



# Whitecote Newsletter

## MARCH 2026

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2. Acorns - Painting Sunflowers.

12. Year 2 Stay and Read.

3. Year 5 & 6- Multi-skills Tournament.

18. Nursery Stay and Play

5. World Book Day Stay and Read.

26. Year 2 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip

9. Science Week Starts.

27. School Council - Visit to Leeds City Hall

## 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.

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

## INC Winners!

### Nurture

#### I will co-operate with others

**R APPLE** - Kenzo T - You have been trying really hard to make new friends and helping them when they need it.

**R PEAR** - Lennie D- You have been playing and taking turns with your friends.

**1 LAVENDER** - Blake-Wyatt W - you are a great friend to all, you always have a huge smile on your face and are always helping the adults with classroom jobs. Well done Blake!

**1 ROSE** - Jaxon M -You are a fabulous friend. You listen to your friends, share and take turns. Well done Jaxon!

**2 WILLOW** - Dylan S - You are always working well with others in PE, offering support and encouragement.

**2 HAZEL** - Summer B - Great job helping your friend understand what to do in maths!

**3 SPRUCE** - Rihan H - Rihan always works well with others. She works well in group work, often helping others to understand what they need to do and is also a good friend. Well done!

**3 YEW** - Adrianna G - You are always helping others in your class and you work well as part of team. Well done, Adrianna!

**4 ASH** -

**4 BEECH** - Tyler-Jay S - You always work well with others in PE.

**5 CHESTNUT** - Sophia D - You are always working well with your peers in class.

**5 ELM** -

**6 CEDAR** - Tonyo J - You are a kind friend and show empathy for others.

**6 OAK** - Summer W - You have got on brilliantly working with others.



# Healthy Selfie Winners!

Congratulations!

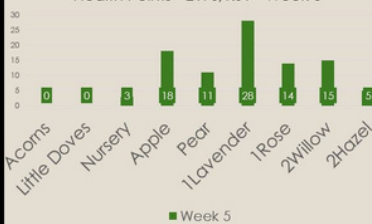
## Congratulations 1 Lavender!



- They are our Healthy Selfie Winners and will get a trip to the play park next week!
- Thank you to EY, KS1 & KS2 for your photos!
- Keep sending all your Healthy Selfies in for another surprise in the future!

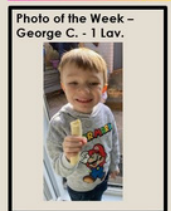
### Health Points – EYFS/KS1 Week 5 In the lead... 1 Lavender!

Health Points - EYFS/KS1 - Week 5



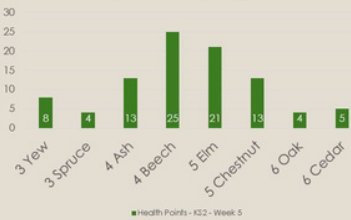
Overall School Leaders – 1 LAV

Keep sending those Healthy Selfies to Earn a trip to the park! [healthyselfie@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:healthyselfie@whitecote.co.uk)



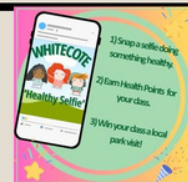
### Health Points – KS2 – Week 5 In the lead... 4 BEECH

Health Points - KS2 - Week 5



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Keep sending those Healthy Selfies to Earn a trip to the park! [healthyselfie@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:healthyselfie@whitecote.co.uk)



A huge well done to everyone who has been getting involved and sending in their Healthy Selfies – we loved seeing your positive choices in action!



# LUNCHES!

Make mornings easier by pre-ordering!

## MIGHTY MEALS MENU 2026

Great school lunches designed to help young people grow and thrive in everything they do!  
Seasonal vegetables are provided with all meals or children can opt out for our 'Pick Your Own' salad bar.

Whitecote Primary School

N4 Week THREE

W/C 09/03, 30/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07



YUM!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Tortilla Pizza (V)(H) Pasta Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala Rice and Naan Bread	Minced Beef Tacos Rice	Pork Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Fish Finger Butty (H) Tomato Ketchup Chips
Meat Free	Veggie Meatball Sub (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Crispy Topped Macaroni Cheese (V)(H)	Vegetarian Enchiladas (V)(H) Rice	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Crispy Vegetable Nuggets (VE)(H) Tomato Ketchup Chips
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham Bap Baby Baked Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Soft Filled Roll with either Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheddar Cheese Salad Wrap (V)(H) Chips
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)	Jacket Potato with Ham and Cheddar Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
Desserts	Banoffee Mousse	Carrot Cake with Creamy Custard	Chocolate-Orange Flapjack with Fresh Fruit	Strawberry Crunch Sundae	Raspberry Bun with Fresh Fruit Wedges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:



Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.



Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.



Please remember to order your child's meals on SchoolGrid ([schoolgrid.co.uk](http://schoolgrid.co.uk)).  
Choosing meals at home means your child knows what they'll be having for lunch each day. You can order up to the end of the half term, or do this weekly or daily – whatever works best for you.  
Orders can be placed online until 9:00am, or through the school office until 9:45am. After this time we can't guarantee availability as the chef will have already started cooking.  
Ordering in advance helps mornings run a little smoother and means one less thing to think about!

## Healthy Habits

At Whitecote Primary, we're proud to promote healthy habits every day.

### Water Only Reminder

To support children's health, concentration and teeth, please remember that *sugary cordials and fruit juices aren't allowed in school, unless your child has a packed lunch as per the school policy.*

Water should be brought in bottles each day to keep children hydrated and ready to learn.

**Together, we're building strong, healthy habits for life.**



## Attendance Counts!

★ LET'S MAKE EVERY DAY A WHITECOTE DAY! ★

SCHOOL IS MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE IN IT – FRIENDS, LEARNING, ROUTINES, ALL THE GOOD STUFF. EVEN A FEW DAYS OFF CAN SNEAK UP ON YOU... 10 DAYS MISSED = 95% ATTENDANCE!

WE'RE AIMING HIGH AT 97%+, AND WE KNOW OUR FAMILIES CAN SMASH IT.

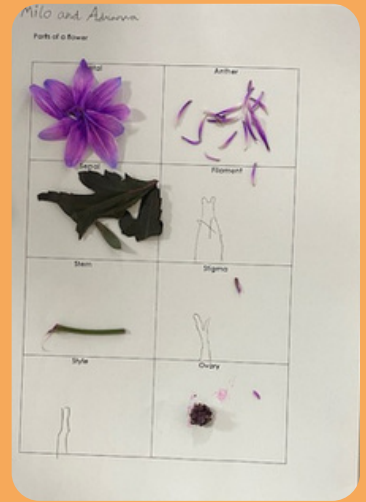
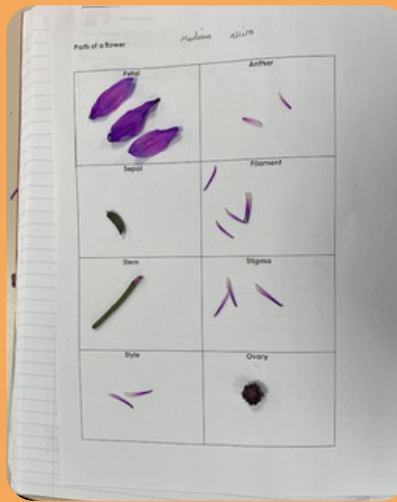
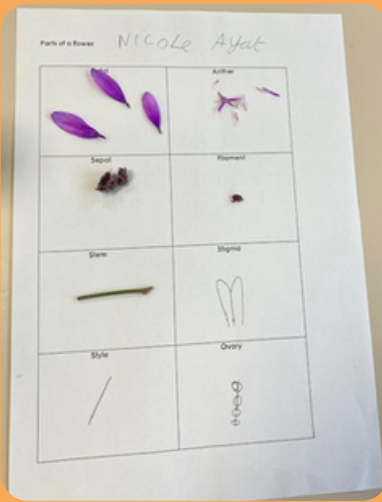
NEED HELP WITH ROUTINES, TRAVEL, OR ANYTHING ELSE? WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK.

TURN UP, SHINE BRIGHT, KEEP GROWING!

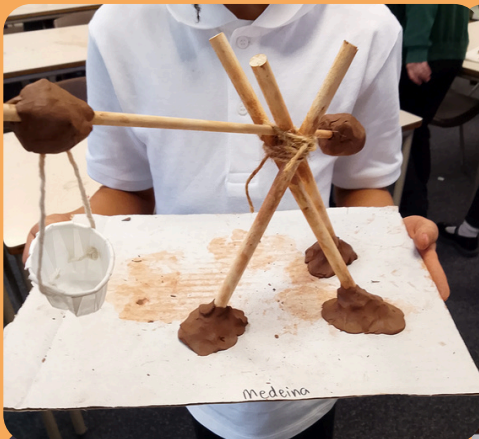
# Our Learning

## Year 5 "budding" Scientists at work!

Our Year 5 pupils got hands-on in science this week, working in pairs to carefully dissect flowers to explore their different parts. From petals and sepals to stamens and ovaries, the children investigated each section up close and discovered how they all play a role in plant reproduction. There was fantastic curiosity and teamwork on display as our young scientists examined, identified, and labelled each part. A fab way to bring learning to life - and a few future botanists in the making!



## WHAT IS A SHADUF?!



Made from a long pole balanced on a frame, has a bucket on one end and a counterweight on the other. The counterweight helps lift water easily with less effort. They were used to move water from rivers (like the Nile) to fields and are still used in some parts of the world today. Year 3 are supporting their Ancient Egypt studies by learning about how Shadufs improved farming in Ancient Egypt. They used their design and technology skills to plan and construct a working model. Well done Year 3!!

# SKIPPING SCHOOL!

The whole school had a treat this week as Chris from Skipping School came in to teach us some fantastic skipping skills! The children had so much fun learning new tricks, building their confidence, and keeping active throughout the day. There was lots of laughter, energy, and determination on show - we were so impressed with how quickly everyone picked it up!



## Congratulations to Maksym!

He has won the Easter Hamper for completing our Outdoor Play and Learning survey. His survey represents the pupil voice in our school which will help to lead improvements to our play and lunchtimes with OPaL. Thank you to everyone who entered - your opinions will help us improve play at Whitecote! Dont eat it all at once Maksym!

# Whats on & Things

## To Do at Easter!

Dont forget! Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> is a training day.



### KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) THIS EASTER!

School holidays can be a challenge for families — but help is out there. Many places are offering free or £1 meals for children this Easter!

#### RESTAURANTS

Prezzo · Frankie & Benny's · Zizzi · Bella Italia  
TGI Fridays · Bill's · Franco Manca · Café Rouge  
Premier Inn (free kids' breakfast)

#### PUBS

Hungry Horse · Farmhouse Inns  
Sizzling Pubs · Beefeater

#### CAFFS

Dunelm · Morrisons

Perfect for a low-cost family meal or a helping hand over the holidays!

Offers vary by location — please check with venues before visiting

## GEEKS ROOM

Community, Inclusion, Education

NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING!

CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE

Geeks Room CIC, First Floor, 5, Armley Court, Armley Rd, Armley, Leeds LS12 2LB, UK

5 Armley Court, 1st Floor Armley  
Road, Leeds, LS12 2LB  
0113 345 1450

Share on social  
Facebook, X, Pinterest

Check out our site

Expect trips,  
sports, arts, crafts  
games & more!

## Breeze Camps

Easter Holiday Camps  
Young people aged 8-11yrs

Bramley St. Peter's Primary School  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
9.30am - 2.30pm

To secure a place visit:  
[healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk](http://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk)

Does your child receive income related free school meals? Are you looking for something exciting for them to do this Easter?

Sign up to our Easter Holiday Camps! You'll need to register with Healthy Holidays before you can book. If you're not already registered you can do this NOW!

Sessions will go LIVE for BOOKING on:  
Mon 23rd March 2026.

To book your place with us, search for your Event group name 'Breeze Easter Camp at Bramley St. Peter's Primary School'

Be sure to select every session you want them to participate in. Please note: your child must be eligible for income-related Free School Meals.

If you'd like any additional support please visit a community hub or library or email [HHBooking@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:HHBooking@leeds.gov.uk)



SUN 29TH MARCH - AMT HEADINGLEY STADIUM - 5:30PM KICK OFF

## EXPERIENCE A RUGBY LEAGUE GAME DAY LIKE NO OTHER, WITH 50% OFF FOR SCHOOLS!

TICKET TYPE	ADULT	JUNIOR (AGE 10 & UNDER)
STANDING	£13	£7
SEATING	£17.50	£11.50

**USE PROMO CODE 26LRAMXT AT [TICKETS.THERHINOS.CO.UK](http://TICKETS.THERHINOS.CO.UK)**

PROMO CODE EXPIRES 11:59PM THE DAY BEFORE THE MATCH TO BUY OVER THE PHONE CALL 0371 423 1315. PHONE LINES OPEN BETWEEN 10AM - 4PM, MON-FRI EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS.

SCAN FOR THE RHINOS MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE

### EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

LEEDS UNITED FOUNDATION CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

## MIXED SOCCER SCHOOLS

5-12 YEARS OLD

30TH MAR - 17TH APR  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

KINGS JAMES HIGH SCHOOL, H65 8EB  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT LEEDS, LS17 8GS  
GARFORTH ACADEMY, LS25 1LJ  
ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LS27 9LX  
ST WILFRIDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WF7 6BD  
PRINCE HENRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LS21 2BB

Led by FA-qualified coaches, our sessions are packed with skill-building activities, small-sided games, and friendly competitions designed to boost confidence both on and off the pitch.

Every child is fully supervised by DBS-checked, first-aid-trained coaches, ensuring a safe, supportive, and positive environment throughout.

You can book per day or make the most of it with our full 4-day course. Perfect for kids who love football and want to learn the Leeds United way!

**HOW TO BOOK:**  
EMAIL: [soccer.schools@leedsunited.com](mailto:soccer.schools@leedsunited.com) or scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE!

**SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE NOW!**

### HALF-TERM FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

LEEDS UNITED FOUNDATION CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

## GIRLS ONLY CAMPS

7-14 YEARS OLD

WAKEFIELD  
30TH MAR - 2ND APR

LEEDS  
7TH APR - 10TH APR  
13TH APR - 16TH APR

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**HOW TO BOOK:**  
MAKE SURE TO CHOOSE GIRLS ONLY  
EMAIL: [womenandgirls@leedsunited.com](mailto:womenandgirls@leedsunited.com) or scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE!

**SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE NOW!**

# Whats on & Things To Do!

## SPRING DISCO+

Early Years + KS1 SEN - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March in school time.

KS2 SEN - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March in school time.

KS1 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3:15-4:15

KS2 - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 3:15-4:15



Children can wear their own clothes to school on their disco day.

Pick up at classroom doors.

£1.50 per child - includes juice and sweeties.



## WE ARE HIRING Site Superintendent!

- Help keep our school safe, welcoming and running smoothly! The role includes opening and closing the school, general repairs and site maintenance.
- If you're practical, proactive and able to work both independently and as part of a team, we'd love to hear from you. Experience in general repairs, basic plumbing and site maintenance would be ideal.
- 37 hours per week, all year round (split shift 7.30am-6.00pm with a break).
- School visits welcome - contact the office on 0113 216 4800 to arrange.



Find an application form on our website or collect a paper copy at the school office.

IF YOU THINK THIS COULD BE THE ROLE FOR YOU - APPLY NOW!

## 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.

# Whats on & Things To Do!

**Meet the Midwives at Leeds Baby Bank Hub**

Are you or your partner pregnant, or have you recently had a baby?

Our friendly midwives are here to give you support on a range of topics including:

- Pregnancy and maternity advice
- Support and advice for mums, dads and carers
- Baby care (bathing, changing nappies)
- Housing and benefits
- Food bank and baby equipment support
- Healthy eating and lifestyle support

And much, much more!

Every Monday, 10am - 12 noon  
Baby Bank, European House, 55 Wellington Road, LS12 1DZ

Leeds Maternity Care



**JOIN OUR 5-12 HENRY COURSE IN APRIL 2026**

Feel more confident as a parent

- Discover physical activities for your little ones
- Discuss what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family!

Book your place now by visiting [www.bramleycluster.com](http://www.bramleycluster.com)

**Henry** Healthy Start, Brighter Future

West Cluster



the national sleep helpline

**Do you have a child who doesn't sleep?**

Speak to trained sleep advisors

**03303 530 541**

[thissleepcharity.org.uk](http://thissleepcharity.org.uk)



**Connect Together Launch Events**

Healthier, Happier Lives

Meet the team and find out how they help children, young people and families connect to hobbies and activities in their local area

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March Armley Hub**  
(2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds, LS12 1UQ)  
11:30am to 1:30pm

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March Online Teams Meeting**  
Meeting ID: 369 927 748 517 30  
Passcode: pW9AS6ip  
2pm to 3pm

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March Bramley Hub**  
(Hough Lane, Bramley, Leeds LS13 3ND)  
11:30am to 1:30pm

Open to any practitioner, parent/carer or young person

Connect Together is a Social Prescribing service that supports young people and children aged 5 to 16.

For more information contact:  
laura.minney@barca-leeds.org | amanda@barca-leeds.org  
07587 035 313 | 07884 548 729



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**Inner West - Bramley, Armley and Kirkstall**

**Tuesday**  
- Kirkstall Transition Group, 15:30 - 17:00  
- LWA Mobile, 14:30 - 16:30  
- Armley Basketball, 16:30 - 17:30  
- New Wortley Youth Club, 17:30 - 19:00  
- Bramley Community Centre (Mixed Ability), 18:30 - 20:30

**Wednesday**  
- Bramley Moorside Youth Club, 16:30 - 18:00

Our Youth Work team also deliver street based Youth Work across the area. For further information about this or any of the wider programme, please contact Daisy on [daisy.murphy@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:daisy.murphy@leeds.gov.uk) or 07891272769

**Leeds Youth Service**

**Thursday**  
- Broadlea Community Centre Teatime Club, 15:45-17:00  
- Kirkstall Boxercise, 16:30 - 18:00  
- Bramley Mobile, 16:00 - 18:00  
Hawthorn Youth Club, 18:30 - 20:00  
Armley Youth Club, 18:30 - 20:30 (Currently a mobile)

**Friday**  
- Cardigan Feilds Mobile, 16:30 - 18:00  
- Bramley Park Mobile, 16:30 - 18:00  
- Queenswood Mobile, 18:00 - 20:30  
- West Leeds Activity Centre, 18:30 - 20:30

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**Outer West - Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley / Farnley & Wortley weekly youth clubs**

**Thursday**  
Farsley Youth Club - Sunnybank Mills, Bobbin Room 4.30 - 6pm  
Farnley mobile - Whincovers 4-6pm  
Calverley Youth Club - Library Hub, 6.30-8.30pm  
New Farnley Mobile - Low Moor Side, 6.30-8.30pm

**Tuesday**  
Outside In - Youth club Pudsey business park - Kent Road, 5-7pm. £1 entry (Term Time only)

**Wednesday**  
Swinnow Youth Club at the Community Centre, 3.30-5pm  
Pudsey Youth Club - upstairs at Pudsey library, 6.30-8.30pm  
Tyersal Mobile - Residents Association car park, 6-8pm

**Friday**  
Lawns Park School Yr 6 Club 3.45-5pm (Term Time)  
Farsley Library Youth Club - 4.30-6pm  
Andy's Youth Space, St Andrew's Church - Pudsey - Longfield Road entrance, 6.30-8pm (Term Time only)  
Farnley Senior Mobile - bus terminus, 6-8pm

All sessions are for age 11+ and are FREE entry unless stated.

For further information on the weekly sessions please contact [denise.kempton@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:denise.kempton@leeds.gov.uk) or message on our social media accounts

@LeedsYouthService WNW | @leedsyouthservice

LEEDS WOMEN'S AID

**LIVE PRO WRESTLING SUNDAY 17TH MAY**  
13:30PM DOORS / 2PM FIRST BELL  
£5 CHILD / £8 ADULT | £20 FAMILY OF 4  
UKW ARENA, 22 BRANCH ROAD, WF17 5RY



Lifelong Learning Centre UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

**Adult Learner Drop-in Tuesday 31 March, 2026**

Thinking about your next steps? Never had the chance to get a degree?

Pop into the Lifelong Learning Centre to learn about studying as a mature student and the support available to help you get back into learning!

Drop-in anytime between:  
**10:00am & 1:00pm / 4:00pm & 6:30pm**

**SIGN UP NOW** →

Enter the link into your browser, or scan the QR Code.  
[case sensitive]  
[bit.ly/AdultLearnerDropin](https://bit.ly/AdultLearnerDropin)

0113 343 3212 | [canpd@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:canpd@leeds.ac.uk) | [www.leeds.ac.uk/lifelong-learning](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/lifelong-learning)



**Time for Fun and Adventure!**

Come and join the adventure at 2nd Bramley.

**BEAVERS** Beavers (6-8 Years) Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS** 18+ We need tea makers, tidy uppers, activity planners and helpers for as little or as much as you can spare.

Contact us  
Telephone: 07902399778  
Email: [a.frost@2ndbramleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:a.frost@2ndbramleyscouts.org.uk)  
website: [2ndbramleyscouts.org.uk](http://2ndbramleyscouts.org.uk)  
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# WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

## KEY



Packed Lunch



Outdoor Shoes



Overnight Bag



Pyjamas



Backpack



Waterproof coat



Toiletries



Own Clothes

### Reception Abbey House Museum 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Price - £12.50 to be paid on Arbor  
by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Departing - 08:45am  
Returning - 12:45pm



### 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



New Trip  
Coming Soon!