

Newsletter –2/10/2026

Dear Parents

Please find attached this week's newsletter, alongside our monthly online safety guide.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the parents that can join us at Harvest festival on Thursday.

Mrs Barnett

Harvest

Our Harvest service is on Thursday 8th October with our rehearsal on Tuesday 6th

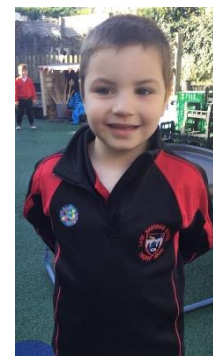
We are collecting items for Wetherby food bank as part of our harvest festival. If you would like to make a donation, please place these in the entrance foyer.

Many thanks for your support.

Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to think about our school value of friendship (and compassion) and have acted out two stories from the bible – one with me and one with Reverend Nick. We always love a bit of drama at LEH! We have made friendship chains in class worship and have been singing Harvest songs. On Thursday we celebrated our first reading awards of the year (25 reads) and our amazing stars of the week.



Attendance

This week our whole school attendance has risen!

Last Week: 93.9%

This Week: 95.17%

Where individual attendance drops below 93% is it closely monitored and at 90%, is classed as persistent absence.

Once again Year 1 have the hugest attendance with over 97% which is excellent, well done!

NEON DISCO – 15th October!

Get ready to glow!

KS1: 3:30–4:15pm

KS2: 4:30–5:30pm

£5 includes a drink + sweet pack.

KS1 children coming straight from school — please bring a change of clothes!

Tickets:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/neon-disco-5>

Volunteers Wanted!

We need volunteers for either the KS1 or KS2 disco, including chaperoning the children and helping with neon tattoos. If you can help with either session, please let us know!

CAULIFLOWER CARDS – DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Please return your child's artwork to school by **Monday 5th October**.

All Cauliflower Card orders must be completed by Monday 5th October.

Don't miss the chance to turn your child's artwork into a special keepsake!

Coming Up...

7 Nov – Thorp Arch Bonfire & Candy Floss

19 Nov – Movie Night

12 Dec – Santa's Grotto

17 Dec – Free Hot Chocolate



Attendance Matters



Friends of School

Rainwater Terrace Helps the Community Garden Grow

Rainwater Terrace is delighted to have donated two Double 1 Tier 134 litre water butts with self-watering planters to Lady Elizabeth Hastings CE Primary School to support its community garden. British Garden Centres Knaresborough Garden Centre has also kindly donated plants to help get the garden growing.

Rainwater Terrace is a Yorkshire company that designs and manufactures rainwater harvesting systems, helping people collect and reuse rainwater for their gardens. Its water butts feature a patented Through-Flow system, which allows fresh rainwater to flow through the stored water, helping to keep it fresh.



The company works closely with schools, community groups and water companies to encourage rainwater harvesting and help children learn about the importance of saving water, reusing natural resources and caring for the environment.

Rainwater Terrace hopes the new water butts will be a useful and enjoyable addition to the school garden, giving the children a hands-on way to see how collected rainwater can help their plants grow.

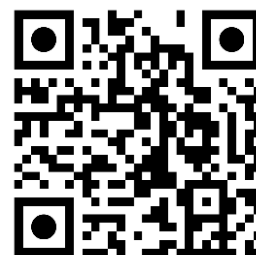


Eco-Council

The LEH Eco-Council have some exciting news – once again, our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. You can find out more about the Eco-Schools programme by scanning the QR below. With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change - from different species of plant and animals becoming extinct, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to take action!



As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We will keep you updated via our newsletter. In the meantime if you'd like to find out more please scan the below QR code.



Reception Phonics session (how to help your child at home)

This takes place on 14th October at either 9am or 2.45pm, please see the email sent on Tapestry last week.



A snapshot of this week's learning...

Forest School

In our forest school sessions this week, the children enjoyed some collaborative den building, as well as some collecting and moving of bricks for their continued 'wall project'. They also continued their use of tools, building steps, benches and sculptures. Some of the children even used natural materials to make pinball machines this week!



Class 1

This week in RE, we have been learning about Shabbat, a special day of rest for Jewish people. We discovered that Shabbat begins on Friday evening and is a special time for families to slow down, spend time together and be thankful. We made our learning fun and active by working together to set up our own Shabbat table! The children talked about what they might find on the table and then worked as a team to set everything up. They placed a tablecloth, plates and cups, added pretend candles, placed the challah and its cover on the table and added a kiddush cup with the sign of David on.



Once our table was ready, we sat together and talked about why these special items are used and how Jewish families might sing, say blessings and share a meal together. We discussed how Shabbat is a time for rest, family, thankfulness and remembering God. We finished by learning a special greeting used by Jewish people: "Shabbat Shalom!" We also learned that a blessing can be a special prayer or good wish. The children thought about someone special in their family and made a good wish for them. The children really enjoyed learning about Shabbat.



Class 2

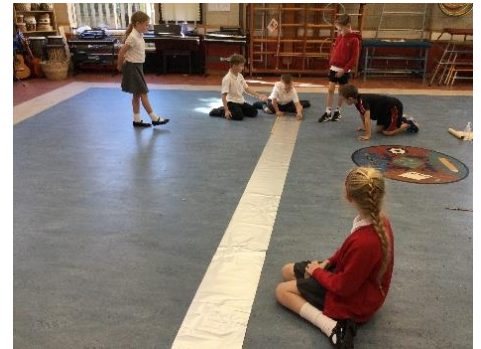
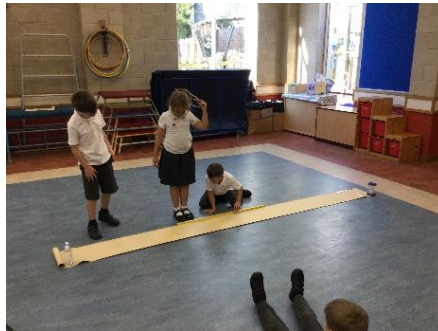
This week in Class 2, we have been very busy learning and exploring! In English, we have been practising using fronted adverbials and have begun writing information texts about Ancient Egyptian gods. In Maths, we have been using number lines to help us estimate numbers. On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day by exploring the poem *Six Ways to Look at a Leaf*. We used our imaginations to experience leaves in different ways, including looking at them with our eyes closed, holding them up to the light and imagining tiny insects racing across them! We performed part of the poem before heading outside for a leaf hunt around the school grounds. We then used our leaves creatively in Art, making prints, creating leaf rubbings and producing observational drawings using magnifying glasses. In Geography, we found out about the climate in Egypt before becoming news reporters and presenting our own weather reports from Cairo. In RE, we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and how they can help Muslims make good choices in their everyday lives.



Class 3

We have had another busy week in Class 3!

In Science, we are enjoying our topic **Forces**. We have planned and carried out an investigation on friction. We investigated which material a toy car would travel the furthest on and found out that it was tinfoil. The children enjoyed planning a fair test and carefully carrying out the investigation.

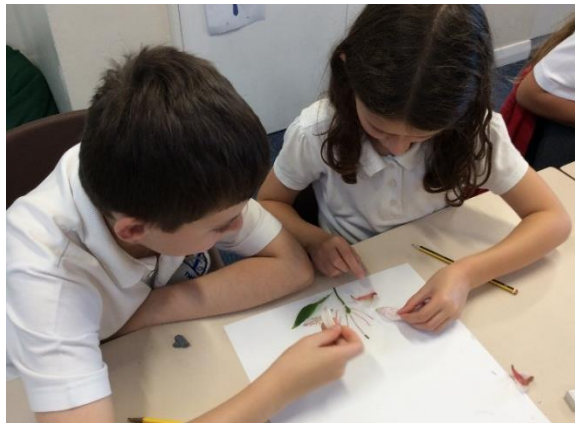


In Music, we have been covering a unit on mountains. We began by learning to sing a song in three parts, the children did a fantastic job. We then moved onto looking at pitch and in groups worked on changing the pitch of our voices. The children performed their melodies in small groups to the rest of the class. We are all enjoying learning our harvest songs too!

Class 4

This week in Year 6, we have been working on our descriptive skills in writing, using expanded noun phrases and similes to build images of characters for our readers. Thursday was also National Poetry Day, so we have enjoyed some Benjamin Zephaniah poetry and have also written some of our own poems from the point of view of objects in our environment and the memories they might hold. In Maths, we have

consolidated our written methods of addition and subtraction and used them to solve problems. We have also been dissecting flowers in Science and learning about the jobs that different parts of the flower do; we have located mountain ranges and national parks in the UK; and we have been learning about dealing with the risks and pressures that come with having a bit more freedom and independence. Finally, we have done some incredible watercolour paintings, using tints and shades to create perspective and depth.



WALTON VILLAGE BONFIRE EVENT

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

MORE THAN FIREWORKS - MAKE A NIGHT OF IT!

 Gates open 6:00pm • Fireworks 7:15pm

 HEATED ENCLOSED MARQUEE |  BAR |  FACEPAINTING |  CANDY FLOSS

Tickets £9 — entry and a hot roll included
 Children 4 and under go free
 Every ticket supports Walton Village Hall, a local charity

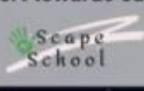
 Tickets via QR Code, our website or WhatsApp 07448 206164

BOOK NOW



Thank you to this years sponsors for their generous support towards our bonfire and fund raising event

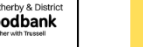




Wetherby & District Community Cafe & Advice Hub

OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Activities	Cooking Demo	Board Games	Crafts	1 year anniversary party
Councillors		Cllr. Penny Stables	Cllr. Norma Harrington	Cllr. Alan Lamb
Citizens Advice				
Food & Essentials				
Legal				
Health & Wellbeing				
Families				

Every Friday 10am - 12 Noon

**No need to book
- just turn up**

St James' Church Room
 Church Street, Wetherby
 CALL 07840 455 725

 **Wetherby's community cafe and advice hub**

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY ONE CUPPA AT A TIME



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Community Cafe & Advice Hub

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 Wetherby's community cafe and advice hub



Everyone Welcome

FREE Refreshments

Chat to Friends

Free Parking

Toddler area

Citizens Advice

Meet your Councillors

Pop in for a cuppa, a chat and advice - if needed

**CITY
COUNCILLORS**

**CITIZENS
ADVICE**

 **Wetherby & District
Foodbank**
 Together with Thrush

**HEALTH &
WELLBEING**

**FAMILY
SUPPORT**

Climb Harrogate

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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.

• Sundays

10:00–13:00

Live for Today
Climbing Centre,
HG2 8QT

7+ years old

17 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

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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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School Calendar

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 6 th October	Harvest Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 15 th October	Reception phonics meeting 9am or 2.45am
Thursday 15 th October	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Thursday 15 th October	Neon Disco – after school FOS
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 5 Transition Experience at Boston Spa Academy
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 23 rd October	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 2 nd November	School open to all pupils
Saturday 7 th November	Thorp Arch Bonfire
Monday 9 th November	National Child Measurement Years R and Y6
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents 2027 (Y6 tour guides)
Thursday 19 th November	Movie Night FOS
Wednesday 25 th November	Class 4 Worship (Mr Hesketh) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 9 th December	Class 1 Nativity (Reception/Y1) 10am and 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	All pupils pantomime @Harrogate Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
Saturday 12 th December	Santa's Grotto
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 18 th December	School closes at the end of the school day
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 10 th February	Class 3 Worship (Mrs Hope/ Tait) parents welcome @2.45pm
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Monday 22 nd February	School open to all pupils
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 26 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday 29 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Friday 2 nd April	School closes at the end of the school day
Summer Term 2027	

Monday 19 th April	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 26 th May	Class 2 Worship (Mrs Stather) parents welcome @2.45pm
Thursday 27 th May	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 28 th May	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 7 th June	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8 th June	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Friday 18 th June	Sports Day – Parents invited from 1.15pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Class 1 Worship (Mrs Bell/ Hardcastle) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in School – 9.15am
Wednesday 21 st July	School closes at the end of the school day
Thursday 22 nd July	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)