



# NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

WELL THAT'S ALL FOLKS! THE MOST EXCELLENT HALF TERM FILLED WITH SO MUCH JOY AND LAUGHTER. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN BUILDING NEW MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND I THINK ACHIEVED THAT! I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF TEAM FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. ESPECIALLY FOR MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE. NOT ONLY DID WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT HALF TERM WE ALSO SUPPORTED NEARLY 100 FAMILIES WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER HAMPERS, EVERY CHILD WITH A TOY AND CONTRIBUTED TO MANY CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCES FOR FREE, TO SUPPORT FAMILIES. I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS. MRS J

 Mrs Jenkins

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT AUTUMN TERM HAS COME TO AN END! WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER WONDERFUL WEEK OF LEARNING AND EXPERIENCES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR SUPPORT. EYFS AND KS1 ENJOYED A PANTO PERFORMANCE FROM 'THE CLUMSIEST ELF' WHILST KS2 VISITED THE WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE YESTERDAY. THE PERFORMANCE WAS AMAZING AND THE CHILDREN DID US ALL PROUD - THEY WERE SPELLBOUND THROUGHOUT THE PERFORMANCE! YEAR 1-6 ALSO VISITED THE CHURCH AS PART OF OUR RE CURRICULUM TO LISTEN TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY. CHILDREN THROUGHOUT SCHOOL HAVE ENJOYED PARTIES AND MANY ENJOYED A VISIT TO SANTA! OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WERE FINISHED OFF BY CAROLS AROUND THE TREE WITH UKS2, WHICH WAS THE PERFECT WAY TO SEND US ALL OFF FOR THE FESTIVE PERIOD.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

 Mrs Courtney

**HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

## ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 97%

STARS	70%
Nursery	90.67%
REF	90.42%
RCW	84.58%
1JR	98.08%
1/2NC	98.46%
2MH	97.67%
3IB	94.46%
3/4CC	92.59%
4CM	94%
5EM	98.33%
5CH	93.81%
6LP	95.68%
6RM	92.83%
Number of lates this week	6

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**THIS WEEK IS 93.26%**

**Well-done to 1/2NC and  
5EM!**



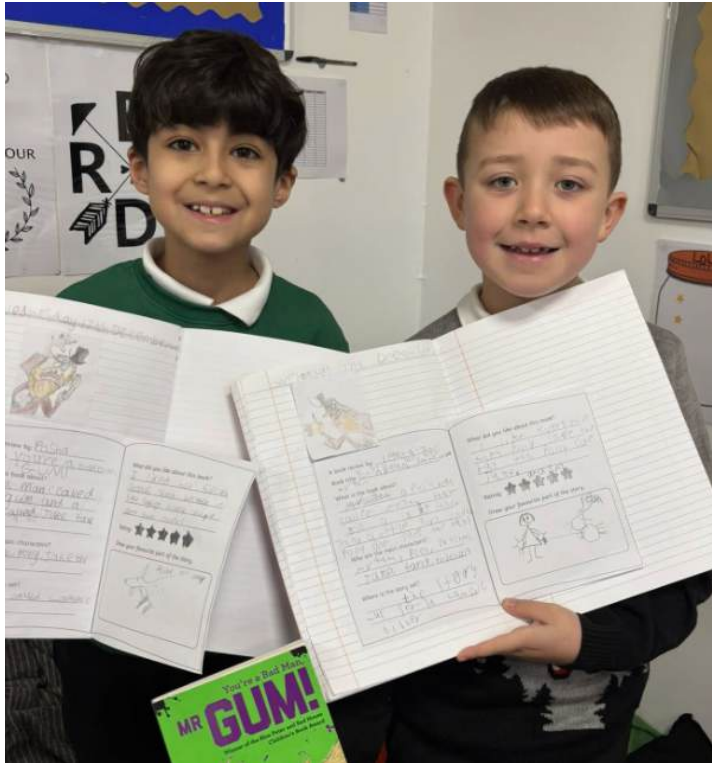
**VICTORIA**  
Primary Academy



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

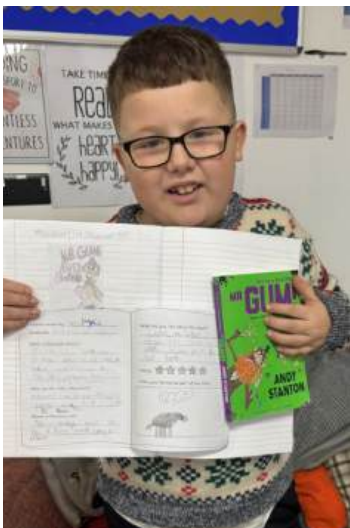
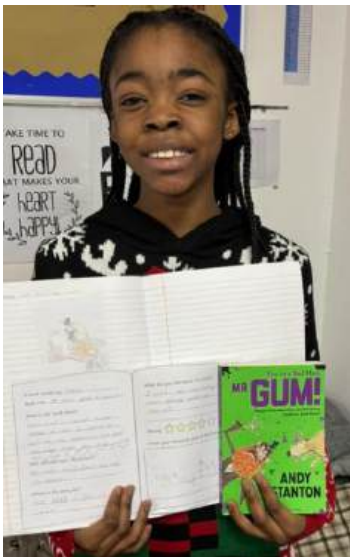


# Oh, Snaps!





# Oh, Snap!



Working in partnership with



JOSIETHIRKELL  
INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION



LEEDS

# Get into Teaching

**Are you ready to inspire the next generation?**

Whether you're a graduate, a career changer, or someone who's always wanted to teach – now is the perfect time to start.

- ✓ Expert-led training
- ✓ Real classroom experience
- ✓ Achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
- ✓ Mentor support throughout your training

Applications are **OPEN**  
for a September  
2026 start



VICTORIA  
Primary Academy

MERRY

# CHRISTMAS


*A family candlelight*

# NATIVITY SERVICE

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Wednesday 24 December*

**4pm**

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds



ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, OSMONDTHORPE LANE, LS9 9E

# ONLINE SAFETY OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

With many of our children due to be off school and with access to new technology in the upcoming school holidays and Christmas period, the potential for online exploitation will be at its highest. We are seeing the use of the internet as a tool being exploited by extremists in order to expose young people to hateful content and potentially radicalise them.

Although rare, there is a risk that with increased online activity, feelings of stress and isolation may be exploited. An understanding of digital safety will help parents and carers safeguard loved ones from a range of harms, whether that's child sexual exploitation, fraud, or extremist influences seeking to radicalise vulnerable people.

### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS THAT MY CHILD MAY BE BEING EXPLOITED ONLINE?

Online exploitation is often hard to recognise because it is a complex issue. When it comes to being drawn into extremist ideas online, sometimes there are clear warning signs, in other cases the changes are less obvious.

Although some of these traits may be quite common among young people, taken together they could be indicators that your child may need some help:

- Exploring new and unusual websites, chat forums and platforms. Harmful influences may push individuals towards platforms with a greater degree of anonymity.
- Joining new or secret groups since isolation.
- Speaking with new friends or being secretive about chats during online gaming or in forums.
- A strong desire to seek new meaning, identity and purpose.
- Using language you wouldn't expect them to know.
- Watching, sharing or creating films online linked to religious, political or racial hate.
- Becoming increasingly argumentative or refusing to listen to different points of view.

## WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE TO KEEP MY CHILD SAFE ONLINE?

The above are merely signs that they might need help, but you know your child best and you will want to speak with them first. Check in with them and ask about what they are viewing, who they are speaking to and how they are feeling. This might feel difficult, but here are some pointers to help you:

- Listen carefully to their fears and worries. Find some helpful tips [here](#). Review and adjust privacy and safety settings if you or your child is signing up to a
- new online service. You can switch on family friendly filters to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home. The UK Safer Internet Centre provides guidance on how to do this. Internet Matters
- have provided step by step guides on how to setup parental controls including Roblox, TikTok, and many more. Internet Matters have also created a checklist for setting up any new and/or second hand devices or technologies.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE?

If you are worried about your child please do not hesitate to contact Leeds Prevent or the safeguarding team/pastoral lead at your child's school for support.

### CONTACT US:

Leeds Prevent on [prevent@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@leeds.gov.uk), telephone 0113 535 0810 or visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/prevent](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/prevent)

[If you think someone is in immediate danger ring 999]

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/RESOURCES:

- Educate Against Hate Parents Hub provides resources and advice.
- Thinkuknow provides resources help keep children safe online.
- ACTEarly provides resources and can be contacted for advice 24/7
- Leeds for Learning provides further guidance from Leeds Prevent

# Autumn 2 Events

5  
Nov

**Y6 Wild Day**



11-12  
Nov

**Parent consults**



11  
Nov

**Rememberence Day**



12  
Nov

**Y5 Wild Day**

Sign up on



Arbor



14  
Nov

**Children in Need**



17  
Nov

**Cross Country**

Sign up on



Arbor



24  
Nov

**Give Week**



1 - 3  
Dec

**Y6RM Residential**

Sign up on



Arbor



3 - 5  
Dec

**Y6LP Residential**

Sign up on



Arbor



5  
Dec

**Inset Day**



9  
Dec

**Year 3 & 4 production 2:00pm**

Sign up on



Arbor



9  
Dec

**Key Stage 1: Christmas Play 9:15**

Sign up on



Arbor



9  
Dec

**Nursery Christmas Workshop**

Sign up on



Arbor



# Autumn 2 Events

- 10 Dec** Reception Nativity 9:15  
- 10 Dec** Christmas Fayre 
- 11 Dec** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2:15  
- 11 Dec** Nursery Christmas Workshop 
- 11 Dec** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2:15  
- 12 Dec** Reception Christmas Play 2:15  
- 12 Dec** Y3/4 Production 9:15  
- 16 Dec** EYFS & Key Stage 1 Panto  
- 18 Dec** KS2 visit to West Yorkshire Play House (12:30 - 4pm)  
- 19 Dec** Carols around the tree & 1pm close 

Leeds City Council is running a public consultation on the 2027/28 admission policy for Leeds community and voluntary controlled schools. You can share your views until 1 December. Find out more by scanning the QR code below.



## Arbor Consents

AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF PARENTS HAVE SHARED HOW MUCH THEY HAVE ENJOYED SEEING THEIR CHILDREN REPRESENTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND ON OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE CHECK ARBOR TO UPDATE YOUR CONSENTS.

AS IT GETS COLDER AND DARKER NIGHTS ARE COMING IN, PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL WALKING HOME CONSENTS HAVE BEEN ADDED ON ARBOR ALSO.

## UNIFORM/JEWELLERY EXPECTATIONS!

IMPORTANT!

**'NO HOOPED EARRINGS. STUDS ONLY - HOOPED EARRINGS WILL BE REMOVED AND GIVEN TO PARENTS AT THE END OF THE DAY IF WORN DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.**



**'NO NECKLACES OR BRACELETS AT ALL'. THEY WILL BE REMOVED AND GIVEN TO PARENTS AT THE END OF THE DAY.**



**'SHOES MUST BE BLACK - NOT BRIGHTLY COLOURED TRAINERS/CROCS ETC**



**'UNIFORM MUST BE WORN - ON PE DAYS - CHILDREN MUST COME IN UNIFORM AND GET CHANGED. PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED TO BRING UNIFORM OR UNIFORM WILL BE LOANED FOR THE DAY.**



## RECEPTION PLACES

Reception places for 2026/27 are now open. Use the link below to apply!

Deadline is 15th January. If you need any support, don't be afraid to pop in and ask a member of staff!

[www.vpaleeds.co.uk](http://www.vpaleeds.co.uk)