

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!

Nurture - I will try to understand how others are feeling and why

R APPLE - Trix L-C - You are always a kind friend and understand when others may need help and a friendly hug. You are so kind and caring - well done!

R PEAR - Savannah R - you are always so kind and considerate of others.

1 LAVENDER - Joe D- you are a fantastic friend in the classroom always looking out for your friends and showing consideration towards their feelings. Keep it up Joe!

1 ROSE - Fatima F - You are always a great friend, well done Fatima!

2 WILLOW - Poppy S - You have understood when your friends need support and have helped them with their learning.

2 HAZEL - Olivia R - You are always kind to everyone, showing lovely manners and treating others with respect.Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Lianna D - You are a kind and caring person. You always think about the feelings of others and this is one of the many reasons why you are a great friend. Well done!

3 YEW - Corby C - You encouraged Spruce class during our learning of our 'Best of British' song as you knew they might be a little nervous or unsure. Really kind thinking, Corby, well done!

4 ASH - Alisha Y - You are always kind to everyone.

4 BEECH - Kevin S - You are always kind to others.

5 CHESTNUT - Erica W - You are always looking after your friends and recognise what they might need to make them feel better.

5 ELM - Ashton G - You have been developing your empathy with classmates during check in times.

6 CEDAR - Elias O - You often respond quickly when your friends are upset and show compassion and kindness, offering support.

6 OAK - Bailey G - You have considerate and caring attitude towards a classmate.



A message from Mrs Stead

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference to our school community.

This half term has been a particularly tricky one with SATs taking place, but our Year 6 pupils have made us incredibly proud with their hard work, resilience and positive attitude throughout. They approached every challenge with determination and maturity.

We have also enjoyed some fantastic experiences across school, including visits from great athletes who inspired our children to aim high and believe in themselves. Our Best of British day was a great way to finish the half term, and the sun finally came out too!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final half term of the year.

Best wishes,

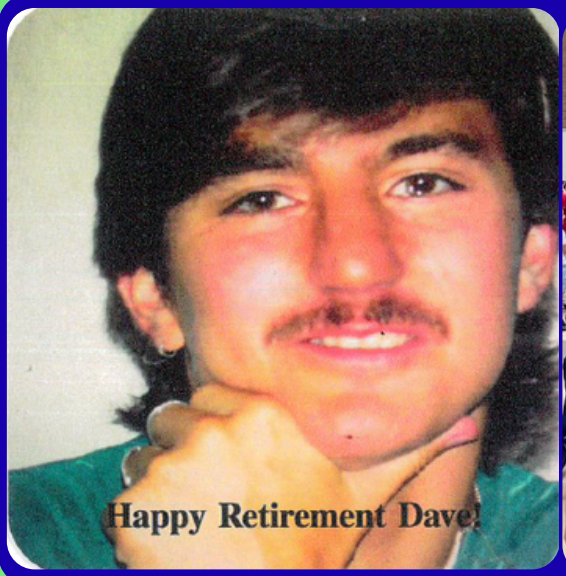
Mrs Stead.

Were not crying...

...yet! Today we say HAPPY RETIREMENT to our wonderful caretaker, Mr Dave Tweed, as he leaves us after 5 amazing years at Whitecote Primary School.

Always smiling, kind, and ready to help, Mr Tweed has been such a special part of our school family and will be deeply missed by staff and children alike. The standing ovation he received in assembly this morning said it all. ❤️

Thank you for everything, Mr Tweed. We hope retirement brings you plenty of time for fishing, gardening, and making special memories with your grandchildren — you truly deserve it! 🎣🌿🧸





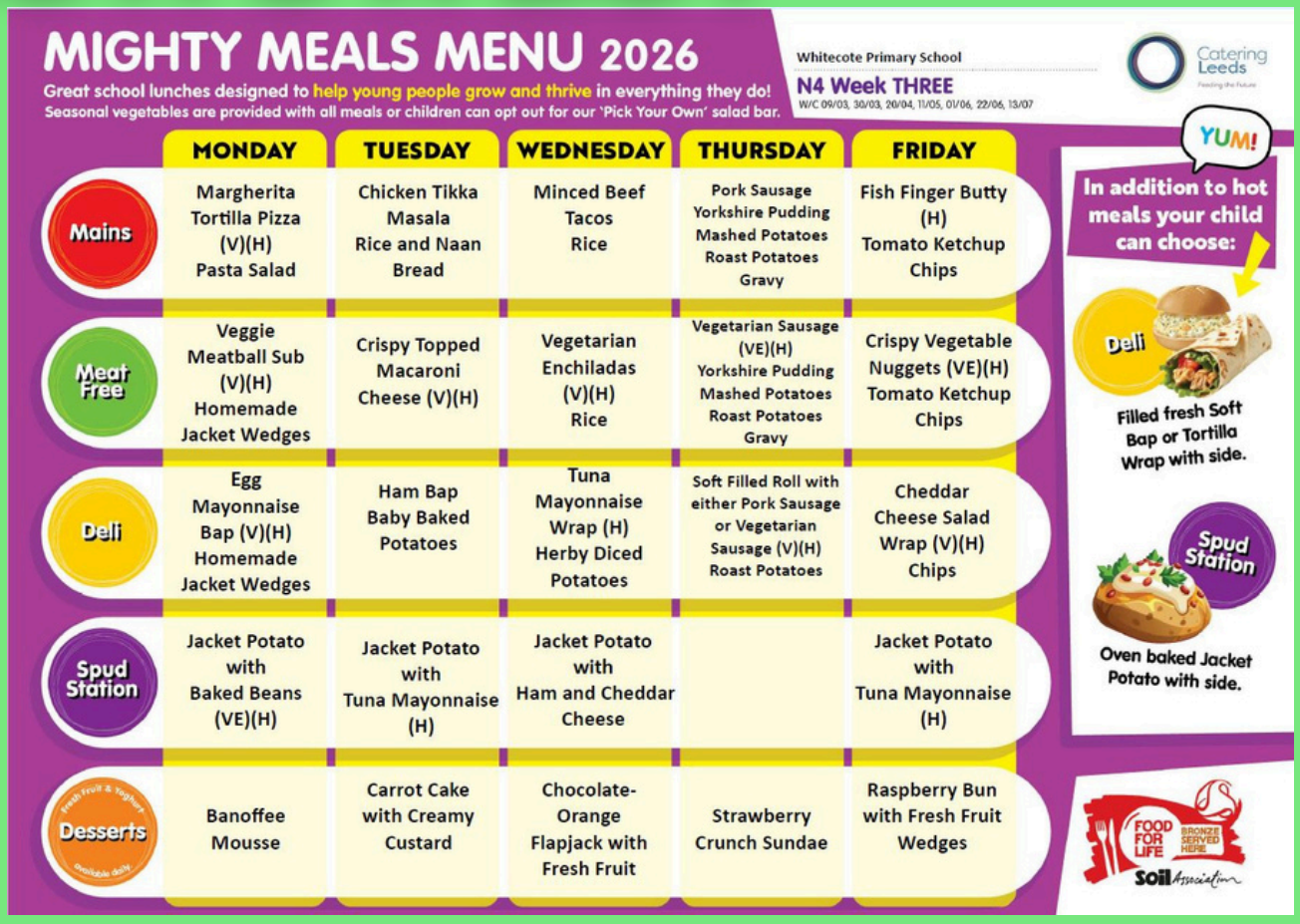


Whitecote Wonders

R Apple -**Soraya A**
R Pear - **Ada C**
1 Rose -**Rima M**
1 Lavender - **Leroy M**
2 Willow - **Fahad A**
2 Hazel - **Summer B**
3 Spruce **- Darcy P**
3 Yew - **Olivia H**
4 Beech - **Elle D-C**
4 Ash - **Lucinda J**
5 Chestnut - **Kaiden R**
5 Elm - **Oliver W**
6 Oak - **Darcie-Leigh M**
6 Cedar - **Logan B**

LUNCHES!

Make mornings easier by pre-ordering!



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.



Our Learning

Little Doves Cuteness!

Our Little Doves 2-Year-Old Provision children have been busy using their senses to explore different vegetables in the vegetable patch and trying out sensory foam!
The children have been developing their learning through hands-on play by exploring:
Maths – learning about heavy and light, size and shape
Speech and Language – encouraging communication by naming the items they discovered such as big cabbage, crunchy carrots and brown soil (bran flakes!), as well as talking about their likes and dislikes
Science – learning about growing
Using all 5 senses to explore textures, smells, sounds, tastes and colours all around them!
From squishing and scooping to smelling and discovering, the children loved every moment of their sensory adventure.






Craft Club - Out!

Here are the photos from our final week of craft club...making pinwheels to keep us cool for next week's heatwave! Craft club will be back in the Autumn!



Best of British Day!

Our school was bursting with British spirit as pupils enjoyed an unforgettable day packed with fun and celebration. From an amazing flashmobs featuring songs from legendary British singers, to creative crafts, giant bouncy castles, and refreshing ice lollies in the sunshine — there was something for everyone! 🎶🎨🏰🍦

A huge thank you to all the children and staff who made the day so special.
The smiles, laughter, and enthusiasm truly made it a celebration to remember! ❤️🤍💙















Year 6 Leavers Hoodies!



Yes, its that time of year again! This year we are doing things slightly differently and allowing personalised hoodies in a choice of colours! Please click on the below link or scan the QR code for more information.

CLICK HERE



Watch this space – OPAL is coming to Whitecote!



Whats on & Things To Do!

WE ARE HIRING

Primary Teacher!

Whitecote Primary School are looking for a passionate and enthusiastic temporary full-time class teacher to join our dedicated team.

At Whitecote, we believe success comes through hard work, perseverance and a curriculum that inspires children to achieve their full potential. Our pupils are eager to learn, our staff are proud to work here, and well being is at the heart of everything we do.

If you are committed to helping children achieve their full potential and want to be part of the Whitecote family, we would love to hear from you!

Application deadline: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 @ 12pm.
Interviews expected to take place on Friday 5th June.

Finance Officer!

We are seeking to appoint a dedicated and highly organised Finance Officer to join our welcoming and hardworking office team. This is an important role within the school, supporting the effective day-to-day management of both financial and administrative functions.

As a key member of our team, you will play a vital part in ensuring that our school runs smoothly, helping to create an environment where staff and pupils can thrive. The role is varied and rewarding, requiring someone who is proactive, reliable and able to manage competing priorities with care and attention.

We are looking for someone who is approachable, professional and committed to delivering a high-quality service to the whole school community.

Application deadline: Friday 5th June 2026 @ 12pm.

For any queries regarding these roles please call 0113 216 4800 or email office@whitecote.co.uk.

Application Form is available on our website! here

Whats on & Things To Do!

Sleep Support

West Cluster

Please join us for two
2-hour sleep workshops on:

Part 1 – Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Part 2 – Tuesday 9th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.15am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Valley View Primary School,
Coal Hill Drive, LS13 1DD

Topics discussed include –

- Importance of sleep
- Sleepy foods & sleep diaries
- Sleep cycles & recommended sleep
- Self-settling & gradual withdrawal
- Night wakings, night terrors & reducing naps
- Creating positive sleep associations
- Developing routines & using visuals to support
- Adjusting bedtime timings
- Other information & support

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

Behaviour Support

West Cluster

Please join us for two
2-hour workshops on:

Part 1 – Tuesday 10th June
Part 2 – Tuesday 17th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.30am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Park Spring Primary School
LS13 4QT

Topics discussed include –

- Let's Talk Behaviour, what are you seeing?
- Identifying Triggers
- Emotional Regulation
- Teen behaviours
- Parenting Styles
- Communication and Connections
- Strategies to help

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

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Emotionally Based School Avoidance

West Cluster

Please join us for two
2-hour EBSA workshops on:

Part 1: Wednesday 17th June
Part 2: Wednesday 24th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.30am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Christ Church Primary School
LS12 3NU

Topics discussed include-

- Introduction to EBSA.
- Understanding safety & Safety behaviours.
- How to support your child through co-regulation
- Communication & Language
- Working together
- The 3 R'S
- Goal setting & relapse planning.

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

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



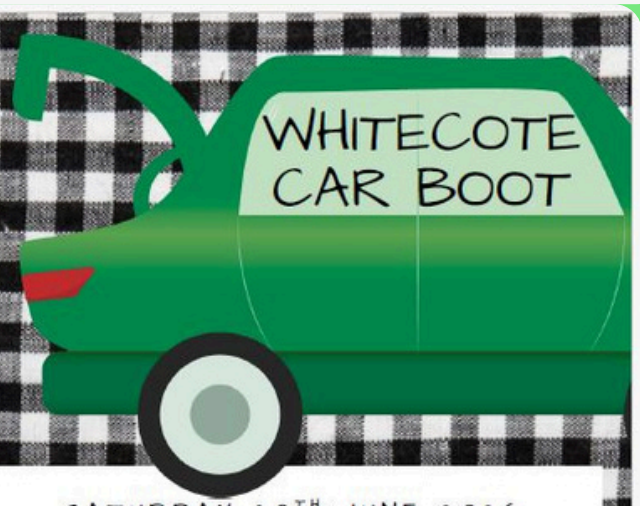
WHEN: FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

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.

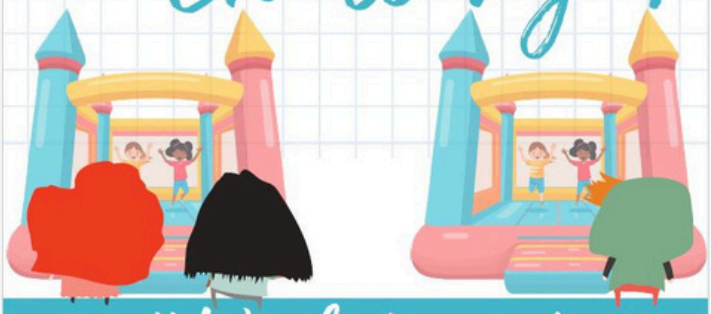
NO LIVESTOCK

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!

Whats on & Things To Do!

Leeds CITY COUNCIL

LEEDS YOUTH SERVICE

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)

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

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 or message on our social media accounts

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Leeds CITY COUNCIL

LEEDS YOUTH SERVICE

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
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
18:30 - 20:30

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

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Leeds SENDIASS

Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions on Microsoft Teams:



Topic - Transitions
Information and practical advice on transitions for children & young people with SEND.
Date: 14th May 2026
Time: 11:30-1pm

Topic - Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)
Information about pupils feeling unable to attend their school or setting due to their individual needs.
Date: 3rd June 2026
Time: 11:30-1pm

To book a place onto one of these virtual sessions, please email: sendiassevents@leeds.gov.uk

Please state in your email which session you want to attend.

0113 378 5020
www.leedssendiass.co.uk
sendiasssocialmedia@leeds.gov.uk

We want you

Are you struggling to get your child to see a dentist?
Do you think they can sit on a dental chair and accept dental treatment?
Are they between 5 and 14 years old?

We are currently introducing a scheme in which we accept parental referrals for children to receive a course of treatment at the Leeds Dental Institute. This means that we are able to offer appointments to children on a first-come first-served basis.

The Leeds Dental Institute (LDI) Student Clinic is a teaching unit which aims to provide the best possible care for our patients. Our students provide patient care appropriate to their level of training and experience and are closely supervised by registered dental professionals who are teaching staff for the School of Dentistry, University of Leeds.



This scheme is not intended to provide emergency dental care for your child. If your child is experiencing dental pain, you should look up urgent care services that provide dental treatment or contact NHS 111. Leeds University Dental Students would not replace your General Dental Practitioner. Your child will be discharged after the completion of a course of treatment.

Appointments are **Monday-Friday in term time**. Treatment is scheduled around University holidays, exams and other student commitments. Missed appointments without prior notification may lead to your child being discharged from the care of University of Leeds Dental Students.

Scan this QR code to access our referral form. Once completed, email it to: leedsth-tr.dentpaedvolunteersenhs.net

Scan this QR code to watch a video about what its like to come to see dental students at Leeds Dental Institute

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Leeds Dental Institute

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







WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

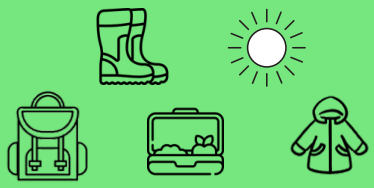
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- Packed Lunch
- Backpack
- Sun Cream
- Outdoor Shoes
- Waterproof coat
- Overnight Bag
- Toiletries
- Pyjamas
- Own Clothes

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

Price - £120.00 to be paid on Arbor by 11th May 2026

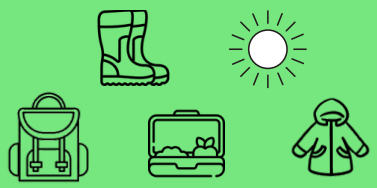
Departing - 08:30am
Returning - 15:15pm



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 3
Selected Students Only
Harewood House
15th June 2026

Departing - 09:00am
Returning - 14:30pm



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

Price - £90.00 to be paid on Arbor by 11th May 2026

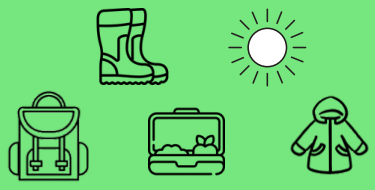
Departing - 08:45am
Returning - 15:00pm



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



Year 6 - Lightwater Valley Trip
8th July 2026

Price - £29.00 to be paid on Arbor by 26th June 2026

Departing - 08:45am
Returning - 16:30pm

