



# Whitecote Newsletter

## FEBRUARY 2026

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2. Year 4 - Art Day- Street Art

9. Year 1 - Pancake Making

4. Reception - Stay and Play

10. Nursery - Pancake Making

5. Year 2 - Stay and Read

11. Year 3 - Bagshaw Museum Trip

6, 13. Year 3 - Egyptian Mask Making

13. Mindmate Sleep Workshop

## Useful Links!

The links below offer helpful guidance for any families who feel they may need support while caring for children. Whether you are looking for advice, practical resources, or someone to talk to, these services are designed to provide reassurance and assistance whenever it's needed. We hope you find them useful.

- Adoption Uk - [Adoption UK Charity](#)
- Kinship Care - [What is kinship care? - Kinship](#)
- Barnardo's - [Leeds Children's Rights \(Advocacy Looked After\)](#) | [Barnardo's](#)
- Coram Voice - [Home - Coram Voice](#)
- Care Leavers and Children in Care Council - [Leeds Youth Voice](#) | [Leeds.gov.uk](#)
- ARC - [What is ARC? - ARC Framework](#)
- Leeds Pathways Team (Avoiding NEET) - [Leeds Pathways](#) | [Leeds.gov.uk](#)

## INC WINNERS

### Nurture - I will be kind to myself.

**R Apple** - Arya M - You have been trying really hard with your letter formation this week.

**R Pear** - Zaina P - You achieved this because you are using your voice more and know it is okay to talk about how you feel.

**1 LAVENDER** - Kendrick K - you are working on expressing yourself more clearly and are always a kind and caring friend to others.

**1 ROSE** - Efeosa O - You tried really hard to form the letters in your name and you were very proud of your achievements. Well done Efeosa!

**2 WILLOW** - Esmæ-Rose S - You have been coming into breakfast club which is helping you to be ready to learn.

**2 HAZEL** - Mabitso M - You have been joining in with our class movement breaks activities. Well done!

**3 SPRUCE** - Ava-Rose H - Ava is always kind and caring to everyone and is also working hard on being kind to herself.

**3 YEW** - Medeina S - After learning how to use papier mache, you continued to create a piece of art at home, producing a fabulous piece. Well done, Medeina!

**4 ASH** -

**4 BEECH** - Louie H - You have been taking movement breaks.

**5 CHESTNUT** - Darcie P - You are working very well, at your own pace, and feeling proud of yourself!

**5 ELM** - Lilly C - You have been supporting others whilst expressing your emotions.

**6 CEDAR** - Hannah R - You have taken the advice from adults and tried hard to do what is healthy for your body.

**6 OAK** - Maryam M - You have been growing in confidence and taking pride in your skills.



# WHITECOTE NEED YOU!

## FREE PRIZE DRAW ENTRY!

'What do you think about play at Whitecote? - Have your say!'

OPaL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is coming to Whitecote Primary School and will aim to improve our play and lunchtimes.

**But we need your help!**

**Complete this 5 minute parent/carer survey to have your say on current playtimes and lunchtimes so we know how to improve for your child.**

Pupils can complete their own 5 minute survey at home to tell us what they think too! If they add their name, they will be entered into a FREE PRIZE DRAW with a chance of winning an Easter Bunny Hamper prize!

Whitecote Primary School - OPaL -  
Pupil Survey



## JOIN THE WHITECOTE "HEALTHY SELFIE" CAMPAIGN!

### **Healthy Habits Challenge**

Pupils take a photo at home showing a healthy activity (e.g. exercise, drinking water, brushing teeth, clubs, bedtime routines).

Send the photo to the school email/Instagram with name, class and activity. Each entry earns 1 point for their class. Weekly results shared in INC assemblies.

Winning class: Free trip to Bramley Fall Park before Easter (TBC).



## Notice to Parents and Carers!

Please remind your child not to bring personal items into school. All belongings should be clearly labelled.

The school cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged items.

Thank you for your support.

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# Leeds Football Development

In association with First Kick Football

WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE VENUES RUNNING IN YOUR AREA.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

**Friday @ Crosshills Academy (0528 3942)**  
**Starting 30th January (After school)**  
 School years - Year 4 & 5 4:00pm-6:45pm  
 School years - Year 2 & 3 6:45pm-7:30pm  
 School years - Year 4, 5 & 6 7:30pm-8:30pm

OR

**Tuesday @ Leeds West Area (0513 1004)**  
**Starting 1st February (After school)**  
 School years - Year 4 & 5 4:00pm-6:45pm  
 School years - Year 2 & 3 6:45pm-7:30pm  
 School years - Year 4, 5 & 6 7:30pm-8:30pm

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course at either Crosshills Academy on Friday evenings or Leeds West Academy on Tuesday evenings, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our course teaches children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for the next beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £25 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

**\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

**ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL** at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded to each player from categories including: Best Attacker, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:  
 Kelvin  
 0113 457 3715 or 07514 316 534  
 www.firstkick.co.uk

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks. Please note we have a strict no-refund policy once the course has been booked.



## LEEDS MINI & JUNIOR RACES 14.06.26

# ENTRIES NOW OPEN

The Leeds Mini and Junior Races Are BACK!

Join us on 14th June for a celebratory day of running in the city with our Mini and Junior events taking place alongside the Leeds 10K.

Suitable for all abilities, it is a perfect introduction for the kids to get into running. They will even finish with their very own exclusive medal and goody bag.



Choose the perfect challenge:

**Mini Run (1.5km):** Ideal for our youngest participants aged 3-8 years, offering a short and exciting course.

**Junior Run (2.5km):** A slightly longer distance for older children aged 9-14 years looking for a bit more of a challenge. This event will be chip timed!

Please note: All mini run participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

SIGN UP NOW

## FEBRUARY ROCK CLIMBING

Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get enjoying a new sport and meeting new people during the holidays. Activities including climbing and bouldering, it is an action-packed day.

**Holiday Session - £62.50 (7-17 years old)**

Climbing Hub, Bradford: Tues-Fri, 10:00-16:30  
 The Big Depot, Leeds: Mon, Thurs & Fri, 9:30-16:00  
 Live for Today, Harrogate: Mon-Wed, 10:00-16:30  
 Childcare Vouchers accepted



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# UPCOMING WCG EVENTS

**FEB 9-13** Mother's and Other's day donation collections. AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME - ON THE PLAYGROUND

**MARCH 13** Mother's and Other's day sale ALL MORNING - IN SCHOOL

**MARCH 30** KS1 Spring DISCO 3.30-4.30

**MARCH 31** KS2 Spring DISCO 3.30-4.30

**Mother's and Other's day donations - more information**

SO THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A PRESENT FOR THEIR MOTHER, OR OTHER, ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, WE NEED DONATIONS!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SWEETS, CHOCOLATE, BOTTLES, BATH/SHOWER PRODUCTS, CANDLES AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR GIFTS.

DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN ON EVERY DROP OFF/PICK UP TIME ON THE WEEK COMMENCING 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. THERE WILL BE TRUGS ON THE PLAYGROUND FOR DONATIONS.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER EVENTS WILL BE POSTED SOON.

# UK BOOKFEST

The UK's Largest Pop-Up Booksales

Bradford - February 2026

26<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## 50,000+ Used Books For all ages from babies to adults

Open 8am to 8pm, Sunday: 1pm-4pm

Albion Mills, Albion Road, Bradford, BD10 9TQ

Adult Book Prices  
 Thur & Fri - £3 per book  
 Sat & Sun - £2 per book  
 Mon-Wed - £1 per book  
 Thur - £10 per bag

Children's books  
 £1 all sale  
 £10 a bag on last day

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheesy Bean Filled Tortilla Wrap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges Carrots and Peas	Homemade Classic Lasagne with Crusty Bread Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Chicken Power up Pasta Bowl with a Tomato Sauce Cauliflower and Green Beans	Classic Toad in the Hole Mashed Potatoes or Roast Potatoes Carrots and Sweetcorn Gravy	Fish Fingers (H) Chips Peas Tomato Ketchup
Spaghetti Topped with a Vegetarian Bolognese Sauce (VE)(H) Carrots and Peas	Margherita Pizza Baby Baked Potatoes Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Flaky Baked Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes Cauliflower and Green Beans	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (V)(H) Mashed Potatoes or Roast Potatoes Carrots and Sweetcorn Gravy	Crispy Vegetable Nuggets (VE)(H) Chips Peas Tomato Ketchup
Either a Filled Soft Bap or a Tortilla Wrap with Salad Bar Selection				
Cheddar Cheese Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Pork Sausage Filled Bap or Vegetarian Sausage Filled Bap (VE)(H) Roast Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Chips
Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes Available with Side Salad				
Baked Beans(V)(H)	Tuna Mayonnaise (H)	Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)		Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)
Chocolate and Orange Cake	Freshly Baked Apple Pie Cookies Fresh Fruit Wedges	Pineapple and Orange Jelly Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Ice Cream Topped with Homemade Lemon Sauce	Golden Syrup Sponge with Creamy Custard

# WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

## KEY



Packed Lunch



Outdoor Shoes



Overnight Bag



Pyjamas



Backpack



Waterproof coat



Toiletries



Own Clothes

## Year 3 Bagshaw Museum 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

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



## Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park 26th March 2026

Price - £20.50 to be paid on Arbor by  
13th February 2026

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



## Year 5 - Lineham Farm 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

Price - £90.00 to be paid on Arbor by  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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

