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# Rowley Lane Newsletter

## Latest updates

It has been another short half term but packed with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place.

A large group of our Y5&6 pupils took part in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena—this was an amazing experience for everyone involved. Some pictures and clips from this event can be found on our Music page of the school website along with some sound-clips of all of the children singing in assembly—the link to the page is [here](#).

The children had a great time on World Book Day getting dressed up and enjoying reading activities. Our Year 6 pupils ran some pop up story sessions at breaktime where younger pupils came to listen. Eight of our Year 6 pupils also took part in the Kirklees World Book Day Quiz at the Town Hall. They had been reading a set of books since September which the quiz was based around. The quiz also involved pupils from Year 7 as well. We were delighted that one of our teams came 1st overall in the event. This was a fantastic achievement and the first time that we have won this event as a school. Well done to the team.

Each class have completed some extra Art sessions this half term to produce work based around colour mixing that will be displayed during our Arts Festival that takes place in late June.

Lots of classes also carried out some extra Science sessions to celebrate British Science week. The children had great fun carrying out various practical experiments.

Frog Class (Y4) have been on their residential visit to Cliffe House. The children were a pleasure to take and enjoyed 3 days of adventurous activities.

Year 5 and Year 1 have visited Almondbury and Lepton Methodist churches as part of their RE curriculum and learnt about Easter.

Our Assembly Themes have covered Being Positive, Being Grateful, Being Health (Body & Mind), Being Inquisitive (World Book Day and Science Week), Being Aware (Ramadan).

We have also started a new programme of learning for Personal, Social & Emotional development called My Happy Mind. This is a whole school approach where the children are learning about how their brain works and how to have a positive mindset as well as how to recognize and regulate emotions. There are supporting resources for parents to access that run alongside this programme which we will be sharing with you after the holidays.

Alongside the class based activities there have also been two football tournaments run by Sam Mir (SM Sports) for Year 6. Both the boys and the girls events were well attended and the children were excellent sporting representatives.

Our team of runners who qualified for the West Yorkshire Cross Country finals went to Leeds earlier this half term. All of the runners were fantastic sporting representatives and had done amazingly well to reach a final of that level. However, a special mention must go to our Y4 Boys' Team who came 3rd overall out of the whole of West Yorkshire.

Our Easter Raffle took place yesterday—there were a total of 112 prizes which included many chocolate eggs of various sizes as well as some cuddly toys and items for Easter Crafts. All pupils had a ticket in the draw. Thank you for your support buying tickets which has helped towards PTA fundraising.

Our non-uniform and KS2 stalls day today has raised £1152.57 for Comic Relief—what a fabulous amount!

**School closes today, Friday 22nd March for the Easter Break and reopens at 8:50am on Monday 8th April. We hope you can enjoy a nice break together. Important dates for the coming term can be found within this newsletter.**



## P.T.A. Information

Thanks to all those who have purchased Tea-Towels and contributed to the Bags2School collection as well as the Easter Raffle. A new after school event has been added to the calendar for April 24th—Spike Bonzo, an entertainer aimed at Reception and Key Stage 1. We also have the Colour Run happening on May 18th. Details of how to book for both of these events will be released immediately after Easter

## Staffing Updates

Mrs Horsfield returned to work following her maternity leave. She is teaching alongside Mrs May in Canary Class.

Mrs J Birkinshaw (Y6) is now known as Miss J Scott.

Miss Farwa has now completed her training as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).

## Polite reminders/requests

When driving through the school car park, please adhere to the 5mph speed limit. Due to the curved nature of the parking spaces, please be aware of cars that may be parking or reversing out of spaces as well as the many pedestrians that include young children.

We have received concerns about families who bring dogs onto the narrow paths around school. We have always given the message that dogs should not be brought onto the paths immediately around school due to the busy nature of the paths and some children and adults who are scared of dogs. We now extend this instruction to the narrow path that leads to pre-school which is often used by very young children and push chairs. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Please refrain from sending in any items that contain nuts in packed lunches (including Nutella), this is due to a number of pupils in school having severe nut allergies.

### Summer Term 1st Half Dates (2024)

#### Easter Holidays 23rd March—7th April

Mon 8th April	Summer Term Begins—School opens 8:50—Register closes 9am.
Mon 15th Wed 17th April	Falcon Class Cliffe House Residential
Mon 15th	Y1 & 2 Cooking this week
Thurs 16th April	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
Wk Beg 22nd April	Y5 & Y6 Cooking this week
Tues 23rd April	The Big Sing (Group of Y6) afternoon @King James's
Wed 24th April	PTA KS1 Event—Spike Bonzo
	Neiley Races (Y3-6) after school
Fri 26th April	Y4 Girls' Cricket—Almondbury Wes. 10-2:30pm
Mon 29th April	Y3 Cooking this week
Mon 6th May	May Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wed 8th May	Y2 Coal Mining Museum Visit
Thurs 9th May	Reception Outdoor Learning
Mon13th—Thur 16th May	Y6 SATS plus assessments in other year groups.
Wed 15th May	Neiley Races (Y3-6) after school
Fri 17th May	Y4 Cricket Competition 10:00-2:30
Sat 18th May	PTA COLOUR RUN
Wed 22nd May	Neiley Races (Y3-6) After school
Thurs 23rd May	PTA Fundraising day – non-uniform day
Fri 24th May	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

*Please keep checking the website calendar for the most up to date information and further details about some of the planned events. It is possible to synchronise the calendar to your phone calendar via the settings on the app.*

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