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Whitecote Newsletter

A message from Mrs Stead...

Wishing you all a brilliant holiday, a joyful Christmas, and a very happy New Year! This has been a tough half term, with lots of bugs and flu going around, and we're incredibly proud of how our children, families, and staff have shown true Whitecote resilience throughout.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the school by attending our events this half term — your encouragement and involvement mean so much to our whole community.

We can't wait to hear about all your adventures when we return and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th January for Spring, yes, Spring 1!!

 *Enjoy every moment of the break and the festive season!* 

Whitecote Wonders

R Apple - **Isabella G**

R Pear - **Josh Jr G**

1 Rose - **Joshua J**

1 Lavender - **Blake WM**

2 Willow - **Sourya N**

2 Hazel - **Riley C**

3 Spruce - **Myla W**

3 Yew - **Adrianna G**

4 Beech - **Eliza T**

4 Ash - **Ollie W**

5 Chestnut - **Jayden W**

5 Elm - **Kamile D**

6 Oak - **Emilija C**

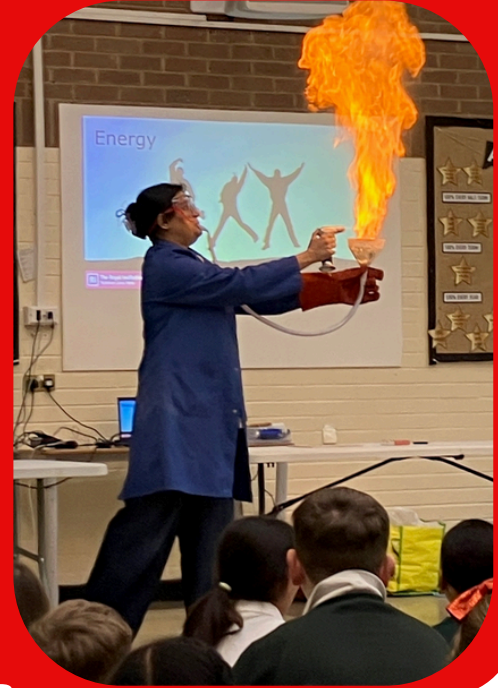
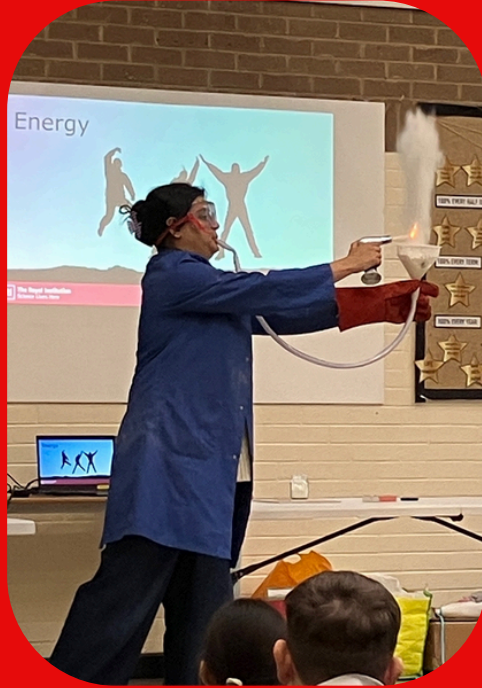
6 Cedar - **Charlie W**



Science Shenannigans!

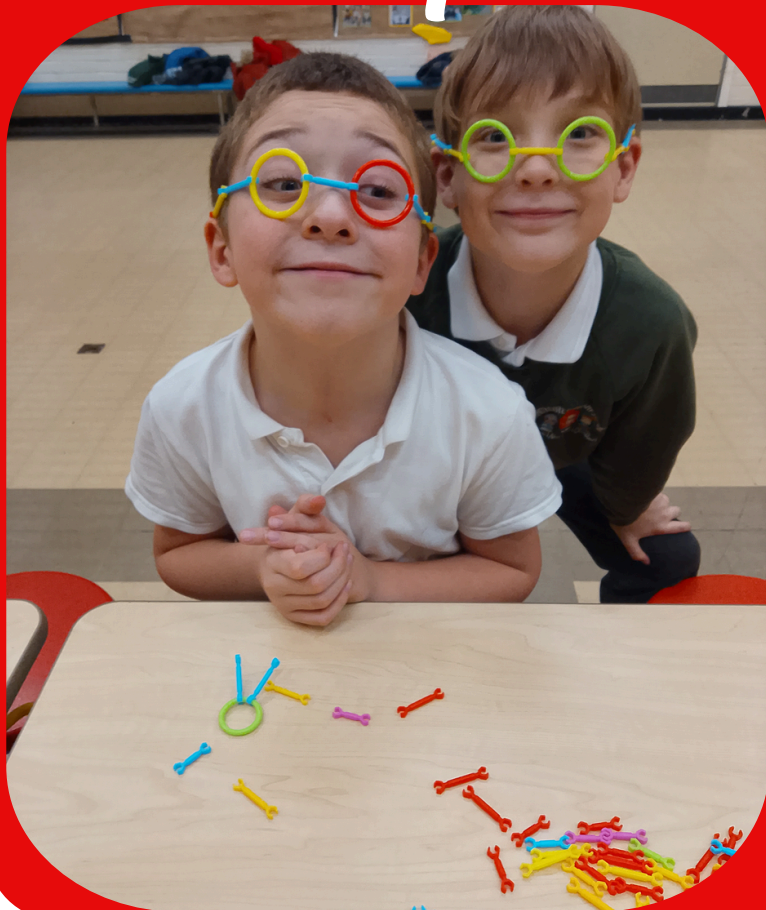
We were delighted to be visited by the Royal Institution of Science, who gave us an exciting demonstration about "Supa Cells" and what can cause illness. The show featured fire, smoke, and even some audience participation from our pupils!

It was a brilliant and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Wrap Around Care

Don't forget our Breakfast club is open from 7:30am, and After School club is open until 6pm. Please register, sign up and pay on the Arbor app. Any questions contact the school office who will be happy to help.



Attendance Award Winners!

Huge congratulations to Year 1 Rose Class, who won the best attendance competition and a well-deserved prize! To celebrate their fantastic commitment to being in school every day, they enjoyed an exciting trip to The Cube Ice Rink in Leeds city centre! The children had an amazing time ice skating, showing great enthusiasm, resilience, and lots of smiles (with a few wobbles along the way!) Well done, Year 1 — keep it up! 🌟



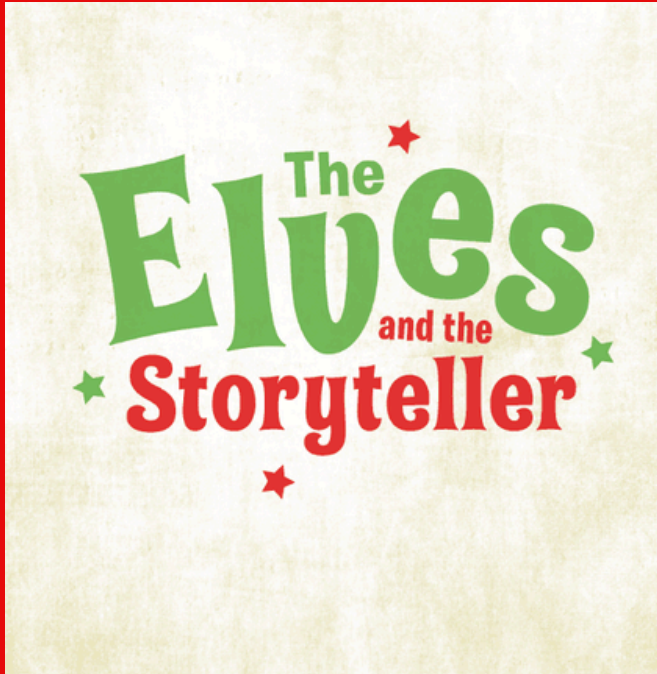
Stone Age Spectacular!

In Year 3's DT lessons we made versions of Stone Age huts/settlements using air-dry clay, wooden sticks, twigs, cardboard and leaves. The children really enjoyed using their creative imagination to produce some fabulous models which they got to take home!



*Stuck for something to do
in between Christmas and
New Year?*

**HOW ABOUT A VISIT TO
LEEDS LIBRARY TO SEE:**



An original take on the classic fairytale, *The Elves and the Storyteller* features playful storytelling, original songs, friendly audience participation and a warm welcome to all. A Pay What You Decide family friendly event, recommended for ages 3-7. Room 700, Leeds Central Library, Calverley St, LS1 3AB Tickets are available at [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

A Fond Farewell...

...today marks a bittersweet day for the Whitecote family as we say goodbye — and wish a very happy retirement — to the wonderful Mrs Howe.

Mrs Howe has been a much-loved Teaching Assistant since 2018, supporting and caring for our children with kindness and dedication. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, but we wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter.

Thank you, Mrs Howe — you will always be part of the Whitecote family ✨

WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

KEY



Packed Lunch



Outdoor Shoes



Overnight Bag



Pyjamas



Backpack



Waterproof coat



Toiletries



Own Clothes

Year 3 Bagshaw Museum 11th February 2026

Price - £16.00 to be paid on Arbor by
18th December 2025

Departing - 08:30am
Returning - 15:15pm



Year 5 - Lineham Farm 10th - 12th June 2026

Price - £120.00 to be paid on Arbor
by 20th April 2026

Departing - 08:30am
Returning - 15:15pm



Year 4 - Hadrian's Wall 2nd - 3rd July 2026

Price - £90.00 to be paid on Arbor by
1st May 2026

Departing - 08:45am
Returning - 15:00pm



New Trip
Coming Soon!