

Newsletter –9/10/2026

Dear Parents

It's the end of week 6 already, wow!

I am pleased to share our weekly news below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Barnett

Harvest

I am sure that you will agree, if you were able to attend, that the children once again made us proud at the Harvest Festival service at St Mary's. Thank you to all of our volunteer walkers and for your contributions to Wetherby Foodbank.



School Photos

Individual school photos take place on Monday 19th October. Children should come to school in their full uniform but if your child has PE, please send their trainers in their bag. School sibling photos will be taken throughout the day. If your child has a preschool sibling that does not attend our school and you would like a photograph, please arrive at 8.30am.

Attendance

This week our whole school attendance has increased to just below our aspirational target of 97%.

Last Week: 95.17%

This Week: 96.94

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

Year 6 have 100% which is excellent, well done!



**Attendance
Matters**



FoS Weekly Update

NEON DISCO – 15th October!

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!

Book tickets here:

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



Friends of School

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help at either the KS1 or KS2 disco? We need volunteers to chaperone the children. Please let us know if you can help — we'd really appreciate it!

Coming Up!

7 Nov: Thorp Arch Bonfire – candy floss galore!

19 Nov: Movie Night – PJs, soft toys & popcorn fun!

12 Dec: Santa's Grotto returns! Details coming soon.

17 Dec: Free festive hot chocolate for every child, with cream and marshmallows if they fancy!

Thanks for supporting FoS and helping make the fun happen!

A snapshot of this week's learning...

Forest School

In their forest school sessions this week, the children enjoyed conker crafting with wool, including conker jewellery, conker cobwebs and the classic conkers on strings to play the game. Some children helped Rose to create some tool hanging storage, by hammering nails into the shed and drawing round the tools so everyone knows where to store them. There was some excellent collaborative den building with willow branches and lots of our usual enjoyable forest school play too.



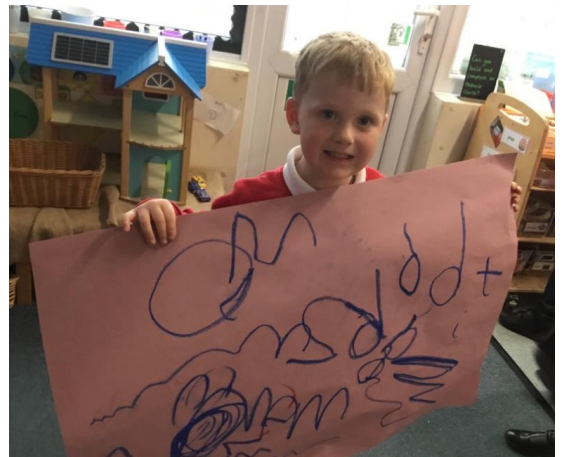


Class 1

We are so proud of our Class 1 children for their wonderful participation in our Harvest Festival this week! The children did an amazing job walking to church with their older partners, showing excellent road safety and listening carefully to instructions along the way. Once at church, the children confidently sang and performed in front of the whole school and their families. It was lovely to see them standing proudly and joining in together. In RE this week, Class 1 have been learning about Hanukkah – the Jewish Festival of Lights. We explored the story of Hanukkah and thought about how the lights remind Jewish people about God, the miracle of Hanukkah, light and hope. The children looked carefully at a candelabra and learned that it has nine branches. Eight lights represent the eight nights of Hanukkah, while the ninth is the helper candle, which is used to light the other candles. The children had lots of fun making their own Hanukkiah using playdough, candles and decorations. They had to carefully count the candles and place them in the correct order. Year 1 also created their own beautiful menorah candle pictures using paper, glue and a range of craft materials. They were incredibly creative and produced some amazing results! We finished by



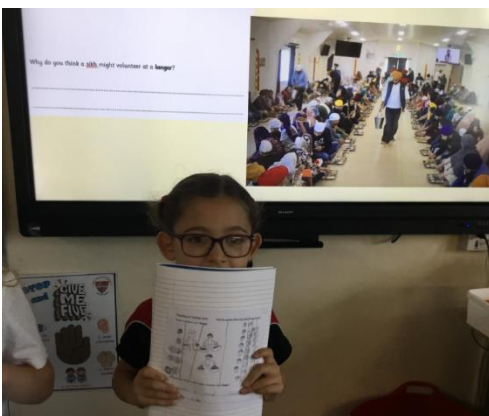
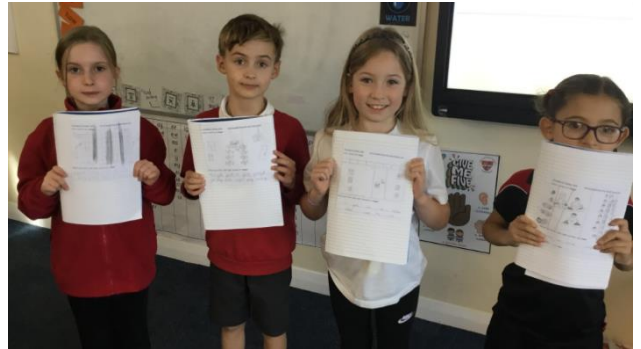
thinking about the question “What does the light remind Jewish people about?” The children shared some thoughtful ideas about how the light can remind Jewish people about the Hanukkah story.



Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been busy learning and developing lots of new skills. In English, we have been learning how to edit our writing carefully, spotting and correcting mistakes to make our work even better. In Maths, Year 2 have been practising counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, while Year 3 have been ordering numbers up to 1000 and counting in 50s.

In Science, Year 3 have been investigating magnetism and exploring which materials are magnetic, while Year 2 have been learning about the human life cycle. In RE, we have been learning about Sikh langars and how they provide a free meal for everyone. In PE, we have continued to develop our defensive skills, and in Art we have been using repeated patterns to create our own designs. We also had great fun performing in church on Thursday for our Harvest celebration. The children did a fantastic job and it was wonderful to see them performing with such confidence!



Class 3

Class 3 have had a super week!

In art this week we have been learning about the warp and weft components of weaving to create a piece of fabric. We then used paper to practise weaving different patterns.

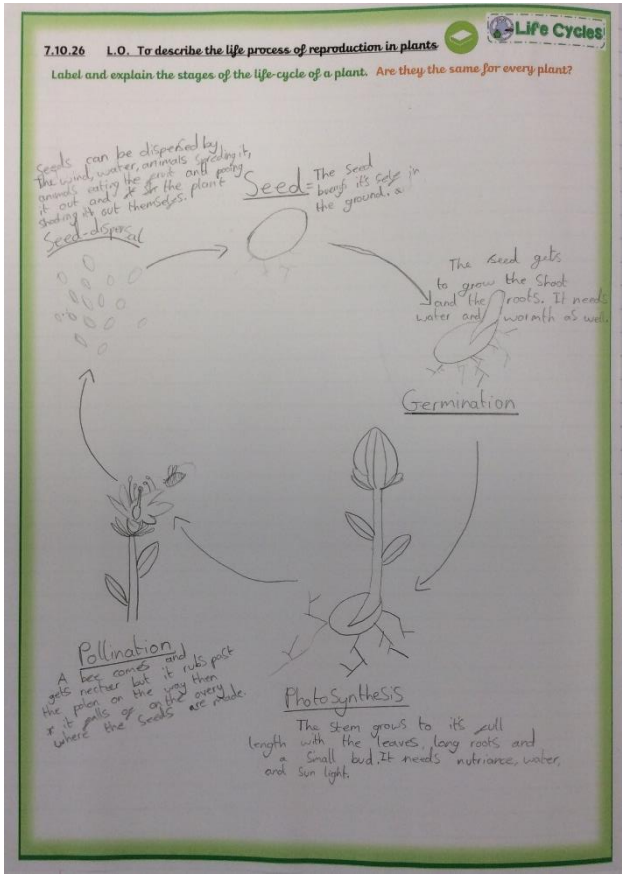


In RE, we focused on the Easter Story to help us to understand why Jesus is inspiring to some people. We firstly recapped the events of Holy Week, then thought about what Easter symbolises for Christians. The children decided that Jesus was inspiring through the events of the Easter story because he showed courage, bravery, faithfulness and love by sacrificing himself for everyone in the world to live a better life.



Class 4

This week in Year 6, we have continued our excellent character descriptions, using some fantastic authors' techniques to build images of our characters for our readers. In Maths, we have been learning about factors and multiples and finding common factors and common multiples of two numbers. Our reading texts have been themed around Black History Month and we enjoyed finding out about the achievements of the 'Hidden Figures'; incredibly talented black women such as Katherine Johnson who played an instrumental part in the moon landings. We also learnt about the stages of a plant life-cycle in Science, including germination, photosynthesis and pollination. In RE, we found out about Jewish observance of Shabbat, how it can impact on someone's lifestyle and reflected on why it is important for Jewish people. We have also researched population data of British cities, had a great morning at forest school and enjoyed sharing our performance at the Harvest Service at St Mary's Church.



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

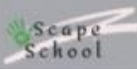
 Tickets via QR Code, our website or WhatsApp 07448 206164

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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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







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

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	
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
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)