



Whitecote Newsletter

MAY 2026

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4 - Early Spring Bank Holiday - school closed	11-15 - Y6 SATs week
18 - Best of British	25 - 29 - Spring Half Term Holiday - school closed

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!

Inspire -
I will use my peers when something is difficult

R APPLE - Isabella G - Isabella has been asking her friends for help when building rocket ships in our outdoor area!

R PEAR - Not Available

1 LAVENDER - Mia C - Mia has been able to ask her peers for support and support her friends in a variety of ways. She is a great partner and a role model for others. Well done Mia!

1 ROSE - Lou-Lou H - Lou-Lou asked for support from her peers when writing her numbers to 30 in maths. Well done Lou-Lou.

2 WILLOW - Isabelle H - Isabelle has been asking for support from her friends in maths.

2 HAZEL - Amelia S - Amelia has been asking her table partner for support during reading lessons. Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Orla D - Orla D always works well with others and is able to collaborate well in group projects. She is able to ask her peers for help when needed and also support others if they need her help. Well done Orla!

3 YEW - Liliyah C - Liliyah was able to ask her peers for help during PE and she works well within a group in class. Well done Liliyah!

4 ASH - Not Available

4 BEECH - Chloe D - Chloe has been working with a partner when reading

5 CHESTNUT - Annalise S - Annalise has been asking her table partners for support during reading lessons.

5 ELM - Karson E - Karson has been sharing reading with a partner well

6 CEDAR - Elias ON - Elias asks his peers for help when needed and also offers to help others, well done!

6 OAK - Brooke T - You've considering who you're sitting with to best help you with your learning.



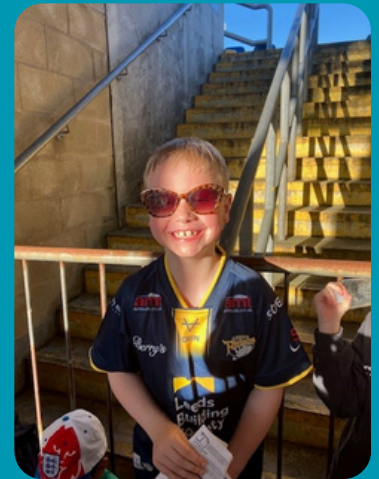
Our Learning

🎵 ✨ Star Performance Alert! ✨ 🎵

Our Younger Voices Choir performed before the Leeds Rhinos v Catalan Dragons game on Friday – Leeds won 46-4!!!

(We like to think this is because of our beautiful singers...)

An amazing experience for everyone, we're super proud of all the singers, they were brilliant!



Small Crafts, Big Smiles 😊🎨

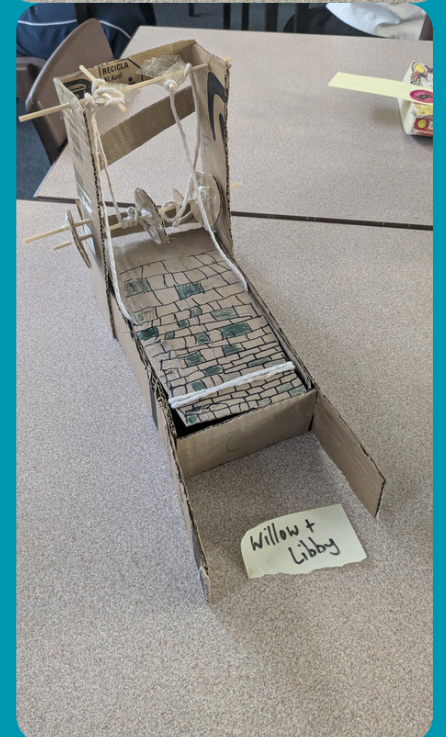
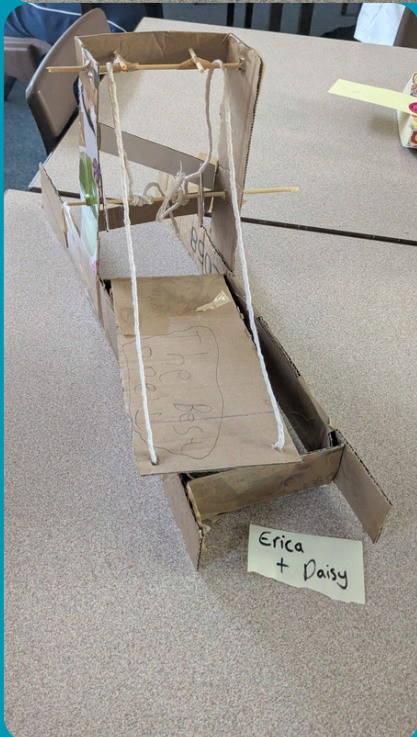
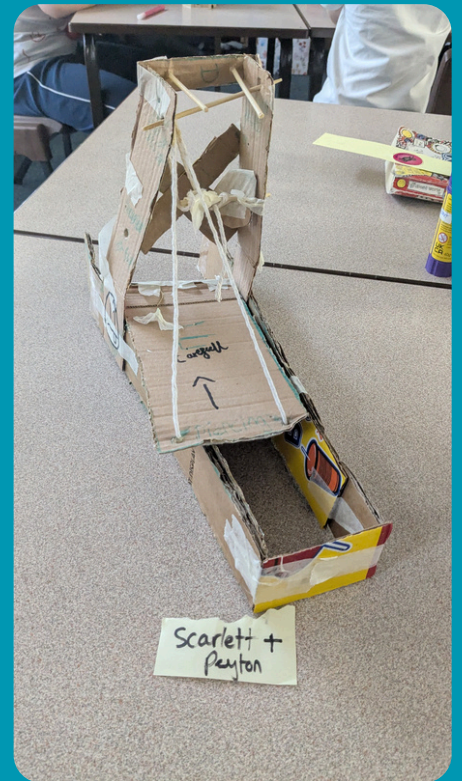
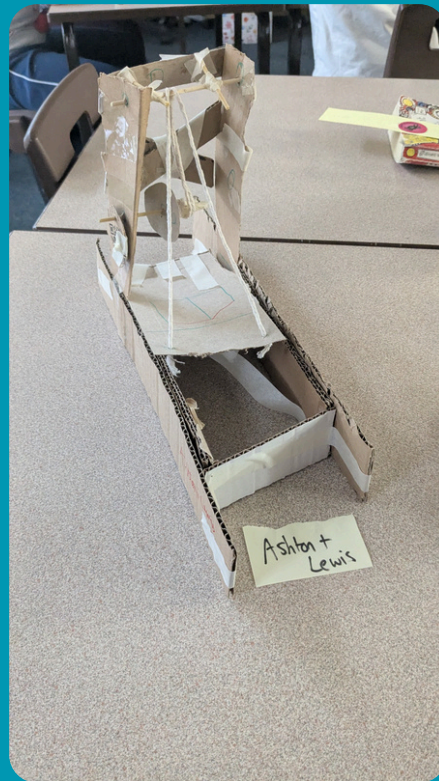
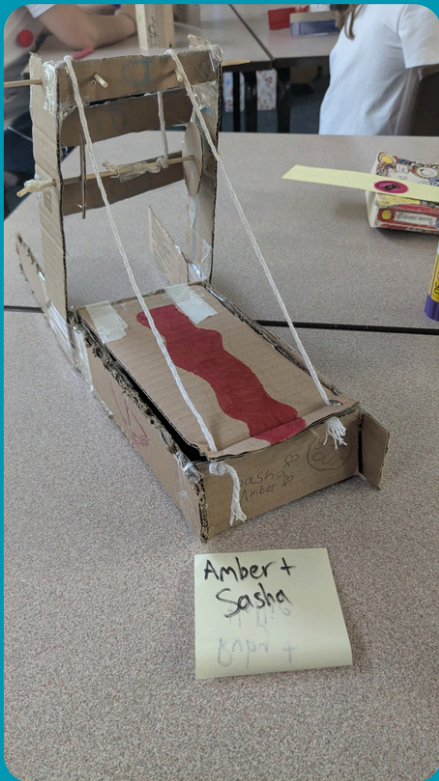
Craft Club got creative this week with our Re-use & Recycle theme. Egg boxes and toilet rolls turned into brilliant animal puppets—so much imagination and creativity!



Our Learning

🏰 Year 5 DT Day: Drawbridge Designers in Action! 🏰

Our Year 5 pupils took on the challenge of designing and building their very own drawbridges using a range of materials. The children explored how structures work, testing their ideas and bringing them to life with impressive teamwork and problem-solving skills. From sturdy bases to working lifting mechanisms, there were some fantastic designs on show! A brilliant day of hands-on learning – we might have some future engineers in the making! 🙌✨



Diary of a reluctant marathon runner! - by our School Business Manager Miss Daddy!



We are so proud of our Business Manager Miss Daddy for completing the London Marathon—what an incredible achievement!

Your determination and honesty about the challenge have truly inspired us all. Running for such a meaningful cause makes it even more special.

You've inspired our whole school community—well done!

Sunday 26th April 2026

Race day—and I felt completely underprepared.

I got to London early, suitcase packed for every possible weather. Stayed in Greenwich, just a mile from the start, which helped calm the nerves.

Race morning was emotional. Listening to everyone's reasons for running really hit me. I was running for Yorkshire Cancer Research—a cause close to my heart.

I'd only trained up to 16 miles, so the plan was simple: get to 16... then 18... then 20... and just keep going.

The crowds were incredible. With my name on my vest, people shouted and cheered—I felt like a pop star. They carried me the whole way.

By mile 22, the support was nonstop. The final miles were a blur of running, music, and pure adrenaline.

Then suddenly—The Mall. The finish line.

I ran the London Marathon.

My third and final marathon... and nothing will ever top that.




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.					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Savoury Cheese Roll (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty Bread	Hawaiian Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Crunchy Salmon Bites with Tomato Ketchup (H) Sauté Potatoes
Meat Free	Quorn Biryani (V)(H)	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (V)(H) Spaghetti Crusty Bread	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Seasoned Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetarian Sweet Chilli Chicken Style Wrap (V)(H) Sauté Potatoes
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Ham Bap Homemade Jacket Wedges	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Seasoned Potato Wedges	Soft Filled Roll with either Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheddar Cheese Bap (V)(H) Sauté Potatoes
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Coleslaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Beef Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
Desserts	Raspberry Jelly with Peach Slices	Butterscotch Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Pancakes with Ice Cream and Toffee Sauce	Sprinkle Sponge with Creamy Custard	Chocolate Crispy Slice with Fresh Fruit

Whitecote Primary School
N4 Week TWO
W/C 02/03, 23/03, 04/03, 15/04, 06/07





YUM!
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).

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.



WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL




Suns Out!

Now that the warmer weather is here (hurrah!) please ensure you send your child to school with:

- Sun cream applied** ☀️
- A hat** 🧢
- A refillable water bottle (water only please)** 💧



Cool Kids Hydrate & Protect!



Whats on & Things To Do!

ATTENTION!



After the success of our Mother's and Other's Day Sale we will be doing a similar event for Father's day. So that our children have the opportunity to buy a present for their father, father figure or friend on the 19th June, we need donations!

We are looking for sweets, chocolate, bath/shower products, socks and any other similar gifts. **NO ALCOHOL.**

Donations can be given at every drop off/pick up time from the first week of summer term 2 (week starting 1st June). Please give any donations to class teachers.



Fathers' and Friends' Day Sale



WHEN: FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

WHERE: IN THE HALL FOR CHILDREN IN THE MORNING (THEY WILL BE TAKEN CLASS BY CLASS TO CHOOSE THEIR ITEM), THEN, PARENTS WILL BE WELCOME TO PURCHASE ANY REMAINING ITEMS ON THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL.

WHAT: CHILDREN SHOULD BRING MONEY IN TO BUY AN ITEM FOR THEIR SPECIAL ADULT. ITEMS WILL BE PRICED FROM 50P TO £2



WHITECOTE CAR BOOT

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
AT WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S FIELD - LS13 2LQ
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 12-2.30
Car pitches £10 each. Free entry to the public. Please email whitecotecommunitygroup@whitecote.co.uk to secure your pitch.

Bring your own table! **Gates open 11.30 am and close 3pm for sellers.** Pay at gate. pre-booked cars will take priority.



NO LIVESTOCK



NO ALCOHOL



WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Attendance Challenge!



4 Weeks to win!

The year group with the best attendance over the next 4 weeks wins an amazing bouncy castle reward - plus treats for everyone- including adults!

✦ Weekly bonus! ✦

The class with the best attendance each week will earn the privilege of sitting on the very fancy top table at lunchtime - first in, straight past the queues!

Let's see which class can bounce their way to the top!

Every day counts - be there!



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!

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

Hawthorn Youth Club
18:30 - 20:00

Armley Youth Club
18:30 - 20:30
(Currently a mobile)



Friday

-Cardigan Fields 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

Farsley mobile - Whincovers 4-6pm

Calverley Youth Club - Library Hub
6.30-8.30pm

New Farsley 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)

Farsley Senior Mobile - bus terminus
6-8pm

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New Starters

SAVE 10%

VALID UNTIL 31 JULY 26

Save 10% with code **INTAKE26** at checkout



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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.

Whats on & Things To Do!

WELLBEING EVENT

Bramley Park
Friday 15th May
3:30-5pm

FREE EVENT



Join us after school for:

- Calming crafts
- Fun games
- Wellbeing walk
- Snacks

for the whole family!

Supporting Mental Health Week and celebrating the end of SATs!

flourishing families

or message Caroline at 07791 144854.

Scan to sign-up!



www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk
@Leeds Local Offer
LLO@leeds.gov.uk
https://tinyurl.com/LLOWhatsApp

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 13 May	10.30 till 12.30	The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email LLO@leeds.gov.uk



What you might want to speak to each service about



- How to find out about SEND services in Leeds
- The Leeds Local Offer website and events
- Signposting to SEND services



- SEND support in mainstream schools
- Preparing for SEND meetings
- Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments and plans
- Mediation and SEND tribunal appeals
- Specialist schools, settings and provisions
- Preparing for adulthood
- Preparing for educational transitions
- SEND funding
- School transport



- How to have your voice heard in Leeds.
- How we represent the voices of parents and carers.
- Events and sessions for families.



- Benefits advice and support (DLA and PIP)
- Emotional support around parent caring role



- Parent-Led Support: A welcoming community for families of children with disabilities to connect and share experiences.
- Inclusive Activities: Sensory-friendly sessions, inclusive play, and family events that build confidence and social inclusion.
- Advocacy & Resources: Help with equipment, peer support, and working with healthcare providers to improve local services and accessibility.



- What support do CHAD offer?
- How can children access specialist care packages?
- What is the threshold for CHAD social worker involvement?
- General questions or queries about social care?
- How to make a referral?



Our family hubs provide a welcoming space where families with children and young people (0 to 19 years, or up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities) can access support, advice, and services in one convenient location.



- Support with communication
- Support with eating, drinking and swallowing

The Old Fire Station

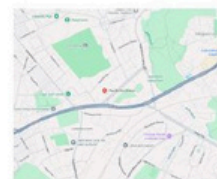
Gipton Approach, Leeds, LS9 6NL



Travelling by bus

There are number of excellent bus services in Leeds. The Old Fire Station is located on Gipton Approach, just off York Road (A64). The following First Leeds bus services stop on York Road: 5, 11, 19, 56, 49 and 64.

Visit the West Yorkshire Metro website and First Leeds for timetables and general information.



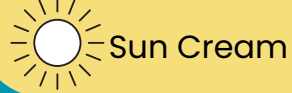
Travelling by car

Sat Nav – please use postcode LS9 6NL

From Leeds City Centre, on the A64, go straight on through the major traffic lights at the junction with Harehills Lane (under a footbridge), keeping to the inside lane. You will pass a large care home on your left. Take the next left onto Gipton Approach and the Old Fire Station is almost immediately on the left hand side. Coming towards Leeds on the A64, after passing Asda on your right, stay in the right hand lane as you go straight on through the major traffic lights at the junction with Selby Road A63.

The Old Fire Station has plenty of on-site free parking. Once parked please proceed to the main entrance to the reception.

WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS



KEY



Outdoor Shoes



Overnight Bag



Pyjamas



Waterproof coat



Toiletries



Own Clothes

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

Price - £120.00 to be paid on Arbor
by 30th 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



Year 1 - Scarborough Visit 7th July 2026

Price - £18.00 to be paid on Arbor by
26th May 2026

Departing - 07:45am
Returning - 16:30pm

