



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!

Challenge – I will keep going even when I am finding something difficult.

R APPLE – Rowan N – Great role play of our focus text *The Gingerbread Man*!

R PEAR – Teddy J – You show fabulous perseverance even when you find something tricky! Well done!

1 LAVENDER – Lily R – You are a positive role model in 1 Lavender and keep going in all lessons when sometimes you find it difficult. Well done Lily!

1 ROSE – Grace E – You are persevering with your phonics, well done Grace. You are a star!

2 WILLOW – Alia K – You have used sounding out and blending with your reading and have not given up even when the words have been tricky!

2 HAZEL – Mia C – You kept trying with all of your work this week. Well done!

3 SPRUCE – Nancy S – Nancy always tries her best in lessons. She has also been working hard on understanding that it is ok to find things challenging as this helps her to learn. Well done!

3 YEW – Ella D – Even when you have found your work tricky, you have kept going. Well done, Ella!

4 ASH – Harlow F – You have tried your best this week and shown resilience you have found something difficult. Well Done!

4 BEECH – Jay S – You kept trying with all of your work this week.

5 CHESTNUT – Charlie W – You have been working hard on writing your sentences in the given time, well done!

5 ELM – Gracie O – You have been persevering with your times tables in maths and have been improving your score each day, well done!

6 CEDAR – Olivia C – You have been persevering during History lessons to ask deeper questions.

6 OAK – Harry A – You have been working hard in all subjects and you never give up.

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.					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Hot Dog Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Sunshine Rice	Roast Gammon Ham Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Battered Fish (H) Chips
Meat Free	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Mixed Pepper Omelette Jacket Wedges	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs in Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V)(H) Chips
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham and Tomato Panini Herby Diced Potatoes	Tuna Bap (H) Jacket Wedges	Hot Roast Gammon or Vegetarian Sausage Bap(V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheese and Red Onion Panini (V)(H) Chips
Spud Station	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato, Cheese and Herb Sauce (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)		Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V)(H)
Desserts	Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce & Peaches	Pineapple Sponge with Creamy Custard	Cherry & Coconut Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit	Fun Fruit Thursday	Cheesecake Bite topped with Mandarin Oranges

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 SIGNED HERE
Soil Association

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
 - Savory stuffed or homemade savory snacks
- A SOURCE OF PROTEIN**
 - Cheese
 - Ham, chicken or turkey
 - Tuna or salmon
 - Egg
 - Hummus or other suitable spreads
- FRUIT & VEGETABLES**
 - Fresh fruit
 - Carrot, cucumber or pepper sticks
 - Cherry tomatoes
 - Mayo, vinegarettes or grapes (not where appropriate)
- A DAIRY ITEM**
 - Yogurt
 - Fromage frais
 - Cheese cubes or cheese strings
- A DRINK**
 - Water only

FOODS WE ENCOURAGE

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

OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED

These can be included from time to time:

- Low-sugar cereal bars
- Crackers or breadsticks
- Small savory 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 containing nuts
- Chocolate bars
- Sweets
- Cakes
- Crisps
- Fizzy drinks
- Sugary drinks or high-sugar fruit juice cartons

5 EASY LUNCHBOX IDEAS

1. Main sandwich, Carrot sticks, Apple, Yogurt, Water
2. Cheese wrap, Cucumber sticks, Salads, Cheese cubes, Water
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 veg or fruit
- Buy fruit and vegetables in season
- Freeze string, slice and bag to make smoothies
- Use frozen fruit or juice that's good
- Use frozen fruit and vegetables where 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 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.

Free Breakfast Club

8:15 - 8:45

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Breakfast Club
Wrap Around
Care 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.

Tuesday 13th October 2026
9.15am (around 40 minutes)

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.

Wednesday 14th October 2026
10.00am (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.

Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October

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.

Food Bank

Whitecote Primary School

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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!

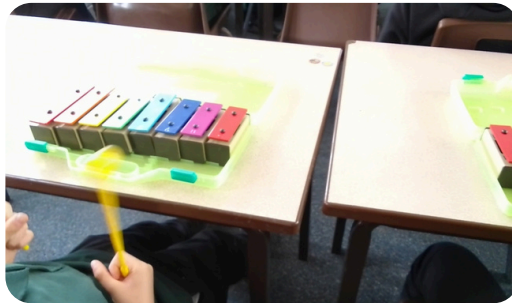
Our Learning

🎵 Black History Month – Exploring the Blues 🎵

As part of our Black History Month learning, the children have been exploring the history and development of Blues music, making links to the experiences of enslaved people and the important role music played in expressing emotions, stories and hope.

The children learned about the 12-bar Blues, using boomwhackers, glockenspiels and keyboards to play the structure and add their own improvisations. 🎹🎵

They then brought everything together for a fantastic whole-class performance – and it went brilliantly! Everyone got involved, had fun and, amazingly, even the staff managed to keep in time... mostly! 😂🎵



OPaL

🌿 OPaL Playtimes are thriving! 🌿

There's been lots of exploring, creating and playing across our OPaL spaces!

Children have been enjoying hill rolling, tyre tracks and getting stuck into the mud kitchen. 🍷🍷🍷

Our fantastic Year 4 Play Detectives have also been busy assessing the possibility of opening up our Wildlife Wood as another exciting space for OPaL play. 🌿🔍

So many opportunities for wonderful play! ❤️



Our Learning



Whitecote – Through the Lens!

Photography is our Art topic this half term, and Year 5 have been busy exploring the art of capturing a great image.

The children have been experimenting with landscapes, colour, shadows, saturation and angles, using iPads to explore the school grounds and get creative with their photography. 🌳📷

It's been fantastic to see them looking at their surroundings in a whole new way!

Whats on & Things To Do!



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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SEND in mainstream
schools

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

[Click on this link to
complete the Survey.](#)

or Scan the QR code below



Takes about 5
minutes to
complete



Closes Friday 9th
October 2026

Leeds
Family
Hubs

SEND parent drop in Sessions

We are
child
friendly
Leeds

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

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



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A Parent Governor

Make a Difference at Whitecote!
We're looking for a parent/carers to join our Governing Body and help
shape the future of Whitecote Primary School.
Governors play an important role in supporting school leaders, helping
set our strategic direction and ensuring we provide the very best
education for all our children.
No previous governor experience is needed — just enthusiasm,
commitment and a desire to make a positive difference.
Interested? Please contact the school office for an application form or see
below.

For more information **[CLICK HERE](#)**
Application form is attached **[HERE](#)**

Whats on & Things To Do!

PLAYERS WANTED
FOR A NEW TEAM

U11 GIRLS YEAR 5 & 6

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

BE PART OF A TEAM
HAVE FUN

WORK HARD
ACHIEVE TOGETHER

JOIN. PLAY. GROW. SUCCEED.

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH!
TOM 07979 771818




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**



KOBOCA Pupil Survey

Your views matter!

We have an exciting Prize Draw Event taking place on the build up to Christmas, and a **winter hamper** will be given out to one lucky student!



All we ask is for pupils in **Reception to Year 6** to complete the enclosed Pupil Survey.

This short survey asks children about their views on Sport and Wellbeing in school and will help staff plan for exciting new clubs which match their interests.



Sport



Wellbeing



New clubs



Names are required and, due to this, results are protected by school and are protected by GDPR guidelines.



Survey deadline:
Friday 16th December



Prize draw takes place:
Last week of term



Complete the survey here:
<https://www.koboca.co.uk/primary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-2026/27?y=50&id=115-WHITECOTE>

Thank you for all your support and good luck!



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
5:00-6:30PM
CRAFTS
HOT DOGS
HOT CHOCOLATE



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



Climb Bradford

Powered by My Expedition Rocks



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)

Kiarna, Childcare Vouchers

All equipment supplied

The Climbing
Hub, Bradford,
BD7 2BR

What's covered?

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

OFSTED REGISTERED - ROCK CLIMBING 2



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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



Book online or contact us via email

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ANCHORS
4 - 8 Years

PARADE
8 - 11 Years

Company
11 - 14 Years

Seniors
14 - 18 Years

WE MEET AT
ST MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH
SWINNOW LANE, LS13 4RG

STARTING:
SEPTEMBER
2026

Farsley Children's

CHOIR!

6 - 15 YEARS
OLD

Thursdays
5 - 6pm
Farsley
Community Church

£5 per
child



REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST HERE



WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS



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



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