

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* - 2-315pm Stay and play Autumn Party.
19th October - *Nursery, Reception, Y4, 5 & 6* - Autumn Disco
20th October - *Children with SEND, Y1 ,2 & 3* - Autumn Disco
20th October - *Year 1* - Autumn Walk – Bramley Fall Woods.
21st October - *Nursery* - 10:50am or 2:20pm Pumpkin Trail parents and carers invited.

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 be a trustworthy and truthful friend.

R APPLE – Mia C – Mia is always a kind friend to others.

R PEAR – Bronte C – you are always so kind and considerate of others and are a lovely friend!

1 LAVENDER –Gabriel G – You are a kind friend and always make the right choice.

1 ROSE – Joia F – You are a great friend to everyone. Well done Joia!

2 WILLOW – Teddy R – You have supported your friends when they have been sad by listening to them and being their friend.

2 HAZEL – Esme L – You are a kind and caring friend Esme.

3 SPRUCE – Lilly-Mae H – Lilly is a great friend to others. She is a kind and caring person and always goes out of her way to help others.

3 YEW –

4 ASH – Maisie K – You are a kind and caring friend Maisie.

4 BEECH – Ava-Rose H – You have been kind to other children.

5 CHESTNUT – Lottie R – You show values of a good friend and are always kind to others.

5 ELM – Alexander H – You are a super friend to others by always being kind and helpful.

6 CEDAR – Sophia D – You have shown kindness to others by using amazing manners to strengthen friendships.

6 OAK – Caleb C – You were a great friend to others on our school trip.

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 TWO
W/C 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26, 09/11/26, 30/11/26, 11/01/27, 01/02/27

Catering Leeds

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Tortilla Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Chicken Pie Mashed Potato	Chicken Tikka Masala Curry Rice	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Gravy	Crispy Salmon Fillet (H) Tomato Ketchup Chips
Meat Free	Creamy Coconut Chickpea Curry (V)(H) Rice	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Mashed Potato	Mediterranean Pasta Bake (V)(H)	Vegetarian Grill (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Gravy	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)(H)
Deli	Cheese & Coleslaw Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Tuna Mayonnaise Panini (H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Cheese Savoury Wrap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Hot Roast Pork or Vegetarian Grill Bap (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Fish Finger Butty Chips
Spud Station	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato and Basil Sauce (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)	Cold Tuna Crunch Pasta Pot (H)		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)
Desserts	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fun Fruit Wednesday	Cheddar Cheese with Crackers & Grapes	Shortbread Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges

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 SERVED 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.



Important information!

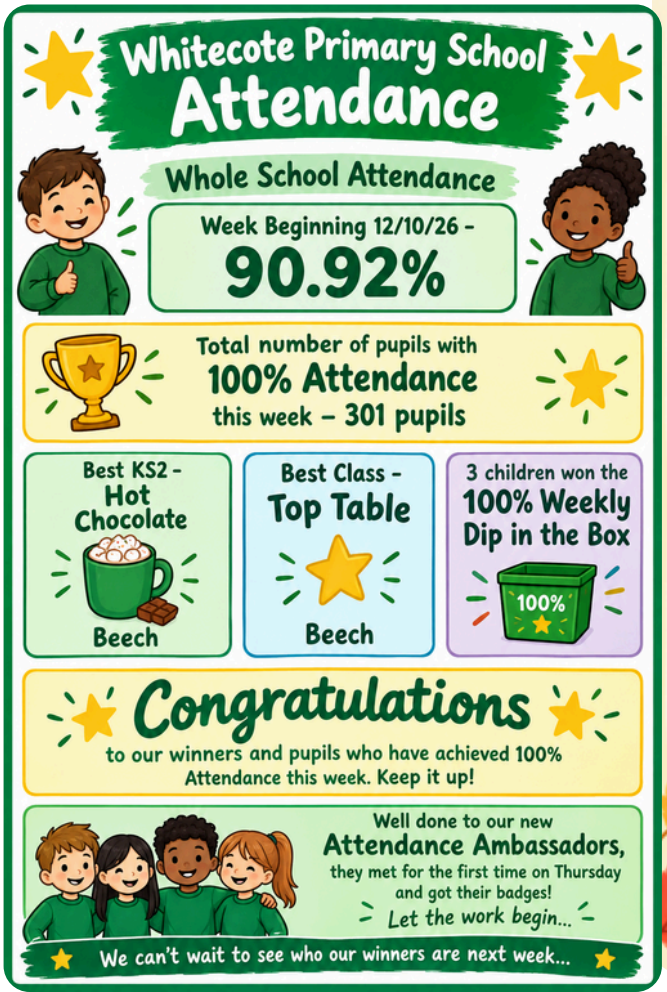
SAFE PARKING: PLEASE READ.

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.









Important information!



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!

PLEASE ENSURE YOU DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:15 - WE DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT STAFFING LEVELS BEFORE THEN.

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We are helping the Department for Education to understand how families start their day.



Designed by parents, for parents

Scan this QR code, complete the 10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Make sure the findings reflect families like yours!

Your voice matters, and you could win £100 by telling us about your family's morning routines. We're taking part in a national study to help inform how they are run both here and across the country.
Take the 10-minute survey click here

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A Parent Govenor

WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Inspire | Nurture | Challenge

Make a Difference at Whitecote!
We're looking for a parent/carer 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

Our Learning

Year 5 & 6 amazing athletes!

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children headed to Leeds West Academy to compete against other Bramley primary schools in an exciting Multiskills competition!
From penalty shootouts to ball games and team challenges, our children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout. 💪🌟
📸 Check out our action shots to see our Whitecote team in action! 🙌








Autumn Acorns Fun!

What a fun week in Acorns! We went on an Autumn walk to collect leaves, sticks and interesting things! We baked Hedgehog bread as we are learning about our woodland animals.
We made some cloud dough for our sensory session and added beads, gems and sparkly things!









Our Learning





🍂🍁 Autumn Crafts & Gingerbread Fun in Reception! 🍪

Our Reception children have been getting creative with the colours of autumn, using beautiful fallen leaves to make their own leaf collages! 🍂
They've also been busy rolling, cutting and decorating their very own gingerbread men, bringing the story The Gingerbread Man to life through hands-on fun! 🏃‍♂️🍪
So much creativity, learning and festive fun! ❤️



Whats on & Things To Do!





To find out more or to book for Lineham Farm events please

CLICK HERE





Whats on & Things To Do!

YORKSHIRE AMMERS TRAINING CENTRE

AMMERS ACADEMY

NEW CENTRE AT FIVES LEEDS

FREE FOOTBALL FUN DAY

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026 | 5-6PM



Fun football games | Skill challenges | Make new friends | With Leeds United Academy coaches

NURSERY TO YEAR 6

Boys & girls • Mixed abilities welcome

SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

WEEKLY TRAINING STARTS 9 NOVEMBER

Mondays 5-6pm | £30 per month | No joining fee

Fives Leeds, Limewood Approach, LS14 1NH | info@ammers.co.uk | 07462 531384

PLAYERS WANTED

FOR A NEW TEAM

Bramley Amigos FC

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

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opera north

Music Makers

A weekly musicianship and singing programme for children aged 7–9, designed to inspire a lifelong love of music while developing the skills needed to become confident young musicians.



Weekly sessions include songs and rhymes, musical games, aural training, notation reading and creative activities, giving children the opportunity to develop their musical literacy skills in an enjoyable and encouraging setting.

Music Makers is the perfect starting point for children who enjoy singing and are interested in progressing to the Opera North Children's Chorus.

When:
Wednesdays, 4.00pm–5.00pm During school term time, starting 4th November 2026

Venue:
Howard Opera Centre, Leeds

How to join:
There are no auditions for Music Makers

Register an interest

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
AT BRAMLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
4:00-6:30PM

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

The Climbing Hub, Bradford, BD7 2BR

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

What's covered?

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

OFSTED REGISTERED - ROCK CLIMBING 2



WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM | INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM

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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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

Less screen time More green time

Scouts

West Leeds

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

THE BOYS' BRIGADE >the adventure begins here





ANCHORS 4 – 8 Years | JUNIORS 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

KEY

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









