

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MISS CARR

A Fond Farewell from Miss Carr

As many of you know, this will be my final newsletter as headteacher of our wonderful school. After 16 years in headship, with the last six years here at Bracken Edge, I'm ready for a new chapter as a school improvement adviser at Leeds City Council.

When I arrived in June 2020 to support the school, I never imagined I would fall so deeply in love with this community – but I did, and I never left! What has made Bracken Edge so special to me is the incredible diversity of our school and the privilege of getting to know so many amazing children and families. Together, we've built a team of staff and a community who genuinely care about the success of every single child in this school.

I'm especially proud of some of the things we've achieved together. Reopening the woods and watching children use this space with such imagination and skill every day has been a joy. Our school animals, particularly Betty our Dog Mentor, have brought so much happiness and learning to our pupils. These are the moments I'll treasure.

I know that Bracken Edge faces significant challenges but I have tried my very best to ensure that every child in our school Belongs, Enjoys, Perseveres and Succeeds. This has been my guiding principle, and I am sure this will continue to be at the heart of everything you do.

I'm leaving the school in excellent hands. Mrs Griffiths, who has been not just a colleague but a friend, is an amazing leader and will be interim headteacher for the next four terms. She is supported by a very skilled and talented leadership team in whom I have every trust and confidence. The future of Bracken Edge is bright. Thank you for welcoming me into your community, for trusting me with your children, and for all the support you've shown over these six years. I will carry many happy memories of Bracken Edge with me.

With warmest wishes for your continued success,

Miss Carr

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd April - Celebration for Miss Carr - 10:45am

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter at 3:15pm

Monday 20th April - school reopens

Wednesday 22nd April -

Reception Middleton Railway trip

Friday 24th April - Year 4 trip to Jorvik

Wednesday 29th April - Survival adventure (select pupils)

Thursday 30th April - Zoolab visit for Year 2

Wednesday 6th May - Year 1 trip to Eureka

Monday 4th May - School closed, bank holiday

Friday 22nd May - School closes at 3:15pm for half term

Monday 1st June - School reopens



LITE BITE COFFEE MORNINGS

Will be running on the following dates, more details to follow:

Fri 15th May 9am - Behaviours that challenge

facebook

We are now on Facebook!

Search 'Bracken Edge Primary School' and follow our page to stay up to date with school news.

HELP!

CARNIVAL

Mrs Wilkinson is looking for people with contacts or connections to the west Indian carnival. If anyone has any information please speak to her or let the office know. Thank you!

SCHOOL DINNERS

In September the price of school meals will be increasing.

The price from September 2026 will be £2.90

GOODBYE MISS CARR

We had a fantastic turnout on the playground today for our Big Sing for Miss Carr. Thank you to everyone who came and joined in. Thank you to all the children and staff for putting on such a great show. It was a wonderful send off for Miss Carr and a really touching celebration.

We would like to thank Miss Carr for the love and care she has given school and we wish her the best in her new job. She will definitely be missed!



HAPPY EASTER

Happy Easter to all our families who celebrate!



Early Closure Changes

From now on, we will no longer be holding termly half-day finishes. All school days will run to their normal finish time of 3.15

At Bracken Edge Primary School, we are committed to giving every child the best possible start in life, and attendance plays a crucial role in this. Every lesson matters.

We have been carefully reviewing our attendance data and have noticed that our termly half-day finishes have been impacting attendance levels.

Research consistently shows that good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Even small amounts of missed learning time can add up and affect progress over time.

- All school days will now finish at 3.15pm
- This change takes effect immediately
- We will continue to provide the same high-quality education and care throughout the full school day

On 27th April award-winning children's author Sophie Anderson will be visiting our school to talk to the children about *The House with Chicken Legs Runs Away*, her new book for 9–12-year-old readers, brimming with fairy-tale magic, friendship and extraordinary adventure.

During the hour-long event Sophie will take the children on a magical adventure through folk and fairy tales. They will hear about the traditional tales from around the world that have inspired Sophie's writing and will work as a group to recreate a fairy tale.

If you would like to purchase her new book, the paperback of *The House with Chicken Legs Runs Away* costs £8.99 and has been added to your child's Parent Pay. Please order on ParentPay by 20th April as we can't take any orders after this date. Your child will receive their book on day of the visit and can have it signed by Sophie.



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Ducking for limbo



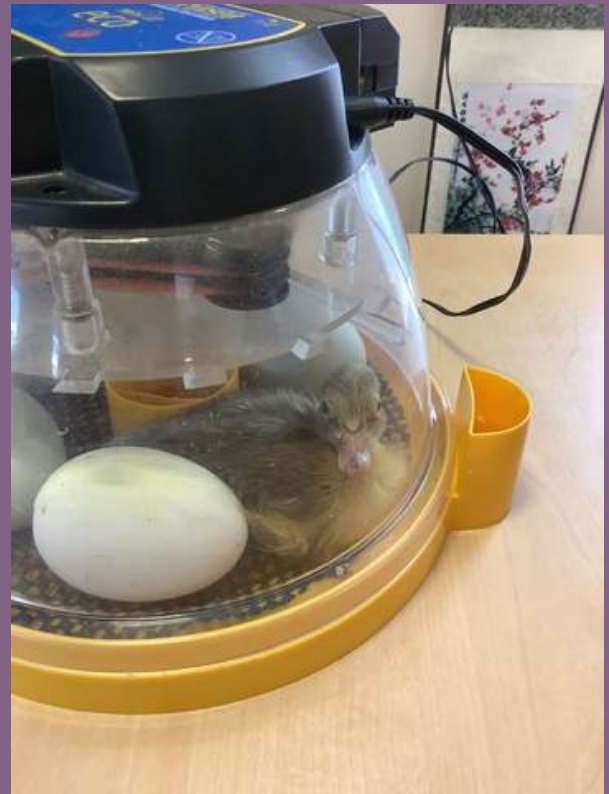
Early Years took part in some Balance Bike sessions to help develop their skills. They loved tackling the agility course and learned about helmet safety and how to 'paddle' and 'glide' to move forward



Mini ramp



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



Early Years have had some exciting visitors this week. Some eggs arrived last week in an incubator and over the next couple of days they hatched into adorable ducklings. The children have been very interested in watching them grow and seeing them take to water.



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



Year 3 had an amazing time exploring, experimenting and discovering Magna Science Adventure Centre during British Science Week!

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils who took part in the Leeds Well School Team Building event today!

The children represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating our core values of being Ready, Respectful and Safe throughout the day. They worked together, supported one another and showed fantastic teamwork in all of the activities.

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes and excellent behaviour they showed while representing our school.

Well done, Year 5!

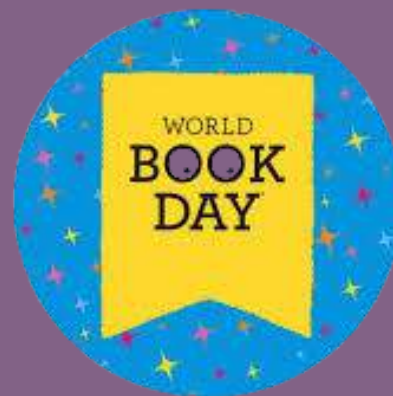
TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



Well done to our KS2 pupils who represented the school at the recent LWSP Panathlon event! The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination and enthusiasm while taking part in a range of sporting activities. Throughout the event, they demonstrated our school values by being Ready, Respectful, and Safe, supporting one another and giving their best effort in every challenge.

We are very proud of how brilliantly they represented our school!

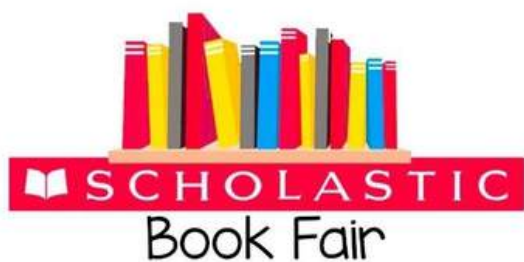
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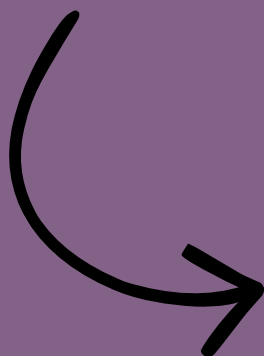
Children celebrated the magic of reading and the incredible journeys that books can take us on. From adventurous tales and inspiring biographies to fascinating facts and imaginative stories, every book opens the door to a new world. We had some fantastic World Book Day outfits from children and staff alike!



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



Thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic book fairs. Over £1000 of books were sold resulting in £500 free books for school! This is fantastic and we couldn't have done it without your support. We hope all the children who bought books at the book fair are enjoying reading at home.



Golden-haired Rapunzel is trapped in her lofty tower by a wicked witch, who lops off the locks of her beautiful hair and sells them for a tidy profit. It's time for Rapunzel to take charge of her own destiny and figure out a way to escape. What an amazing opportunity Year 2 had watching Rapunzel by Wrongsemble at the Reginald Centre.



A CLOSER LOOK AT NURSERY



This half term, squirrel class have been considering 'What's Inside?'. It has been wonderful to have a sprinkle of brighter weather which has really complimented our learning about Spring and what it brings and so, as we draw to the end of this term, here are just a few things we have gotten up to whilst exploring our new life theme.



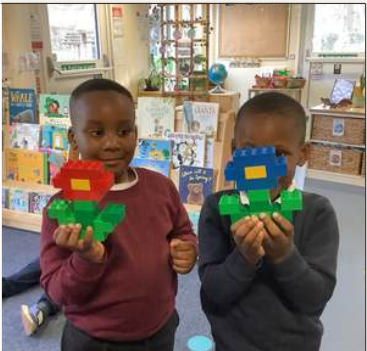
Searching for signs of Spring in the school grounds



Planting some bean seeds just like Jasper did in the book Jasper's Beanstalk



Tending and observing the different seeds we had sown every day



Challenging ourselves to build springtime flowers with the Duplo



Working together to build beanstalks taller than ourselves



Exploring what can hatch from an egg and making our own versions



Hatching and looking after our lovely ducklings; Daffodil, Jasper and Blossom



Practising our cutting skills to make a giant nest of eggs



Being inspired by our theme to make different creations with the loose parts

Do you have a soon to be 3 year old or know someone who does? We are now taking interest forms for September 2026 onwards. Please visit the office for a form or more information.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Miss Cheyne gave some support to the folks at Jamaica House on Chapeltown Road by volunteering at their recent Elders Spring Meal event.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Today Miss Cheyne took some children to spread some joy by delivering some handmade Easter cards to the Black Elders Association. They were delighted to see us and receive the cards and shared their thanks and Easter wishes to the BEPS community.



GOVERNOR NEWS

Our governors have been busy this term supporting and challenging the school to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education for your children. They have carried out monitoring visits focusing on SEND provision, safeguarding, attendance, and teaching and learning with our English and Curriculum Leads. Governors have also been involved in school finance monitoring and attended Schools Forum meetings to represent our school. They work closely with school leaders to hold us to account and ensure we are meeting our priorities.

As you know, our Headteacher Miss Carr will be leaving at Easter to take up a new role as School Improvement Adviser at Leeds City Council. Governors have been working closely with the leadership team on transition planning to ensure continuity for your children. Our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Griffiths will be acting up as Headteacher for four terms, and governors will be involved in the recruitment process for the permanent Headteacher position. All of their work helps to ensure that every child at Bracken Edge receives the support they need to thrive.



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (THE HIVE)


After May half term the prices for The Hive are increasing due to the running costs increasing. New prices after May half term:

Breakfast Club - £5 a session




After school club - £6 until 4:30pm and £11 until 6pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

The clubs for this term are:



Day	Club	Years
Monday	Yoga	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Choir	Years 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday	Martial Arts	Key Stage 2
Wednesday	Football	Key Stage 2
Thursday	Skateboarding	Year 1 - 4
Friday	Gymnastics	Key Stage 1



Clubs do not take place on the first week of term.

Clubs currently cost £2 per session (price increase after Easter). Clubs must be paid for via ParentPay and places are offered on a first come first served basis. If your child does not secure a place they can be put on the waiting list and will be offered first refusal next half term.

We try to make the clubs procedure as fair as possible - by using ParentPay we are minimising the need to call the office or come in to school as we are aware that many parents cannot do that during the day.

There are limited spaces for each club due to staffing ratios. If your child did not get a place this time please let the office know and they will add your child to the waiting list.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Last term, our KS1 children successfully completed their martial arts testing!

They showed fantastic determination, focus and confidence while demonstrating the skills they have been practising. Throughout the sessions, pupils embodied our school values by being Ready, Respectful, and Safe – supporting one another and trying their very best.

Well done to all of our young martial artists for their hard work and achievements!



PRICE CHANGE

At the start of the Summer term (after Easter) the price for activity clubs will be changing to £3 per session.

As before, all sessions will need to be prebooked and paid for upfront. This is due to high demand for places on these clubs. Thank you for understanding.



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH - ARABIC

Each month we have a language of the month in school. Children can take part in class challenges and even win a prize.

This month, we're celebrating Arabic; Arabic is spoken by over 370 million people, primarily across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, where it is an official language in 22 countries. Key areas include Egypt (highest population), Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria, and the UAE, spanning from Mauritania to Oman. Join in our class challenges to be entered into the Language of the Month prize draw!

Here are a few key phrases to get you started:

Hello – mrhban

Goodbye –mae alsalama

My name is –asmi hu

Give them a try around school!

SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children need to come to school with a coat and suitable shoes every day. Especially now the weather is getting colder. Thank you.



COATS



Every day a large number of coats are found out on the playground and brought into lost property. Most of which are unlabelled and not collected. Please remind children to collect their coats at the end of break time. Also if uniform/coats could be labelled this helps greatly.



RECEPTION PLACES 2026

If your child requires a Reception place for September please ensure you have applied online. You need to complete an application even if they attend Nursery at Bracken Edge.

Closing date is 15th January 2026. Ask at the office if you need assistance completing the application.



PARKING ON HAREHILLS LANE



We know that some parents/carers park on Harehills Lane and walk through the park to access school. Please can everyone be mindful of where they park. Cars should not stop or be parked on the zig zag lines as this blocks visibility to the crossings. Unfortunately there have been some reports of people parking on these lines and because of this there has been a near miss on the crossing. We want to ensure children and anyone using the crossings are safe.



BOOK WISH LIST

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE A BOOK OR TWO TO
BE READ AND LOVED BY
BRACKEN EDGE PUPILS,
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO BE REDIRECTED
TO OUR AMAZON PAGE. WE
REALLY APPRECIATE EVERY
BOOK BOUGHT.**



**OUR ENGLISH TEAM HAVE
CREATED A LIST TO SUIT
CHILDREN THROUGHOUT
SCHOOL AND THESE ARE BOOKS
WE KNOW THE CHILDREN WILL
LOVE READING
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



amazon



DOJO REWARDS



ClassDojo

At Bracken Edge children receive Dojo points to recognise positive behaviour. Each week, in Celebration Assembly, the class with the most Dojos wins a point. At the end of each half term the classes with the most points win the star prize!

Previous years prizes have included a mobile video game party, a silent disco and a bowling trip. What will this years be?

The children love the Dojo prizes and it helps encourage working together as a whole class to achieve the most Dojo points. We are asking for donations of £3 to help us cover the cost of these prizes. Please scan the QR code below to donate.

The next Dojo prize will be a tabletop gaming experience!



*thanks
for your
support*

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school.

Add us here -
<https://x.com/brackenedge>



A polite reminder
that dogs are not
permitted on the
school premises,
except for service
dogs and Betty, our
school dog.

ATTENDANCE

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE IS 92.3%**



ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

92.5%



CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
Fox	95.5
Daffodil	91
Poppy	93
Foxglove	92.5
Bluebell	95
Wren	90
Sparrow	96.5
Robin	90
Dove	92.5
Kestrel	93
Kingfisher	93.5
Nightingale	91
Nightjar	91

Keep on
TRYING

ATTENDANCE

Above is March's overall attendance. Well done Sparrow class!

Punctuality Matters

Gates close at 8:55am. If you arrive after this you must enter via the office. Children arriving after 9am must sign in at the office and will receive a late mark.



PUNCTUALITY

Every school day counts, yet every minute is just as important!

5 minutes late per day means your child could lose 3 days of learning!

Late per day	School days per year
10 minutes	6.5
15 minutes	10
20 minutes	13
30 minutes	19

ATTENDANCE

Fast Track Initiative

We continuously use supportive methods to improve attendance. We are looking to improve barriers to attendance and how we can support families.

Every term we will be running a Fast Track Initiative in partnership with Leeds City Council.

Fast Track is a time-focussed approach to tackling irregular school attendance.

All pupils with 10 unauthorised absence sessions (5 school days) recorded over a 10- week period will be placed on this initiative.

Parents will be notified in writing.

A pupil's daily attendance will be robustly monitored for a four week period. During this period, if there are any further unauthorised absences recorded parents will be requested to attend a School Attendance Panel meeting to discuss.

Following this, if no improvement is made within the specified timeframe, the case will be referred to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.

What is an unauthorised absence? If parents do not tell the school the reason, or if the school believes the reason is not acceptable, then the school may record that day as unauthorised.

Please remember we are always here to support you. If there are barriers to attendance we should know about, talk to us

Miss Ahmad - School Attendance Officer

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Keeping Your Child Safe: Operation Encompass at Bracken Edge Primary School

We want to share some important information about how we work with West Yorkshire Police to support children who may have experienced domestic abuse at home.

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass helps police and schools work together to provide emotional and practical help to children. This ensures that the school has up to date relevant information about the child's circumstances and can enable immediate support to be put in place, according to the child's needs. Keeping Children Safe in Education

How does it work?

If the police are called to an incident of domestic abuse where a child from our school is present, they will inform us before the start of the next school day. This early notification means we can provide immediate, discreet support to the child as soon as they arrive at school.

What support do we provide?

When we receive information through Operation Encompass, our trained staff will:

Provide a safe, calm space if needed

Offer emotional support throughout the day

Be understanding if your child seems upset or finds it difficult to concentrate

Work sensitively with you and your family

Your child's privacy matters

All information shared through Operation Encompass is treated with the strictest confidence. We will only share information on a need-to-know basis with staff directly supporting your child.

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS

This doesn't replace safeguarding procedures
Operation Encompass does not replace statutory safeguarding procedures. Where appropriate, the police and/or schools should make a referral to local authority children's social care if they are concerned about a child's welfare. Keeping Children Safe in Education

If we have concerns about your child's safety, we will always follow our safeguarding procedures and work with the appropriate agencies.

Need support?

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, help is available 24/7 through the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247 (free and confidential).

For more information about Operation Encompass, visit
www.operationencompass.org

If you have any questions about how we support children at Bracken Edge Primary School, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Lunn

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Operation Encompass Pathways



Police attended incident identified as Domestic Abuse with child/ren age of 18 or under in the family

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Identified as Operation Encompass notification required



Child/ren's school is in the local police force area



Police contact school/s Key Adult directly and share information about the incident



Child is supported by school through Operation Encompass



Child/ren's school is not in the local police force area



Local Police contact Operation Encompass operational lead in the child's school force area and pass information about the incident



Police in school force area contact school/s Key Adult directly and share information about the incident

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS

parentgym
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

PARENT GYM

Six-week programme

Parent Gym is a programme made up of six two-hour sessions, with 'missions' to complete between sessions. Each programme has up to twenty parents and one Parent Gym coach.

The Parent Gym programme has been designed by leading psychologists, drawing on parenting research. All sessions are designed to be highly interactive and participative.



Our school's cluster are running parentgym in Bracken Edge the week commencing 10th March for 6 weeks. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Lunn or find out more information at [Home - Parent Gym](#)"

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Early Help Open Mic Forum

Our commitment – 'Early Help is Everybody's Business'



Book your place on one of our upcoming forums, for an opportunity to ask questions and further develop your knowledge alongside colleagues from across Leeds. It will be great to see you there.

Online Early Help Open Mic Forums

Date	time	Venue	Places	Guest
22 nd January 26	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	
24 th February 26	1:00 – 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	DWP
18 th March 26	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	FGC
23 rd April 26	1:00 – 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	Life Coaching
19 th May 26	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	Trauma
17 th June 26	1:00 - 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	RPC
16 th July 26	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	Behind Closed Doors

To book a place, please select from the list of forums above and email families.first@leeds.gov.uk with your request. If a place is available you will be booked on and sent a confirmation email with further details and a calendar invite. Be sure to get your booking requests in quickly, as places will book up

For more information about Early Help click [here](#).

Forums are open to anyone who is involved with a family in a supportive role, including students and volunteers. Please share this email with any relevant colleagues that do not receive it already.

Now delivered over Microsoft Teams, Early Help Open Mic Forums are multi-agency practice development opportunities available to everyone within, or connected to, Leeds Children's Service. Consisting of 10 people from different services and agencies, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about Early Help. In particular, forums give group members the chance to increase their skills and confidence in Early Help within their practice.

Right conversations,

right people,

right time



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Leeds
Family
Hubs



SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

Join us for our monthly drop in at The Reginald Centre to meet our Family Hub SEND Co-Ordinator Amanda. You can access information and advice about the services, support and resources that are available to Families with children with SEND in Leeds

Upcoming dates:

- Monday 20th April
- Monday 18thth May
- Monday 15th June
- Monday 13th July
- Monday 14th September
- Monday 12th October
- Monday 16th November
- Monday 14th December

The drop ins take place at:

Moor Allerton Community
Hub
King Lane
LS7 5NY

Drop-in times are: 9.30-12pm

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Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 7th April
- Tuesday 5th May
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 29th June
- Monday 20th July
- Tuesday 1st September
- Monday 5th October
- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 7th December

The drop ins take place at:

The Reginald Centre
Community Hub
263, Chapeltown Road
LS7 3EX

Drop-in times are: 9.30-12pm

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Joint Charity **Easter Gala**

Monday 6th April 2026

Day Event 2PM – 8PM • Night Event 8PM – 12AM

Family Activities

- Egg Hunt • Bunny Mascot • Easter Crafts
- Bouncy Castles • Face Painting
- Sweet Treats & Ice Cream
- Food & Drink on Sale

LIVE DJs ON ROTATION

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DJ Wavez • Daddy Rico

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TO FREE & LOW COST ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ACROSS LEEDS

Child friendly Leeds' 12 wishes are based on what children and young people from all parts of the city told us. Wish 7 is all about helping you find out about fun, free and affordable things to do across the city – so here's a guide to help you navigate your way through the holidays [low-cost activities are shown with a * while all other activities are free or pay as you feel.

Scan the QR code to view the official blog

Follow us on social media and share your favourite activities!

All Holidays **Story Explorers at Leeds Central Library**
 Take a fantastical trip to outer space, the depths of the jungle and the bottom of the ocean with many play elements from the moon to a giant octopus and an activity table. A brilliant free interactive exhibition with the British Library.

All Holidays **Hats, Play & The Farm - Temple Newsam**
 Explore the hats from historic styles to creating your own crafty masterpiece. Or why not visit the Home Farm or Play Barn and meet new-born lambs, and many more. Crafts, activities and trails included with standard admission during opening hours.

All Holidays **The Search for the Lost Eggs at Lotherton**
 Dragon Quest is back – a family-friendly adventure to discover the secrets of these mythical beasts. Finish your quest to collect your certificate – become an honorary Dragonologist. Drop by face painting on bank holidays and weekends.

28 Mar - 19 Apr **Medieval Easter at Royal Armouries**
 Free action-packed Easter holiday at the museum, with combat demonstrations and themed activities, plus you can explore the amazing national collection of arms and armour and watch the knights compete in a four-day jousting tournament.

31 Mar - 11 Apr **Easter activities at Kirkgate Market**
 Enjoy free activities: Lego, Duplo, colouring, and crafts (11am to 3pm – weekdays only), Circus School (1st & 2nd April), Bath Bomb Making (8th & 9th April, 11.30am to 2.30pm), special screening from Leeds Young Film Festival (10th & 11th April).

28 Mar - 19 Apr **Birds and Bumblebees at Tropical World**
 Discover the exotic birds that live in our waterfall house, see how many you can find using our NEW Spotter Sheet. Visit the Activity Room and make a feeder, or do some colouring. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Fri 17 Apr **Planet Omar with Zanib Mian - Author Event**
 Come and meet Zanib Mian as she introduces Planet Omar, shares the fun and mayhem behind her stories in this free, family-friendly event at Leeds Art Gallery for children aged 7+.

28 Mar - 19 Apr **Easter fun at Leeds Museums & Galleries**
 Felted Egg Hunt at Leeds Industrial Museum, Silly Sheep Round Up at Kirkstall Abbey, Bunny Fun at Abbey House Museum and Play the Room at Leeds City Museum. All are either give what you can or included in admission.

Every Sat 11-2pm **Rowland Road Play Patch - Yorkshire Contemporary**
 A fun community adventure space where children can build dens, explore loose-parts play, get creative with arts and crafts and connect every Saturday.

11 - 12 Apr **The Springs - Leeds Local Easter Market**
 Discover Easter treats and gifts from local traders on Saturday 11 April (10am-3pm) and Sunday 12 April (11am-4pm), with free family fun including face painting (Sat 11-2, Sun 12-3) and sunflower seed potting (both days 11-1).

15 Apr 11-3pm **Peter Rabbit™ hops into the Merrion Centre for Storytelling**
 Peter Rabbit™ will be popping up on The Green at the Merrion Centre for free interactive story-time sessions between 11am and 3pm, with appearances at 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00 and 15.00, each lasting around 30 minutes.

7 - 19 Apr **Easter Holiday Junior Activities - Active Leeds Leisure Centres**
 Enjoy a range of aquatics and sports sessions across the city. Find intensive swimming, gymnastics lessons, dive camps, and outdoor adventures. Activities & price vary by site, booking methods may differ & starts from £7.50.

All year round **Mumbler's Guide to School Holidays from activities, events and camps**
 Including family days out, free & low cost activities, trails and egg hunts including Harewood House, and all the fantastic shows and events on at theatres.

All year round **Leeds Local Offer - SEND things to do**
 Provides information, services & activities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Sign up for free to Healthy Holidays Leeds!

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