



Thursday 2nd April 2026

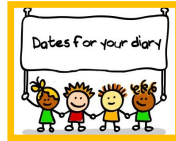
Absence Reporting Please report your child's absence to the school office via telephone or via text message to **07891 274 260**

SCHOOL DAY REMINDER



Please can we remind families and pupils that the normal school day begins at **8.45am** and the gates will open automatically at **8.30am** (no need to press the buzzer). If the gates do open for children in boosters, visitors or staff before this time please remain at the gates and do not enter the playground. Many thanks

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES



Please find below a list of events that will be taking place during this term;

- 03.04.2026 School Closed for Easter Break**
- 03.04.2026 Good Friday**
- 20.04.2026 School Opens**
- 22.04.2026 Y1 Yorkshire Wildlife Park**
- 30.04.2026 Y5 Grinton Lodge**
- 30.04.2026 Reception Height and Weight**
- 30.04.2026 Spring Celebration Lunch Menu**
- 04.05.2026 May Bank Holiday**
- 11.05.2026 Y6 SAT's**
- 20.05.2026 Rec & Y6 Photos**
- 22.05.2026 Term Ends**
- 01.06.2026 School Opens**
- 03.06.2026 Y4 Murton Park**
- 09.06.2026 Rec Hesketh Farm**

HAPPY EASTER



We have all had another amazing half term here at PSPS! OPAL is in full flow and the children are loving it! We have had trips and fabulous events galore! We hope you are looking forward to a lovely, well earned break and, if you are celebrating, a very Happy Easter. We are already looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th April.

EGG-CITING EVENTS!



Wow!! Thank you to all the families that took part in our FOPS Easter Bonnet competition! The entries were all amazing! They were all so amazing that we decided to hold an impromptu Easter Bonnet parade in our playground! It was so hard to choose just one winner from each year group, congratulations to our winners below!

- Nursery - Frankie H
- Reception - Cooper P
- Year 1 - India S
- Year 2 - Freddie K
- Year 3 - Koby B
- Year 4 - Roman Grey
- Year 5 - Raegan-Grae W
- Year 6 - Ella-Rose B



This morning Mr Barker drew the FOPS Easter Raffle and we are excited to announce the winners are:

- 1st Prize— White 56-60—Tommy Y4
- 2nd Prize— Blue 61-65—Ivy Reception
- 3rd Prize— Pink 296-300—Mrs Fotherby
- 4th Prize— Yellow 6-10—Mrs Shaw



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets we raised a huge **£282!** which is an absolutely fantastic amount! A massive thank you to Joanne who has been in the playground everyday, whatever the weather, selling the tickets! You are amazing!



RECOGNITION



Yesterday we held our ninetieth Recognition Awards assembly for the children who have 'wowed' us this term. Children were presented with a book for their hard work and determination. Parents were invited to join the children at the assembly and to have a lovely Greggs bun and a drink with Mrs Horan.

Congratulations to all the children who won this half terms Recognition! Keep shining!



PARENT VIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

There is still time to take part in completing our short questionnaire using the link below. Your feedback plays an important role in helping us review and develop areas that matter most to our school community.

All completed entries will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £20 voucher.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

[February 2026 Parent View – Fill out form](#)



ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Yesterday the Rock Steady children performed a concert for the KS2 children and the Rock Steady children's families. It was a fabulous event and the children performed brilliantly. If you would like to sign your child up for the Rock Steady groups on a Wednesday, please see the poster attached to this newsletter for details.



YEAR 3

Year 3 completed their Dance topic this week in PE. Each week, they have been set a different task in relation to rhythms, movements and textures. They have been working in partners or teams and built on their skills week by week. Well Done Year 3!



PICTURE NEWS

This term we have partnered with the amazing world of Picture News! Please find the parents welcome letter attached to the end of the newsletter which explains all about what the children will be learning with this new amazing resource.



WRAPROUND PAYMENTS

Please be reminded that April's fees are now due for Breakfast and After School Club. Please 'top up' via your Arbor account or send your screenshots to the office email if you haven't already done so.



SPRING WEATHER

After the Easter break we maybe in for some sunny days, rainy days and days where the weather is changeable! Please make sure children are coming to school with appropriate outdoor wear for the weather that day as we will be playing out as much as is possible.



RECEPTION

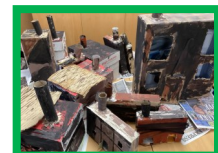
This week, we have been exploring The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. We created our own Gruffalo pictures using tissue paper, which the children really enjoyed. We have also been working hard on our writing, focusing on the beginning, middle, and end of the stories we have been reading.



GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

The Great Fire of Park Spring took place today - 360 years after the Great Fire of London! In preparation, Year 1 designed and built houses, focusing on the skills needed to make a door and a chimney. It has been a very creative DT day with fantastic designing, cutting, sticking and painting skills on display from all the children.

We went onto the field and London went up in flames! We all sang 'London's burning'!





Spring

CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026



ROAST CHICKEN WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING AND
GRAVY

VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE (VE) (H) WITH YORKSHIRE
PUDDING AND GRAVY

QUORN DIPPERS WITH A SUNSHINE SAUCE (VE) (H)

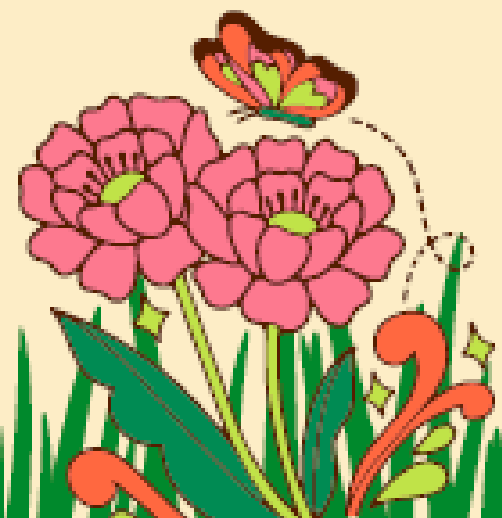
BABY BAKED POTATOES
MEDLEY OF SPRING VEGETABLES

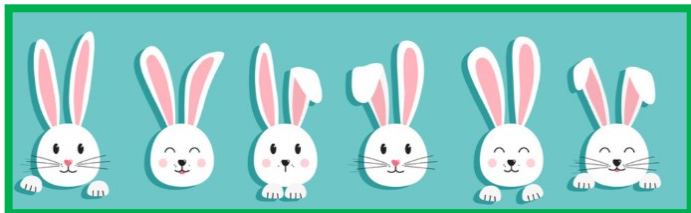


LEMON AND WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

OR

FRESH FRUIT





we are **child friendly Leeds** presents your... **Easter Guide** SPRING 2026

TO FREE & LOW COST ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ACROSS LEEDS



Scan the QR code to view the official blog



Follow us on social media and share your favourite activities!

Child Friendly Leeds' 12 wishes are based on what children and young people from all parts of the city told us. Wish 7 is all about helping you find out about fun, free and affordable things to do across the city - so here's a guide to help you navigate your way through the holidays. Low-cost activities are shown with a * while all other activities are free or pay as you feel.

All Holidays Story Explorers at Leeds Central Library
Take a fantastical trip to outer space, the depths of the jungle and the bottom of the ocean with many play elements from the moon to a giant octopus and an activity table. A brilliant free interactive exhibition with the British Library.

All Holidays Hats, Play & The Farm - Temple Newsam
Explore the hats from historic styles to creating your own crafty masterpiece. Or why not visit the Home Farm or Play Barn and meet new-born lambs, and many more. Crafts, activities and trails included with standard admission during opening hours.

All Holidays The Search for the Lost Eggs at Lotherton
Dragon Quest is back - a family-friendly adventure to discover the secrets of these mythical beasts. Finish your quest to collect your certificate - become an honorary Dragonologist. Drop by face painting on bank holidays and weekends.

28 Mar - 19 Apr Medieval Easter at Royal Armouries
Free action-packed Easter holiday at the museum, with combat demonstrations and themed activities, plus you can explore the amazing national collection of arms and armour and watch the knights compete in a four-day jousting tournament.

31 Mar - 11 Apr Easter activities at Kirkgate Market
Enjoy free activities: Lego, Duplo, colouring, and crafts (11am to 3pm - weekdays only), Circus School (1st & 2nd April), Bath Bomb Making (8th & 9th April, 11:30am to 2:30pm), special screening from Leeds Young Film Festival (10th & 11th April).

28 Mar - 19 Apr Birds and Bumblebees at Tropical World
Discover the exotic birds that live in our waterfall house, see how many you can find using our NEW Spotter Sheet. Visit the Activity Room and make a feeder, or do some colouring. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Fri 17 Apr Planet Omar with Zanib Mian - Author Event
Come and meet Zanib Mian as she introduces Planet Omar, shares the fun and mayhem behind her stories in this free, family-friendly event at Leeds Art Gallery for children aged 7+.

28 Mar - 19 Apr Easter fun at Leeds Museums & Galleries
Felted Egg Hunt at Leeds Industrial Museum, Silly Sheep Round Up at Kirkstall Abbey, Bunny Fun at Abbey House Museum and Play the Room at Leeds City Museum. All are either give what you can or included in admission.

- Every Sat 11-2pm Rowland Road Play Patch - Yorkshire Contemporary**
A fun community adventure space where children can build dens, explore loose-parts play, get creative with arts and crafts and connect every Saturday.
- 11 - 12 Apr The Springs - Leeds Local Easter Market**
Discover Easter treats and gifts from local traders on Saturday 11 April (10am-3pm) and Sunday 12 April (11am-4pm), with free family fun including face painting (Sat 11-2, Sun 12-3) and sunflower seed potting (both days 11-1).
- 15 Apr Peter Rabbit™ hops into the Merrion Centre for Storytelling**
Peter Rabbit™ will be popping up on The Green at the Merrion Centre for free interactive story-time sessions between 11am and 3pm, with appearances at 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00, each lasting around 30 minutes.
- 7 - 19 Apr Easter Holiday Junior Activities - Active Leeds Leisure Centres**
Enjoy a range of aquatics and sports sessions across the city. Find intensive swimming, gymnastics lessons, dive camps, and outdoor adventures. Activities & price vary by site, booking methods may differ & starts from £7.50.
- All year round Mumbler's Guide to School Holidays from activities, events and camps**
Including family days out, free & low cost activities, trails and egg hunts including Harewood House, and all the fantastic shows and events on at theatres.
- All year round Leeds Local Offer - SEND things to do**
Provides information, services & activities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.



Sign up for free to Healthy Holidays Leeds!

School-aged children and young people eligible for free school meals can take part in FREE activities and holiday clubs - with a healthy meal over holiday periods.



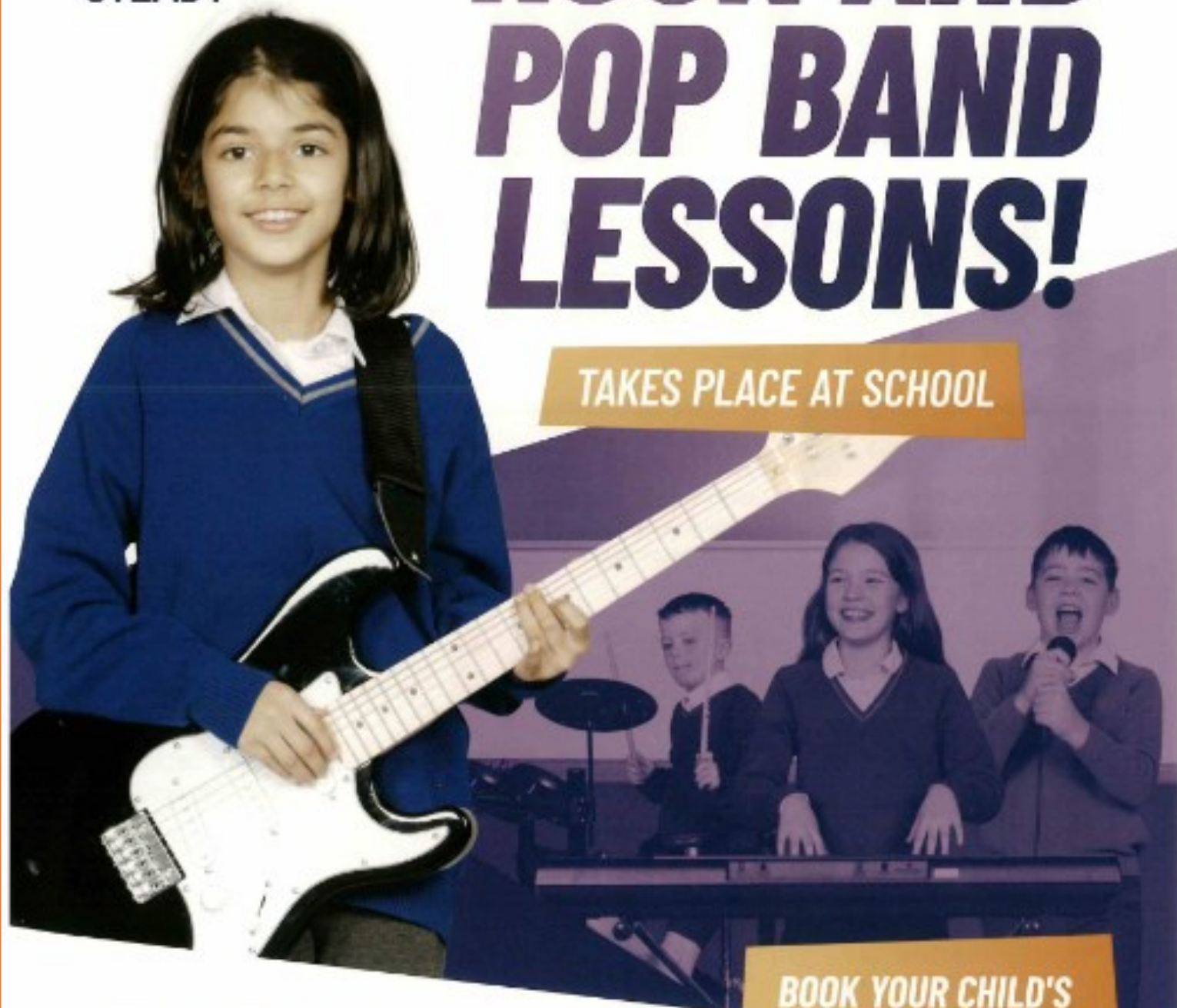
Did you know that you can apply to close your street for a set amount time to turn your neighbourhood into a 'play street'?



**ROCK
STEADY**

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL



IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

- ✈ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- 🎸 Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- 🌟 Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- 🎓 Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- 🎵 Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate)

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Picture News

Teaching resources to engage children in current affairs



Dear Parents,

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills, we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be [images](#) they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important for children to grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc. as well as local news closer to home.

Here are some quick tips:

- Initiate discussions about the news using the Picture News resources. Ask them what they discussed in Picture News this week!
- Read and watch some news stories together from different sources.
- Find out what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- Listen to what your child says and value their opinions.
- Explain simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- Promote a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- Help your child to spot fake news and how to fact-check.
- Develop a news habit by accessing the news regularly.
- Defuse bad news and offer reassurance.
- Protect your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- Monitor your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or when preparing a meal. The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

Yours faithfully,

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Need Your help!

As part of making our playtimes more exciting for all our children, we are on a mission to collect anything and everything we can for them to play with. Are you planning to have a clear out before Christmas? Please keep us in mind
We would really appreciate donations of the following things:

Gardening things

Den Building Equipment

Mud Kitchen

Things to make music outside

Water Play

'Wheels' Scooters, go karts etc

Sand-Pit

Dressing up clothes and accessories

Small World

Construction Toys

