

Whitecote Newsletter

Whats on in November

Year 1 - WB Nov 2nd - Seasonal Walk

Little Doves - WB Nov 2nd - Bonfire Snack

Nursery - WB Nov 9th - Gruffalo Trail (children only)

All School - WB Nov 9th - Gruffalo Trail (children only)

Year 3 - WB Nov 16th - Geography Walk to Bramley centre

Year 1 - Nov 17th - Skipton Castle Trip

Nursery - WB Nov 23rd - Parents Evening

Year 4 - WB Nov 30th - Making Pizzas

Little Doves - WB 30th November - Baking and Decorating Gingerbread

For the latest Calendar of Events CLICK HERE

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!

Challenge - I will learn how to summarise to remeber things I have learnt.

R APPLE - Aria S- Aria loves supporting her friends to learn. This week she has been a great teacher to others and helping them sort different representations of number.

R PEAR - Lyla T - You could tell me everything you have learnt about Autumn!

1 LAVENDER - Sandang T - You have learnt to line up in the line independently. Well done Sandang.

1 ROSE - Imran H - You are working hard in phonics and trying hard to learn all the new codes. Well done Imran!

2 WILLOW - Quinn J - You have been summarising the Gunpowder Plot.

2 HAZEL - Roman M - You were able to talk about what you learned during our history lesson. Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Frederick H - Freddie is always able to recall his previous learning. He has impressed me this week by remembering new vocabulary in reading and then applying this to his writing.

3 YEW - Victoria M - You have summarised your learning well in reading and in English this week. You use this to help your peers when you can. Well done, Victoria!

4 ASH - Gabriel W - You have summarised your leaning in both reading and maths lessons this week. Well Done!

4 BEECH - Violet W - You have been summarising your reading. Well done.

5 CHESTNUT - Amir A - You are working hard in reading, writing and science lessons to recall and summarise your learning. Well done!

5 ELM - Ibrahim F - You have done some excellent summarising of Viking Boy in reading lessons, well done!

6 CEDAR - Lochlan W - You have expertly sumarised a character's feelings in our book 'Wonder'.

6 OAK - Georgia M - You have summarised your learning in English and maths.

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:



Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.



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.

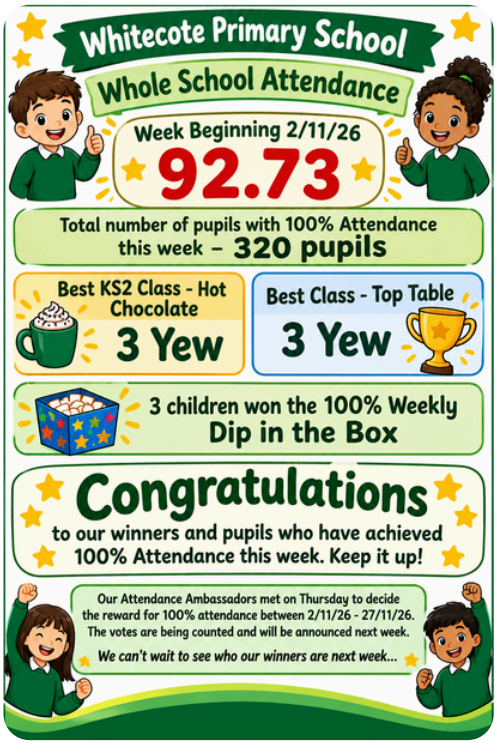


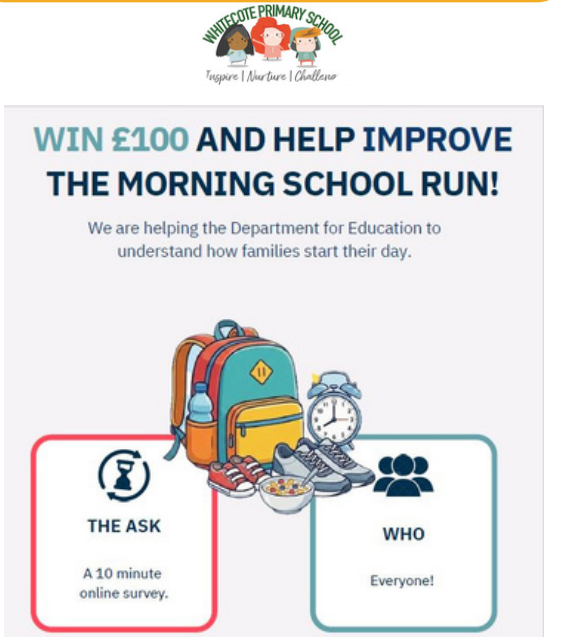






PLEASE ENSURE YOU DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:15 - WE DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT STAFFING LEVELS BEFORE THEN.





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



Our Learning











Year 1's Autumn 🍂 Adventure! 🍁

🍂 Autumn Adventures at Bramley Fall Woods! 🍁
Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time exploring Bramley Fall Woods as part of their Science topic on the Four Seasons.
Armed with their treasure hunt, the children set off on an autumn adventure, searching for leaves and discovering the beautiful colours all around them. 🍂
They explored why leaves change colour in autumn, listened to the crunchy sounds beneath their feet and watched how the leaves moved and danced through the air! 🍃
There was so much to see, hear and discover!
What a wonderful way to bring learning to life – fresh air, exploring nature and plenty of hands-on outdoor learning. Learning really is an adventure! ❤️
#OutdoorLearning #Science #TheFourSeasons #AutumnAdventures #BramleyFallWoods #WhitecotePrimary

Our Learning

A Busy Week of Creativity in Acorns!

We've had a fantastic first week back in Acorns, full of creativity, colour and fun!

🌺 Remembering Together: We made beautiful paper plate poppies to mark Remembrance Day.

🎆 Let There Be Colour! We explored different materials to create our own colourful fireworks displays.

✨ Celebrating Diwali: We designed beautiful henna hands, using gems and glitter to create our own colourful patterns and designs.

What a wonderful week of exploring, creating and celebrating different events and traditions. Well done, Acorns! ❤️







Whats on & Things To Do!



💛 Children in Need - Challenge 26!

13th November 2026 💛

We're getting active, having fun and raising money for a fantastic cause!

This year, Whitecote will be taking on Challenge 26 to support Children in Need, with a whole day packed full of energy, laughter and fundraising!

Here's what's happening:

🏃 26-Lap Challenge! Children will be challenged to complete 26 laps of the field (weather permitting) or the playground if it's wet!

💃 Strictly Come Dancing! Throughout the week, we'll be learning a few dance moves each day before bringing them all together for one BIG dance on Friday!

🎉 Active Playtimes! Our staff and Play Leaders will be getting everyone involved in fun circle games during break times, including classics such as Duck, Duck, Goose!

👟 Dress to Move! Children can come to school wearing their PE kits or sports clothes, ready for a day of fun and activity.

💛 £1 Donation: We're asking for a £1 donation to help support Children in Need and make a difference to children across the UK.

Let's get moving, get dancing and show what Whitecote can do! Every lap, every dance move and every donation counts! 💛

REMEMBRANCE – SUPPORT OUR POPPY APPEAL

Our Year 6 children will be helping to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and a range of other remembrance merchandise.

There's lots to choose from, including:

🌺 Standard poppies
🔴 Snap bands
❤️ Bracelets
🌺 Stickers
🔑 Keyrings

us raise money for this important cause.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

❤️



Whats on & Things To Do!

Sleep Support

West Cluster

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

Part 1 – Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Part 2 – Tuesday 10th November 2026

(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.15am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Five Lanes Primary School
LS12 4NB

Inner West Cluster

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

SEND parent drop in Sessions

Leeds Family Hubs

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

Call: 0113 5350185
Family Hub central line

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

Leeds City Council

Music Makers

opera north



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

Arts Council England · University of Leeds · Leeds

BRIGHT HORIZONS

Parent or carer looking to get back into work?

Our friendly team can help you achieve your goals towards work or training.

Free one to one support and guidance for parents and carers

We can help with:

- CV building
- Work, training & volunteering
- Support and help with money issues
- Health and wellbeing
- Life skills
- Up to 12 weeks counselling and peer support groups



Eligibility criteria

Bright Horizons is available to parents and carers* who are:

- not currently in employment,
- living in West or South Leeds

*parents of children under the age of 18 (up to 25 with an EHCP plan)

Get in touch

To refer in or for more details please contact us:

West: 07842 410 828
South: 0113 2706 903

BrightHorizons@barca-leeds.org



Find out more about Bright Horizons and the support avialable on our website:
barca-leeds.org/services/Bright-Horizons

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AUTUMN FAMILY FUN

St Peter's Church

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



WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Inspire | Nurture | Challenge

Learn Play Grow

Girls' Football Skills Club

Year 1 & Year 2

The FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

Following the FA's Girls' Football in Schools resources – a fun, inclusive and structured 6-week programme to help more girls play football.

Scheme 1



When?
3:15 – 4:15pm
Every Monday

Where?
School hall
(indoor session)

Starts
Monday 2nd November 2026

Club Dates
Monday 2 November
Monday 9 November
Monday 16 November
Monday 23 November
Monday 30 November
Monday 7 December

What will we be doing?

Dribbling & ball control · Passing & receiving · Shooting & scoring · Teamwork & games · Confidence & fun

No previous football experience needed! All abilities welcome.

20 places
Sign up early to secure your child's place!

Adults can also sign up on Arbor

We look forward to seeing the girls learn, play and grow together!

Inspire | Nurture | Challenge

PLAYERS WANTED

Bramley Amigos FC

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

WHITECOTE SCHOOL TRIPS

KEY

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

17th November
Year One
Skipton Castle

Price: £18.00.

Please make payment on Arbor by Tuesday 10th November 2026









