



Whitecote Newsletter

APRIL 2026

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20. Nursery - Caterpillars arrive.	29. Nursery - Making fruit kebabs
23. Year 3 -Greek Artifacts	

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!

Inspire -
I will use every bit of time to learn.

R APPLE - Imran H - You always try your best to ensure you do your very best in all areas of learning - especially phonics! Well done Imran!

R PEAR - Aurora D - You use all areas of provision to help your learning!

1 LAVENDER - Freddie J - You have had a positive attitude towards your learning this week and accepted challenges with a smile on your face. Keep up the hard work Freddie!

1 ROSE - Billie B - You love to find opportunities to write in all areas of provision. Your handwriting is looking great and you are trying really hard to use all of your phonic codes when spelling words. Well done Billie!

2 WILLOW - Ayla R - You have been writing extra sentences and completing challenges when you have completed your work.

2 HAZEL - Oliver A - You have been practising your common exception words in your own time. Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Myla W - Myla always works hard in all lessons. She is always focused on her work and challenges herself in all lessons. She also does lots of reading at home. Well done! Keep it up!

3 YEW - Isla D - You have tried super hard to use all of your time to learn, you have really concentrated in lessons and contributed well to discussions. Well done, Isla!

4 ASH - Noah A - You have been practising your reading in your own time.

4 BECH - Lorenzo D - You have been practising your times tables and have improved your score.

5 CHESTNUT - Kaiden C - You have been focused and on-task during all of your lessons

5 ELM - Oliver W - You have been developing your time management and organisational skills.

6 CEDAR - Oliver L - You often work until the last second of the lesson, then ask to do extra work at playtimes - what a great attitude to learning!

6 OAK - Havana D - You have been getting on with work right away.



Our Learning

Reception take a trip down memory lane

Our Reception children had a fantastic time on their trip to Abbey House Museum!

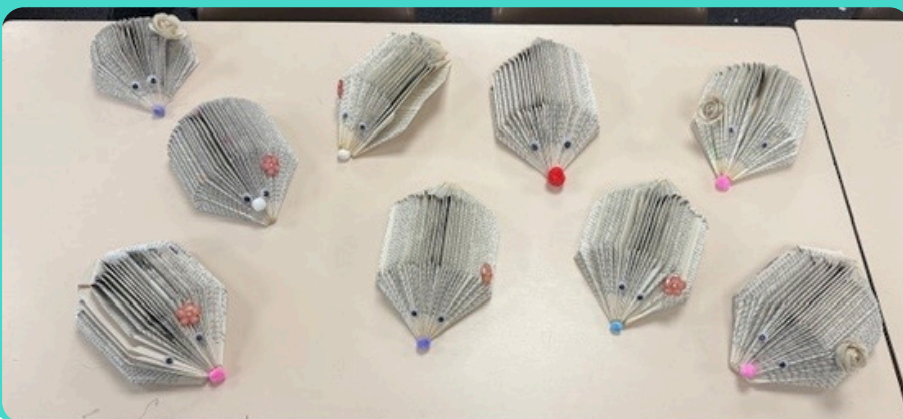
They explored toys from the past and loved discovering how different playtime used to be. From old-fashioned dolls to traditional games, it was a hands-on history lesson full of curiosity and excitement!



Small Crafts, Big Smiles

Our Craft Club has been busy... just look at these amazing creations!

Using simple materials and lots of imagination, everyone created these beautiful photo frames and book hedgehog designs! It was such a joy to see creativity flowing and confidence growing with every piece made. We love seeing what everyone can achieve. Roll on the next Craft Club!



Our Learning

Earth Day at Acorns

Our little artists have been busy celebrating Earth Day in the most creative way! From beautifully painted planets to our hanging Earth display, it's been amazing to see everyone exploring the world around them through art. Using creativity and imagination, we've been talking about how to care for our planet and why every small action matters. The results? A stunning display we're all so proud of!

Well done to all our Acorns for their fantastic work – the future is looking bright



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 ONE
11/12, 23/02, 16/03, 27/04, 18/05, 06/06, 29/06, 20/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham and Pepper Quiche Baby New Potatoes	Breaded Chicken with Katsu Curry Sauce Sunshine Rice	Roast Pork with Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Battered Fish (H) Chips
Meat Free	Vegetarian Super Five Pasta (V)(H)	Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)(H) Baby New Potatoes	Vegetarian Brunch Muffin (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage with Stuffing (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetable Samosa with Yoghurt and Mint Sauce (V)(H) Masala Potato Salad
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (H) Baby New Potatoes (H)	Cheddar Cheese Wrap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Soft Filled Roll with either Roast Pork or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Chips
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Coleslaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Crunch (H)		Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)
Desserts	Ice Cream with Homemade Berry Sauce	Apple and Yoghurt Sponge with Creamy Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cookies with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Cheese and Crackers with Apple Wedges	Fudgy Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Fruit

YUM!

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:

Deli

Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.

Spud Station

Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

FOOD FOR LIFE
BRONZE AWARD FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS
Soil Association

Please remember to order your child's meals on SchoolGrid (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 WHITCOTE 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!

Whats on & Things To Do!

Everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.

Looking for something new for your child to do? Learn life skills and make new friends? Scouts have groups from ages 4 - 18.

Scan the QR code for more information and find your local group

Less
screen time
More
green time


Scouts
West Leeds



**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 or 07891272769



Thursday

-Broadlea Community
Centre Teatime Club
15:45-17:00

-Kirkstall Boxercise
16:30 - 18:00

-Bramley Mobile
16:00 - 18:00

Hawksworth Youth Club
16:30 - 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
18:30 - 20:30

-West Leeds Activity
Centre
18:30 - 20:30

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

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

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 or message on our social media accounts



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

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

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 @leedsyouthservice



New Starters

SAVE 15%

Use code: **NEWTERM15**



**ENDS
TODAY**
24/04/26

SHOP NOW AT

www.myclothing.com

*offer excludes bundles, clearance items and events hoodies

STOP LOAN SHARKS

Intervention . Support . Education

For immediate release

April 23, 2026

Suspected loan shark arrested in Leeds

A suspected loan shark was arrested in Leeds today following an early morning operation by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT).

IMLT officers worked in partnership with officers from West Yorkshire Police to execute a warrant at an address in the Pudsey area. A 61-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of illegal money lending and officers seized documents, electronic devices and cash.

The suspect was taken into custody to be questioned by IMLT investigators and later released on bail pending further inquiries.

The IMLT works in partnership with West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service to investigate and prosecute illegal money lenders.

Dave Benbow, head of the IMLT, said: "Illegal money lending will not be tolerated in our communities, and we work with our partners to take action against those who target the vulnerable in this way."

"If you borrowed money from someone you thought of as a friend but are now feeling afraid and you're paying back more than you borrowed, you may have been targeted."

"Our team can offer specialist confidential advice, so if you are worried get in touch now. We are here to help, not to judge and you shouldn't feel ashamed or embarrassed to reach out for support."

There are up to 1.08 million people in debt to loan sharks in England, according to figures from the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ).

The warning signs of an illegal lender include:

- Giving no paperwork or agreement on a loan
- Keeping items until the debt is paid such as your bank card or passport
- Taking things from you if you don't pay on time
- Adding more interest or charges so the debt never goes down
- Using intimidation or violence if you don't pay

Many illegal money lenders are well known within their communities and are often introduced to borrowers through friends or family members. They are unregulated and give loans with no paperwork, charging extortionate interest rates. They often resort to threats, intimidation and even violence if repayments are not made.

Unauthorised lenders do not complete affordability checks on borrowers – often meaning they are lending to people who cannot pay them back. These borrowers do not have the protection of consumer law such as cancellation periods and the ability to apply for help if they can't pay. This causes huge amounts of stress and can impact their other finances – leaving them unable to pay rent or other priority bills.

Anyone who has been affected by illegal money lending should call the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 helpline on 0300 555 2222 or access support online at www.stoploansharks.co.uk. There is a Live Chat facility on the website and the team can also be contacted via WhatsApp on 07700 102773.

WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

KEY



Packed Lunch



Outdoor Shoes



Overnight Bag



Pyjamas



Backpack



Waterproof coat



Toiletries



Own Clothes

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 2 - Yorkshire Air Museum 3rd June 2026

Price - £16.50 to be paid on Arbor by
15th May 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

