being determined to give our children this life skill. Thank you to our amazing swimming instructors from the Swim-Ed team Shonel and Jack who have been really patient and supportive to our children.



### Impact

93% of children were able to swim at least 25m.

87% of children were able to use a range of strokes effectively.

93% of children were able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.