



Whitecote Newsletter

Whats on in October

W/C 5th October - *Acorns* - Nature and Leaf Printing, sensory trays and autumn walks.

W/C 5th October - *Little Doves* - Making Pumpkin Soup.

9th October - *Reception* - Parent Reading Workshop.

W/C 12th October - *Acorns* - Animals and Habitats.

12th October - *Year 1* - Lion Learners visit.

14th October - *Little Doves* - 9:15 10:30 Stay and Play Autumn Party.

14th October - *Nursery* - 9-9:45am and 2:15-3pm Stay and play (parents/carers invited).

14th October - *Year 6* - Leeds Liverpool Canal Visit.

15th October - *Little Doves* - 2-3:15pm Stay and play Autumn Party.

20th October - *Year 1* - Autumn Walk – Bramley Fall Woods.

21st October - *Nursery* - 10:50am or 2:20pm Pumpkin Trail parents and carers invited.

INC Winners!

Nurture – I will understand that I can choose which of my thoughts I pay attention to.

R APPLE –

R PEAR – Milan C – you have been trying hard to make the right choices.

1 LAVENDER – Josh Jr G – You always have a positive mind set and can explain how you feel in full sentences.

1 ROSE – Reggie F – You always make the right choices. Well done Reggie!

2 WILLOW – Micheal C – You have had a positive attitude to your learning and have tried to catch yourself when you have felt upset.

2 HAZEL – Ralph A – You have been trying hard to make the right choices. Well done Ralph!

3 SPRUCE – Christabel A – Christabel always works hard. She is a positive person and uses this positivity to make the right choices and to challenge herself in lesson. Well done!

3 YEWE – Poppy S – You have tried hard to make good choices and stay on task in lessons, working independently. Well done, Poppy!

4 ASH – Ayat K – you are always focused on your learning and are always making positive choices. Well Done!

4 BEECH – Matilda K – You have been focusing your thoughts on your work.

5 CHESTNUT – Amelia J – You are learning to be thoughtful about which thoughts you should share with staff, keep it up!

5 ELM – Aamir A – You have been making the right choices and trying hard to prioritise your learning, well done!

6 CEDAR – Hollie C – You have been managing your distractions and using ONE LIFE strategies to help stay focused.

6 OAK – Andrew M – You have grown in confidence and given everything a go.

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](#)**

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! 😊

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 2026/27

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 14/09/26, 05/10/26, 16/11/26, 07/12/26, 18/01/27, 08/02/27



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Flatbread Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Chicken Curry With Rice	Beef Shepherd's Pie	Pork Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Seasonal Vegetables Gravy	Fish Fingers (H) Chips
Meat Free	Vegetarian Lasagne (V)(H) Crusty Bread	Super Five Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Bread (V)(H)	Crispy Vegetarian Dippers (V)(H) Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Seasonal Vegetables Gravy	Sticky Quorn Wrap (VE)(H) Chips
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Savoury Cheese Wrap (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Ham Bap Diced Potatoes	Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage Bap(V)(H) Roast Potatoes	2 Cheese Mix Panini (V)(H) Chips
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)	Cold Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Pot (H)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)
Desserts	Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt with Berry Sauce	Custard Cream Traybake Fresh Fruit Wedges	Mini Ring Doughnut with Chocolate Ice Cream	Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad	Ginger Cookie 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.



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.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH GUIDE

Helping children stay happy, healthy and ready to learn

A healthy packed lunch provides children with the energy they need for a busy afternoon of learning, play and sport.

To support healthy eating and protect children with food allergies, please follow our packed lunch guidance.

A HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH SHOULD INCLUDE:

- MAIN FOOD**
 - Sandwich, wrap, pitta or roll
 - Pasta, rice or couscous salad
 - Seasonal stuffer or homemade savoury snacks
- A SOURCE OF PROTEIN**
 - Chicken
 - Ham, chicken or turkey
 - Tuna or salmon
 - Egg
 - Hummus or other suitable spreads
- FRUIT & VEGETABLES**
 - Fruit
 - Carrot, cucumber or pepper sticks
 - Cherry tomatoes
 - Peas, broad beans or grapes (not where appropriate)
- A DAIRY ITEM**
 - Yogurt
 - Fromage frais
 - Cheddar cubes or cheese strings
- A DRINK**
 - Water only

FOODS WE ENCOURAGE

- Sandwiches, wraps and rolls
- Pasta or rice dishes
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Yogurt
- Cheese
- Water

OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED

These can be included from time to time:

- Low-sugar cereal bars
- Crackers or breadsticks
- Small savoury baked items
- Small portions of dried fruit

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

For the health and safety of all our children:

- Nuts or nut products
- Peanut butter
- Chocolate spreads
- Savory drinks or high-sugar fruit juice cartons
- Sweets

5 EASY LUNCHBOX IDEAS

1. Main sandwich, Carrot sticks, Apple, Yogurt, Water
2. Cheese wrap, Cucumber sticks, Salads, Cheese cubes, Yogurt
3. Tuna pitta salad, Cherry tomatoes, Grapes, Fromage frais, Water
4. Egg mayonnaise roll, Pepper sticks, Banana, Yogurt, Water
5. Chicken pitta pocket, Cucumber and carrot sticks, Mashed chickpeas, Cheese cubes, Water

BUDGET-FRIENDLY IDEAS

- Use leftovers from evening meals
- Use frozen fruit and veg
- Buy fruit and vegetables in season
- Freeze bread, rolls and veggie wraps to make meals
- Use frozen fruit to give lunch a boost
- Use frozen fruit and veggie wraps when appropriate

TOP TIPS

- Involve your child in choosing and preparing their lunch
- Include at least one fruit and one vegetable every day
- Send a named water bottle
- Keep portions suitable for your child's age and appetite
- Remember that a healthy lunch helps improve concentration and keeps them happy throughout the school day

A GREAT PACKED LUNCH LOOKS LIKE THIS:

- Main food
- Fruit
- Vegetable snack
- Dairy item
- Water

SIMPLE • BALANCED • NUTRITIOUS

Thank you for helping us promote healthy eating and support every child's wellbeing.

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8:15 - 8:45

Free Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club
Wrap Around
After School Club

Give your child a great start to the school day! Our free, government-funded Breakfast Club runs from 8:15am to 8:45am and can be booked quickly and easily through the Arbor app. Bookings close at 7:15am on the day. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office or wrap around care team – we're always happy to help!

Important information!

SAFE PARKING: PLEASE READ.

A reminder to all parents and carers to park safely and considerately during drop-off and collection times.

Please do not park on double yellow lines or block the school gates, and remember to observe the 20mph speed limit. These measures are in place to help keep our children, families and community safe. Thank you for your support.

SAFE PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Your care. Their safety. Our community.

Together, we can keep our children safe.

DO NOT PARK ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES
These restrictions are in place to maintain clear visibility and keep everyone safe.

DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE SCHOOL GATES
Keep entrances and exits clear to ensure safe access to the school site.

CHILDREN ARE EVERYWHERE
With many children walking, cycling and crossing the road each day, irresponsible parking and driving puts lives at risk.

20MPH SPEED LIMIT
Please observe the 20mph speed limit and remain vigilant, particularly during the busiest times of the school day.

ACT RESPONSIBLY AND CONSIDERATELY
The safety and wellbeing of our children must remain everyone's priority.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

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Can you help us donate a vehicle?

Help us create an exciting outdoor play space for our children!

Old speedboat? Bus? Caravan?
If it's no longer in use, we'd love to hear from you!

Must be in good, usable condition

Available to be inspected before donation

We need it delivered and situated on our school field

A free donation (though if affiliated with a local business, we'll mention you in our newsletter and on our website!)

Get in touch via office@whitecote.co.uk to get the ball rolling!

A vehicle today... a world of play tomorrow!

Opal Play Connect Belong

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is being celebrated throughout this time of year, where farmers and growers give thanks for a successful harvest season; and churches, community groups, schools and individuals give to those less fortunate.

Harvest Assembly

During the morning of **Tuesday 13th October 2026**, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a special assembly led by The Rev. Julia Wilkins from Bramley St Peter's church. We welcome all parents and carers to attend.

Harvest Service

During the morning of **Wednesday 14th October 2026**, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be attending Bramley St Peter's church for a special Harvest service. We welcome all parents and carers to attend the service at the church which will start at 10am and last around 40 minutes.

Harvest Collection

Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October
Send donations in with your child and they will be stored in their classroom.

Every year, we welcome donations from our families and local community so we can continue to support our local food banks who have been a great support to our families and Bramley community during their times of need. These organisations provide non-perishable food items for those families.

Suggested donations:

- Tinned/ packet soup
- Tinned vegetables/ fruit
- Teabags/ coffee/ hot chocolate
- Toiletries
- Long life milk/ squash
- Tinned rice/ custard
- Pasta
- Packet rice/ noodles
- Sauces (tins or packets)

! NO GLASS PLEASE.

We would like to thank you for joining us and supporting our local community.

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Join us for our OPEN EVENTS for parents

Thinking about primary school for your little one? Come and see the magic of Whitecote Primary in action! We warmly invite you to our Open Events to find out why we're such a special place to learn and grow.

What to Expect on the Day:

Explore
our vibrant classrooms, playgrounds, and facilities.

Meet
our friendly, passionate teachers and leadership team.

Discover
a curriculum, environment, and enrichment opportunities that are designed to inspire curiosity, awe and wonder.

Find out more
about our wonderful school community.

Monday 12th October 2026 - 2pm and 6pm
A warm welcome awaits!

Attendance September 2026

Good attendance builds bright futures!

Whole School Weekly Attendance

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
93.52%	94.58%	94.59%	93.52%

Total Number of children with 100% Attendance this month - **234**

Reward

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Hot Chocolate Attendance treat 3 Yew	Hot Chocolate Attendance treat 3 Yew	Hot Chocolate Attendance treat 6 Oak	Hot Chocolate Attendance treat 4 Beech

Top Table - Best Class

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
3 Yew	3 Yew	2 Hazel	4 Beech

Wheel of fortune 100% attendance - Dip in the Box
This month 15 children won a dip in the box for 100% weekly attendance.

Coming soon Attendance Ambassadors

Congratulations to our winners and pupils who have achieved 100% Attendance this month. Keep it up!

Our Learning



🌟 Attendance Champions: Week Beginning 28th September 2026 🌟

A huge well done to everyone!



Why Everyday Counts: The Importance of Good Attendance

At our school, we are passionate about regular attendance because every single day shapes your child's future. Coming to school consistently isn't just about following rules—it is the foundation for your child's academic, social, and emotional growth:

Building Strong Learning Foundations: Lessons build on top of each other day by day. When children miss even a day or two, gaps in their knowledge can form, making it harder to catch up on reading, writing, and maths skills.

Developing Social Skills & Friendships: School is where children learn to share, collaborate, and build lasting friendships.

Regular attendance helps children feel securely connected to their peer groups and classroom community.

Creating Healthy Life Habits: Arriving on time and attending regularly teaches children vital life skills like punctuality, reliability, and resilience—qualities that will serve them well all the way into adulthood.

Even an attendance rate of 90% means a child is missing half a day of school every single week. We want to work in partnership with you to give every child the best possible start. If you are ever facing challenges with morning routines or getting your child to school, please reach out to us—we are always here to support you.

Coming soon... Attendance Ambassadors! Keep your eyes peeled for more details on this exciting new initiative very soon.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see who our winners are next week!

Our Learning



🐾👩🎓 Reception have been getting creative! 👩🎓🐾

Our Reception children have been busy making 3D animals from clay while learning all about 3D shapes! ▲●■

They explored how different shapes and pieces of clay can be combined, moulded and transformed to create their very own animal sculptures.



Lots of hands-on learning, creativity and a little bit of clay-covered fun! 💛

#Reception #3DLearning #3DShapes #CreativeLearning #ClayArt

#HandsonLearning #WPS

Whats on & Things To Do!

**Thursday
1st October**
5:30 – 8:00pm



Join us at our Open Evening

Headteacher talks: 5:30pm, 6:15pm or 7:00pm
Student led tours from 5:30pm.

[>> Book your free tickets here](#)





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HORSFORTH SCHOOL

**YEAR 6
OPEN
EVENING**

An **Exceptional**
Student Experience



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**Thursday 1
October 2026**
5.30 - 8.00pm

Principal presentations will be at
6.00pm and 7.00pm in the auditorium.

THE FARNLEY ACADEMY
The Farnley Academy
Chapel Lane, Leeds, LS12 5EU

GORSE

**Oulton
ACADEMY**

**YEAR 5 & 6
OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 29th September
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Principal's Talks: 5pm, 5:45pm and
6:30pm

Pennington Lane, Oulton, Leeds, LS26 8EX

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Leeds West Academy

Open Evening

23rd September 2026 6pm – 8pm

Principal talks will be at 6:15pm and 7:15pm

CARE COMMITMENT COMMUNITY




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about us:

"Pupils
benefit from
an ambitious
curriculum"

"A school where
pupils can be
themselves and feel
valued as members
of the school
community"

The school's
values of care,
commitment and
community create an
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pupils thrive

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Have your say about
**SEND in mainstream
schools**

Tell us about your
experience of SEND
Support in mainstream
schools.

Click on this link to
complete the Survey.

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Takes about 5
minutes to
complete

 Closes Friday 9th
October 2026

Woodland Rave
Sunday 27 September
Lineham Farm

Back by popular demand!
Our second Family Rave
is here. Tickets are selling
fast, book now to avoid
missing out.

[Buy Tickets](#)

Pumpkin Festival
Thursday 29 to Saturday
31 October
Lineham Farm

EARLY BIRD TICKETS
AVAILABLE

Returning for its third year,
this much-loved event is
set to be another sell-out,
with an additional day for
families to enjoy
spooktacular Halloween
fun.

Enjoy pumpkin picking,
creative activities, spooky
stories, Wicked Woods
Trick or Treat Trail and
more.

[Buy Tickets](#)

Network
Friday 16 October
Lineham Farm

Join our free Networking
event at our charity home.
A relaxed and informal
business networking event
in Leeds bringing together
professionals for fresh air,
meaningful connections
and community impact.

[Sign Up](#)

we need you!

Local support is vital to our success, and there are loads of great ways to get involved with our charity, either as an individual, school or a business.

[More details](#)

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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.

We are also looking for adult volunteers to join and help with our groups.

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


Scouts
West Leeds



**Less
screen time
More
green time**

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
-the adventure begins here-



ANCHORS
4 - 8 Years

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8 - 11 Years

Company
11 - 14 Years

Seniors
14 - 18 Years

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AUTUMN FAMILY FUN

FREE

THURSDAY 17TH SEPT
BIRD BOX CREATIONS
3:30-4:30PM



THURSDAY 15TH OCT
JUNK MODELLING
3:30-4:30PM



SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
THE BIG TREAT CRAFTS
5:00-6:30PM HOT DOGS
HOT CHOCOLATE



FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
CHRISTINGLES AT BRAMLEY CHRISTMAS
4:00-6:30PM LIGHT SWITCH ON



Climb Bradford

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Our fun, structured sessions teach young climbers everything from knot tying and belaying to lead climbing in a supportive environment. Growing a lifelong hobby and interest in climbing.

Saturdays
10:00-13:00
13:30-16:30

 7+ years old
 8th November 2026
 £180.00 (6-week block)
 Klarna, Childcare Vouchers
 All equipment supplied

The Climbing
Hub, Bradford,
BD7 2BR

What's covered?

- Knot tying
- Belaying
- Coaching
- Lead climbing
- Confidence
- Teamwork

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OCTOBER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors at Ilkley. The other option is climbing indoors and receive an amazing introduction to such an awesome sport. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling. An action packed day they'll remember.

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

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 26th, 28th, 30th October 2027
Big Depot Leeds: 27th-29th October 2027

Childcare Vouchers accepted



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SEND parent drop in Sessions

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child
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Dedicated support to families navigating the challenges of raising children and young people with diagnosed or emerging neurodiverse needs.

This support may include tailored advice, signposting to relevant services, and access to helpful resources. It may include help around (but not limited to) the following:

- ADHD
- Autism
- Dysregulation
- Food/Eating
- Home Support Ideas
- Reasonable Adjustments
- School Advice - Primary
- School Advice - Secondary
- Sensory Needs
- Sleep

With 21 years of teaching experience across a broad spectrum of needs, I bring both expertise and empathy to every interaction.
Jen Lyons, SEND specialist coordinator, Inner West Family Hub

Upcoming dates:

- 7th and 21st September
- 5th and 19th October
- 2nd and 16th November
- 7th December

The sessions take place at:

Inner West Family Hub,
Interview room 3,
Armley Community Hub,
2 Stocks Hill,
Leeds LS12 1UQ

To book your place

 **Email:**
family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk
Please reference
'Armley SEND drop in'
in your email with your name
and preferred date/s

 **Call:**
0113 5350185
Family Hub central line

When you make a booking, you will be allocated a time slot between 1-3pm



STARTING:
SEPTEMBER
2026

Farsley Children's

CHOIR!

6 - 15 YEARS
OLD

Thursdays
5 - 6pm
Farsley
Community Church

£5 per
child



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Packed Lunch



Backpack



Sun Cream



Outdoor Shoes



Waterproof coat



Overnight Bag



Toiletries



Pyjamas



Own Clothes

KEY

Salts Mills at Saltaire Wednesday 14th October

Price: £6.00.

Please return the permission slip to
class and make payment on Arbor
by Wednesday 7th October



Year 5 - Murton Park Date TBC



**New Trips
Coming Soon!**



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