



3 Oct 2025

### General

We're delighted to report that the first month of the new school year has gone exceptionally well across all year groups! The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and are already diving into their learning with enthusiasm.

If you have a child who will be turning four or has turned four between September 1st, 2025, and August 31st, 2026, you will need to apply for a Reception place for the next academic year. It is crucial to remember that children currently attending our Nursery do not automatically move into our Reception class; a formal application must be submitted for all pupils. For full details on the admissions process and deadlines, please visit the council website: [Leeds School Admissions](#). We are also excited to announce a number of Open Days scheduled for the coming weeks, offering families a chance to visit and see the school in action. Please use this link to secure your booking: [Book an Open Day Slot](#).

A reminder to all families to please book their slot for the upcoming Parents' Evening! These are scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, and Wednesday, October 22nd. Please secure your preferred time using the Arbor app as soon as possible. Please note that our After School Club will still be open until 6:00 pm as normal for all families who have booked their child in.

Miss Houldsworth will unfortunately continue to be off work until at least half term. We all wish her well. In the meantime, Mrs Senior and Mrs Wilton will continue to teach in Year 2 and will lead Parents' Evening for the class in the coming weeks.

We are hugely looking forward to celebrating our Arts Week! A massive thank you must go to the families who are generously volunteering their time and expertise to enrich the children's experience. This year, we have a diverse range of creative activities running, including music, drawing, wool dyeing, and Chinese poetry. Additionally, we're thrilled that the Northern Arts Factory will be joining us to lead engaging dance workshops!

### Attendance & Safeguarding

We are delighted to celebrate another week of fantastic attendance! Last week, Year 1 achieved a brilliant 100% attendance, and this week, we give a massive shout-out to both Nursery and Year 2 for hitting 100%! Our cumulative school attendance to date stands at a strong 96.7%.

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## Key dates

Week commencing 20th October - Whole School Arts Week

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October - Parents' Evening (Bookings available on Arbor)

Thursday 23rd October - PTA Disco

## KS1

Year 2 had a fantastic day out at the Bradford Industrial Museum! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of transport, with many showing off their impressive existing knowledge. We were so proud that a number of the children were able to share such vast knowledge with the group—they could have almost led part of the workshop themselves!

## LKS2

Year 4 trip to Hepworth Gallery - felting workshop

We had a great trip learning about Barbara Hepworth and looking at some of her work. We then drew some of her sculptures and created a landscape. We then did some felting, this involved creating a design inspired by water, grass or rocks using fleece. It then had to be soaked with a water and soap solution before adding friction to it so that it would bind with the background.

We finally attending swimming for the first time this year! The children were great and we look forward to our weekly sessions. We are aware that Kirkstall is having an urgent refurbishment throughout November and December. We will keep you updated on the changes, once they're confirmed.

## UKS2

Year 5 had the first lesson of the year with the charity Tech She Can which works with schools to improve careers education for boys and girls in technology. They discussed how the technology of transport has evolved and what the future looks like with electric powered vehicles. After that, they completed a group challenge with Indi Sphero robots which was lots of fun!

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed attending Robinwood a couple of weeks ago. Mrs Ward has uploaded all of the photos onto Google Drive for parents to access. The feedback we received from the Robinwood staff was overwhelmingly positive. Well done Year 6!

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Year 6 - Applying for secondary schools. If you haven't applied already, follow the link below to log in and apply for up to 5 secondary schools. Offer day is on 2nd March 2026, where you'll receive an e-mail with the allocated school.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>