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EYFS ON TOUR







What a fantastic year of discovery, adventure and outdoor learning it has been for EYFS!

We have had a wonderful time exploring the world around us. From seasonal walks in the school grounds to exciting visits and outdoor adventures, the children have embraced every opportunity to learn and discover.

Highlights included meeting animals from the mobile farm, visiting sensory spaces at the Vinery Centre, pond dipping, den building and exploring the local area, including a sunny trip to the park. Recent visits to Lotherton Hall and Skelton Grange provided even more opportunities for outdoor learning and adventure where we met minibeasts and penguins!

It has truly been a fantastic year full of discovery, curiosity and fun.











MESSAGE FROM MR GORTON

As another successful and memorable school year draws to a close, I am delighted to welcome you to our next edition of the Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery Magazine. Within these pages, you will find a wonderful celebration of the achievements, experiences, and special moments that have made this year such a rewarding one for our school community.

Every year, I am reminded how fortunate we are to have such exceptional children at Shakespeare. Their enthusiasm for learning, determination to succeed, and kindness towards one another continue to inspire us all. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage, or through the many enrichment opportunities available across school, our pupils have embraced every challenge with confidence and positivity.

This year, we have been delighted to see our commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for children recognised through several prestigious awards. We were proud to be named a finalist in the Child Friendly Leeds Awards in the Champions of the City category, received a Highly Commended accolade for School Achievement at the Leeds Sports Awards, and were honoured to be recognised by Table Tennis England as School of the Year. We were also featured on a BBC TV news item! These achievements reflect the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and, above all, the enthusiasm, talent and determination of our Shakespeare children, who have been at the heart of every success.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our families for their continued encouragement, support, and partnership. The strong relationships we share are invaluable and play a significant role in helping our children flourish. I am also incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff team, whose commitment, professionalism, and care ensure that every child receives the very best educational experience possible.

As we begin the summer holiday, I hope all our pupils and families enjoy a well-deserved break filled with happiness, relaxation, and special moments together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 2nd September, ready for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

To our Year 6 pupils, as you prepare to embark on the next stage of your education, know that you leave Shakespeare with our admiration and best wishes. You have made a lasting contribution to our school, and we are immensely proud of the young people you have become. We wish you every success and happiness in the future.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our magazine and that it brings back many fond memories of a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and achievement.

Warmest regards,

Julian Gorton

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MALHAM 2026





In March, our Year 4 children headed off on a fantastic overnight trip to the beautiful village of Malham, set within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Keeping up our much-loved Shakespeare tradition, the children took on a memorable walk from the village up to the top of Malham Cove, and were lucky enough to enjoy some gorgeous sunny weather along the way. During the walk, we took in the stunning scenery, discovered the source of the River Aire, and experienced the beauty of the landscape in the heart of Yorkshire. Climbing over 400 steps to the top was no small feat, but the children tackled it brilliantly, showing a level of resilience that impressed both staff and members of the public they met along the way. Watching them connect their classroom learning about mountains and rivers to the real world was a real highlight. There really is no better classroom than the great outdoors!



After a full day of adventure, everyone returned to the hostel for a hot, nutritious meal before heading out again for an evening walk around the village. The children used their geographical knowledge to spot key features in the landscape and took a quiet moment to enjoy the peaceful sounds of the riverbank. Back at the hostel, the adventure carried on as the children embraced being away from home, making their beds, keeping their rooms tidy, and showing just how independent they are growing up to be. A huge well done to all of Year 4 for such a brilliant trip!





















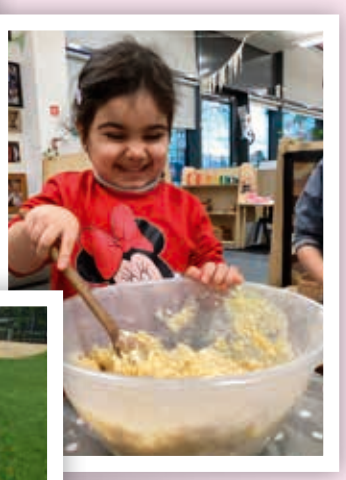
THE NURSERY DEN

This year has marked an incredible first chapter for our Nursery Den, where every small step, every moment of curiosity, and every achievement has been truly celebrated. Supporting children aged 2, 3 and 4, many with SEND, we have created a nurturing, inclusive environment carefully tailored to meet a wide range of needs. Our days are filled with purposeful sensory experiences, from engaging hands-on activities to calming sensory circuits that help children regulate, explore and thrive. Each area of our classroom has been thoughtfully designed to provide a safe, welcoming space where every child feels understood, valued, and supported to grow in confidence and independence. Over the past year, we have watched our children flourish in their own unique ways, embracing their differences and shining in all they do, making our Nursery Den a place of pride, progress and truly special moments.



THE NURSERY HIVE

We've had another brilliant year in The Nursery Hive! We kick-started the year with our 'Big World, Little Me' project where we learnt all about ourselves, our families and the places where we live. When we felt secure and settled in our new environment, we began learning all about the world around us during our 'Leaves and Snowflakes', 'Down on the Farm' and 'Nursery on the Map' projects. Our favourite parts were feeding the goats during our farm visit, going on lots of nature walks and learning all about Leeds. After that, we ignited our passion for reading during our 'Once Upon a Time' project and finished off learning about minibeasts during our 'Wriggle, Hatch, Fly' project. One of our favourite memories was observing our own class caterpillars and releasing them as butterflies. What an incredible year full of real-life experiences and exciting learning opportunities. Well done Nursery superstars!











RF







What an exciting year we have had in RF! We have made lots of new friends whilst having lots of fun exploring and learning new things. We have had some brilliant opportunities such as den building, visiting penguins at Lotherton Hall and pond dipping which linked to our project learning. The children have learnt many new skills and have become more resilient and independent as the year has gone on. One of my favourite memories was watching ducklings hatch in our classroom. It was great to see how the children looked after them and watched them learn to swim.



















RJ

What a truly unforgettable year we have had in RJ! A year that's been full of creativity, learning and outdoor exploring.

We have learnt so many new things and learnt about many topics. Our class particularly enjoyed learning about life cycles where we went to the pond and saw tadpoles. We went on a spring walk with our view finders and learnt about how the seasons change. We had lots of fun at our local park where we learnt about road safety! Wow!

We are so proud of you all! Thank you for another amazing year at Shakespeare!














RM

RM have had another wonderful year, with many opportunities to develop as creative, curious and ambitious learners. The children have formed lovely friendships within the class and have created many special memories together.

This year's learning projects have encouraged the children to learn more about themselves, their community and the wider world. They thoroughly enjoyed watching ducklings hatch from their eggs and exploring the local area on walks. A particular highlight was the visit to Lotherton Hall, where the children enjoyed investigating the woodland environment and learning outdoors.

RM should be very proud of all they have achieved this year and the progress they have made across all areas of learning.

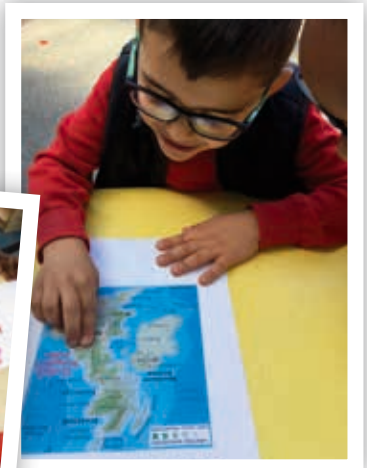






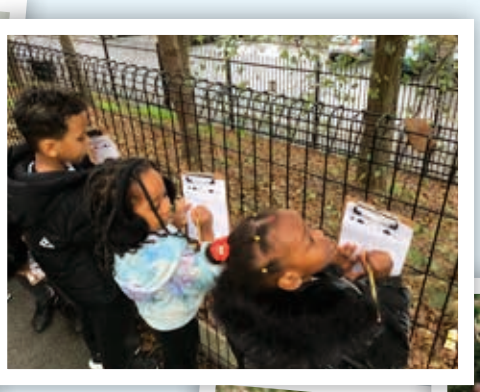




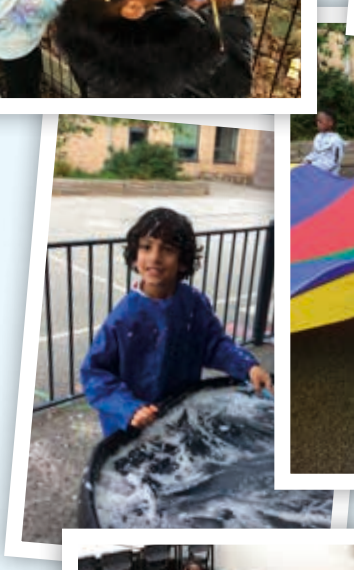



1B













What a wonderful year we have had in 1B. We have learnt so much and had so many wonderful experiences, from performing Christmas songs for our parents to creating big cat clay sculptures with the artist Sam Paechter, there have been so many highlights. In the autumn term we loved designing and making playground furniture for Floella's dolls in DT. In our project 'The Great Fire of London' we had fun working together to make Tudor houses and recreating the fire in Pudding Lane - we were shocked watching the fire spread from house to house. We then zoomed into space to learn about significant people in 'The Space Race' and life as an astronaut. We even got to try space food! Later in the year we visited Abbey House and learnt about and played with toys from the past. Another memorable experience has to be our visit to Cannon Hall Farm where we got to see so many amazing animals up close. Each and every one of you should be proud of your achievements this year, well done 1B!













1H

What a fantastic year 1H have enjoyed! From the very first days, the children approached every challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity. At the beginning of the year, they created miniature playground furniture for a doll, showing great creativity and imagination. In the run up to Christmas, the children learnt all about the Great Fire of London and were thrilled to welcome a special visitor – Samuel Pepys!

In the spring term, the children blasted off into their space topic, enjoying an exciting space afternoon where they designed and created their own rockets. They then travelled back in time to learn about toys of the past and loved their visit to Abbey House Museum.

During our Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores project, the children enjoyed exploring Cannon Hall Farm, where they saw sheep, meerkats and even snakes! They were also inspired by a visiting artist, who taught them how to sculpt clay big cats.

In the final term, the children learnt about different plants and created their own moving posters in Design and Technology. It has been a year full of learning, laughter and memorable experiences.









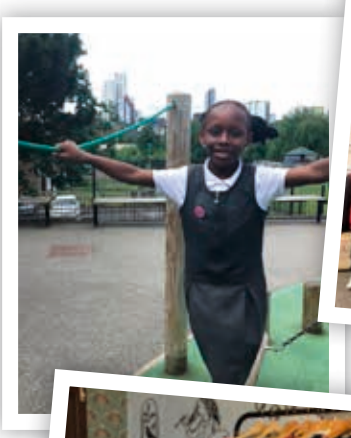





1W

1W have had a truly brilliant year filled with lots of exciting experiences. One thing that brings 1W a lot of joy is being active. Nothing makes us happier than enjoying our learning outdoors when the sun is shining! A particular highlight of the year was our class trip to Cannon Hall Farm. The children loved meeting all the different farm animals and were especially excited to have the chance to feed some of them! 1W were thrilled when a special visitor came into school to teach them how to mould a big cat out of clay. Throughout the year, 1W have worked so hard as a team, always encouraging one another every step of the way. I am very proud of each and every one of them. Well done 1W!



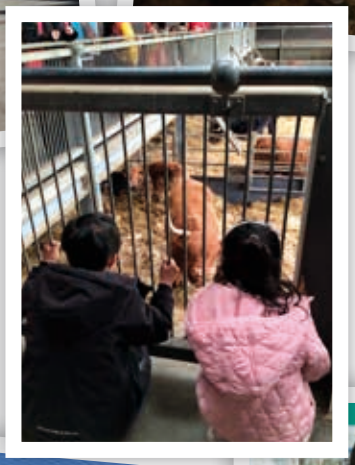






















2K

This year in 2K has been full of exciting learning and wonderful memories. We have become super readers, enthusiastic outdoor explorers and a fantastic team.

The year began with learning about our local area and carrying out fieldwork. We also learnt about two inspirational legends, Greta Thunberg and Rosa Parks. Later in the year, we studied queens from the past and enjoyed visits to the park as part of our learning.

One of our favourite topics was learning all about Filey. We were lucky enough to take an amazing trip to the seaside where we paddled in the sea and ate delicious ice cream together.

What a fantastic year we have had in 2K!



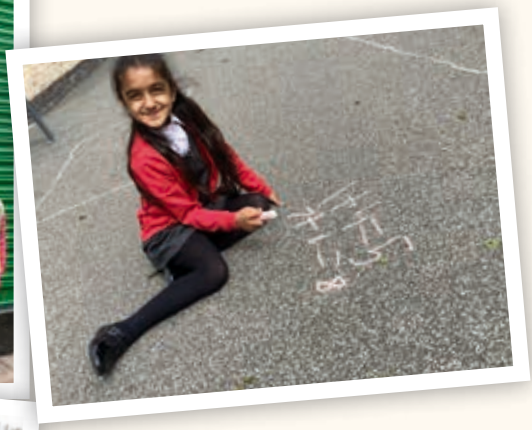
2LB

What a fantastic year 2LB have had! It has been full of exciting visits, new learning opportunities and lots of fun. Throughout the year, we have adventured on a walk around our local area to see the geographical features of where we live, learnt about historical figures and significant movements (one which happened right on our doorstep at Kirkgate Market) and have become apprentice gardeners looking after bulbs and plants.

We started the year off with 'Our Changing World' where we learnt all about different animals and the food chains they are part of. Some children were very brave and touched a bearded dragon. He looked terrifying but was actually very friendly and calm. 'Caring for the Coast' project taught us all about the features of a coastline and how it is different to the urban city of Leeds. The children loved learning about different seaside towns and most importantly getting to see it for themselves. The trip to Filey was an incredible experience for all with sandy toes, splashing and tasty ice lollies. It was great to see everything we had learnt about the coast right in front of us!

It has been a delight teaching everyone this year and watching them work hard, have fun and succeed. You have all been AMAZING!



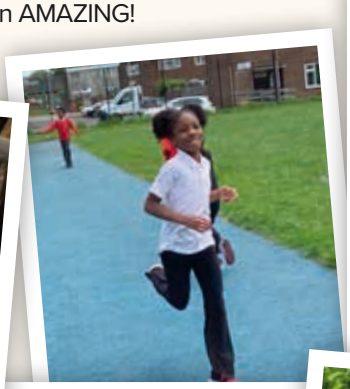






















2MB







What a fantastic journey it has been, 2MB! Having taught many of you from the summer term of Year 1 and then throughout Year 2, I have had the privilege of watching you grow in confidence, independence and maturity. I am incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year. Together, we have created wonderful memories through exciting learning and outdoor adventures, including our visits to Kirkgate Market, the Thackray Museum, our geography walk around Burmantofts using our geojotters and of course our unforgettable trip to Filey beach. You have impressed me every day with your enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and love of learning. Thank you for making my final year at Shakespeare so special. Keep believing in yourselves and continue to shine as you move on to Year 3!



















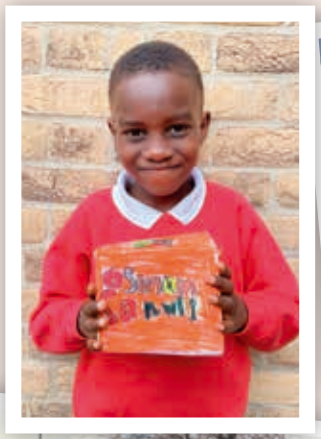
3F

3F (F for fantastic) bounced into KS2 in September ready for action and ready to learn. We began with the project, *Beneath our Feet*. Our memorable experience involved a trip to the Leeds Discovery Centre to study rocks and fossils. Our chosen text was Escape from Pompeii and we also met the author, Christina Balit.

During the second part of the autumn term, we became engrossed in another exciting learning project – *Animal Homes and Animal Bones*. We learned about owls and predators and each presented a persuasive speech on The Deadliest Predator.

The spring term began with the most popular project of the year – The Ancient Egyptians. It ended with the best trip ever. We were Spartan warriors for a day at Leeds City Museum. We also held our very own Shakespeare Olympic Games, running, throwing javelins and wrestling. Only joking!

In the final term, we designed our own sandwich packaging and healthy sandwich filling as part of Know Your Nutrients. We marched to ALDI to buy ingredients and then enjoyed a fabulous feast. We ended on a high by entertaining Burmantofts Community Friends with a presentation about the wonder of bees. What an amazing year for this lovely, lively class!














3L

What a fantastic year it has been for 3L! We have packed so much learning, fun and adventure into the year, creating memories that will stay with us for a long time.

We have travelled back in time to explore the incredible civilisations of Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, discovering fascinating facts about their daily lives, achievements and beliefs. In Science, we became young explorers, learning about the amazing effects of forces in our world and investigating the remarkable life cycles of plants and animals.

Our learning has also taken us beyond the classroom. We enjoyed exciting visits to Leeds City Museum, The Royal Armouries, The Discovery Centre and Temple Newsam, where we brought our learning to life. We also showed our creativity through our poetry performances, ammonite paintings and building our very own skeletons using the natural resources outside.

Throughout the year, 3L have shown enthusiasm, kindness and a real love of learning. I have been extremely proud to have been your teacher this year. What a brilliant year it has been!














3M







What an incredible term it has been for 3M! We have immersed ourselves in exciting projects, developed new skills and created some fantastic work along the way. Our creativity shone through as we designed boxes for our healthy sandwich and crafted our own canopic jars. We stepped back in time during our Ancient Greek workshop at the Royal Armouries, where we trained as Spartan soldiers, and explored the wonders of Ancient Egypt through an amazing VR experience. Alongside this, we enjoyed an owl workshop, various school trips, science investigations and making our own bread. We have achieved so much and made wonderful memories—well done 3M!







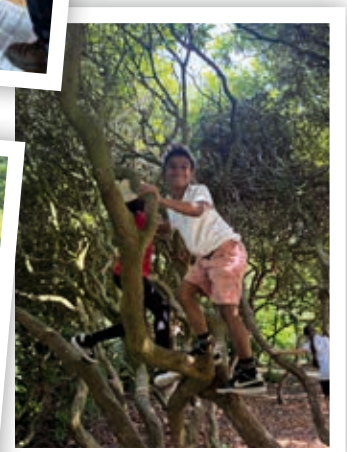












4AB

4AB ventured from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age, carefully avoiding warring clans before visiting ancient Rome and living life as Roman auxiliaries. From there, we explored the deep ocean with help from a virtual reality experience and then rose out of the sea and up to the mountains and rivers with our fantastic Malham residential rounding off the project. For the final term, we explored solids, liquids and gases and even tested our bushcraft skills whilst completing the year back in time again visiting Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain. We've swam, we've learned and we've had an amazing year!























4D







What a fantastic year it has been for 4D! From the very first day, everyone in our class has shown outstanding attitudes to learning and made great progress. We have welcomed new friends with warmth and kindness. Our history adventures began with digging up artefacts like real archaeologists during our Stone Age and Iron Age workshop before stepping back in time as Romans at Murton Park. Our classroom was then transformed with the most spectacular costumes for World Book Day before we headed off on our residential to Malham making memories to last a lifetime.
4D, you should be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year!



















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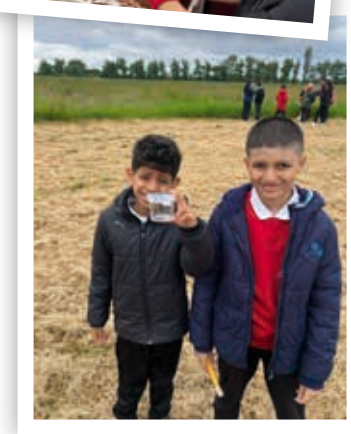
We have had such an amazing year in 4L. In September, we travelled back in time to the Paleolithic period and learned about life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. After that, we had the chance to experience what life was like in Roman Britain by spending a day at Murton Park as Romans. Soon after, we were putting our geography fieldwork skills to the test in Malham while also making memories that will last a lifetime. Finally, we investigated the reasons why the Saxons and Vikings settled on our shores. Fantastic work 4L!














5J

What an incredible year it has been for 5J! We began our journey by getting outdoors, exploring nature and discovering how we can all play our part in the fight against climate change. Armed with our scientific lenses, we explored the wonders of Earth and Space before landing back in Leeds to uncover the history and hidden gems of our local area. We finished the year in style by setting sail on the water, where teamwork, resilience and determination helped us tackle every challenge. From local walks to starry skies and sailing boats, 5J embraced every opportunity with curiosity, enthusiasm and huge smiles. What an unforgettable journey—it has certainly been a year to remember!

























5K

What an incredible year it has been in 5K! We rolled up our sleeves to learn about farming and loved our visit to the allotment, where we discovered how food is grown. We stepped into the past to uncover the rich history of the Kingdom of Benin and explored the wonders of Earth and Space, topped off with an exciting trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre. Through our ID Leeds project, we learned more about the city around us and the people who make it special. Along the way, we embraced new challenges, from kayaking and ice-skating to performing on the ukulele, playing chess and competing in table tennis. Every experience has helped us grow in confidence, curiosity and teamwork. It's been a year full of discovery, achievement and unforgettable moments!













5R



What an incredible year it's been for 5R! We explored climate change and farming at our local allotment — tasting freshly picked fruit and vegetables straight from the ground — before travelling back in time to the Kingdom of Benin and deep into space at the Planetarium. We road-tested our science at Magna Science Adventure Centre in Sheffield, mapped the streets and docks of our own city, cooked egg-fried rice from scratch and performed in the Christmas show. A theatre trip to see Planet Omar, a Zoom with author Polly Ho-Yen, kayaking at Leeds Sailing Centre and fieldwork across Leeds made every term an adventure. What a year, 5R!

6C







Wow, 6C – what a year we've had! I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of your journey and to have taught such a hardworking, resilient and committed group of children. From September to now, the growth you've shown has been amazing – not just in your learning, but in your confidence, kindness and independence.



You embraced everything this year, from exploring history and our city of Leeds to creating beautiful artwork, investigating the world of science and performing with such energy and joy (I'm talking fluency readings, singing, dancing, acting, joke-telling...). But more than anything, it's your personalities, your laughter and your determination that have made this year unforgettable.





It's been a privilege to spend the last 11 months together and the legacy you leave behind is something to be truly proud of.













6P

6P, you have filled this year with laughter and memories that I will treasure for a very long time. Watching you grow, learn and become the wonderful people you are has been a privilege. Your Shakespeare chapter may be closing, but you leave knowing that you gave it your all, showing hard work and determination every step of the way. From rapping about the human circulatory system to singing our hearts out to wartime songs, you threw yourselves into every project and with so much energy and enthusiasm. We explored the beautiful beaches of Whitby, experienced the London streets of WWII at Eden Camp and celebrated the rich diversity of our city: Leeds. Thank you for every smile and every moment that made this year so special. #TEAM 6P

















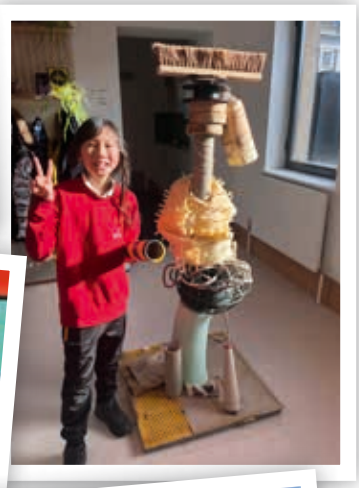




6T

What an amazing year 6T have had! Over the course of the year, each pupil has consistently demonstrated positivity, determination and resilience in all that they have done. Their learning experiences have been wonderfully diverse: from coding in computing to creating alarm systems in DT, to producing striking artwork using acrylic inks; from exploring Leeds' rich history as a city of 1,000 trades during the Industrial Revolution to crafting thoughtful and engaging narratives in English. Every member of 6T has shown a strong commitment to achieving their best and making progress in their learning. Despite the many demands of Year 6, they have supported one another, worked collaboratively and shown just what remarkable young people they are becoming. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness as they begin their High School journey.



























COMMUNICATION TEAM

The Communication Team have had a very productive year. The Caring Cards competition was a huge success, bringing happiness to many patients at St James's Hospital and raising money for our chosen charity, Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The team also made positive changes in the playground, introducing book boxes, Basketball Fridays, and dance sessions for Years 5 and 6.

The addition of Axolotl messages and stickers to celebrate random acts of kindness has made Shakespeare an even more wonderful place.

Year 5 representatives enjoyed an exciting visit to Leeds Civic Hall, where they met local councillors and even the Lord Mayor. Most exciting of all were the Headteacher breakfasts, where children had the chance to share their ideas directly with Mr Gorton.















CANON HALL FARM VISIT

As part of our 'Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores' project, Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Cannon Hall Farm. The children were excited from the start, spotting animals in the surrounding farmland during the coach journey.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Steve, one of the farmers, who taught us about some of the resident animals. He showed us around the barns, where we met pigs and piglets - some only a few days old! We also saw llamas, goats, Highland cows and Shetland ponies, and loved feeding some of these incredible animals.

Later, we explored the reptile house, carefully searching for creatures hidden among the branches. We spotted corn snakes, tortoises, turtles and iguanas.

There was even a line of leafcutter ants marching along a rope above our heads!

In the mammal house, we discovered a range of fascinating nocturnal animals, including sugar gliders, hedgehogs and hopping mice - the children were especially intrigued by these!

It was a truly memorable day that the children will remember for a long time.

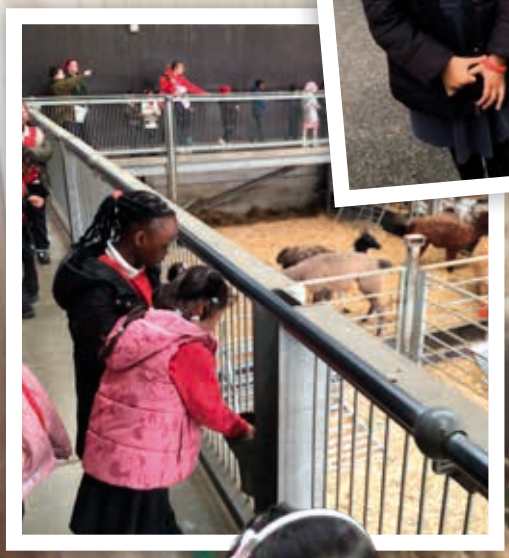












WHITBY 2025



This year's Year 6 residential to Whitby was an unforgettable adventure. We began with a stop at Dalby Forest, tackling the Go Ape course high in the trees. The zip wire brought big smiles, and it was wonderful to see everyone supporting one another. After settling into the hostel, we enjoyed an evening walk, taking in the beautiful, starlit harbour.

Day two was full of exploration. At Saltwick Bay, we hunted for fossils and shared our discoveries, before enjoying a boat trip around the harbour. Later, we explored the town and ended the day relaxing together with a film.

On our final morning, we visited Robin Hood's Bay, exploring rock pools, searching for crabs and playing on the beach. The trip ended perfectly with chips by the sea.

Throughout the visit, the children were fantastic—showing great teamwork, positivity and enthusiasm. A brilliant trip full of special memories.





























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CURIOUS AND CREATIVE THINKERS

LEARNERS WHO READ AND READERS WHO LEARN

HEALTHY AND ACTIVE FOR LIFE

INDEPENDENT AND RESILIENT INDIVIDUALS














THE END











OUR PLATINUM PE AND SPORT OFFER

Every year we set out on the same mission: for all children at Shakespeare to live healthy and active lives and find a love for moving their body. With 26 after-school clubs available, we hope that every child can find their passion and become confident, resilient movers who believe that they can achieve sporting greatness. This year, with over 400 children taking part in extra-curricular clubs, we have seen some incredible accomplishments and are very proud to say that we remain a School Games Platinum School for providing as many pupils as possible with opportunities to take part in events and competitions.

Our sporting calendar has been extremely busy with fixtures and five different finals which teams qualified for! Our netball team have shown incredible teamwork this year, winning both their league and the Leeds Well Schools tournament. Their hard work and determination meant that they qualified for not just one, but TWO finals! We are so proud of the commitment that they have shown to improving as players and, most importantly, the fantastic support they have given one another every step of the way.

This year, our girls have been leading the way, championing female participation in sport and showing our younger children that *This Girl Can*. The girls' football team had a brilliant season, winning their league and securing a place in the Champions League final. Additionally, our girls' tag rugby team also soared. After winning their qualifiers, they went on to finish third in the city finals and were awarded the Fair Play Award. They represented Shakespeare brilliantly, demonstrating the respect, teamwork and sportsmanship that we value so highly. Our boys tag-rugby team battled hard in their event, achieving a brilliant third place medal and our U9, U10 and U11 football teams had busy seasons where they showed great skill and talent.

And it doesn't end there. We entered three skipping festivals so that our Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils could jump to the beat, competed in inclusive multi-skills events, put our tennis skills into action at Chapel Allerton Tennis Club, tested our stamina at the Brownlee Triathlon, raced in cross-country competitions, worked together whilst orienteering at Roundhay Park, experienced wheelchair basketball and danced to our hearts' content!

At Shakespeare, we know that movement is the key to a happy heart and a happy mind. Physical activity is for everyone and we are proud to provide opportunities for every child to find something they enjoy, challenge themselves with and experience success.


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TABLE TENNIS • ON TOP •

For many years, we have been committed to growing table tennis at Shakespeare. Its accessibility means all pupils can take part, building confidence, resilience and a love of physical activity. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm at our after-school clubs and during breaktimes, where children challenge themselves, improve their skills and enjoy healthy competition together.

This year has been particularly successful. Both our girls' and boys' U11 teams were crowned West Yorkshire Champions. The boys then progressed to the Regional Championships and qualified for the National Finals in Wolverhampton, where they achieved an outstanding 4th place in England.

Their journey is a testament to hard work, dedication and self-belief.

In recognition of their success, the team received the Pride of Table Tennis Award for School Achievement and were highly commended at the Leeds Sports Awards 2026. We were also proud to welcome BBC Look North to school to share our story and celebrate Pete, our coach, also winning 'Coach of the Year'.

We remain committed to giving as many children as possible the opportunity to play, and to continue growing a sport that brings confidence, enjoyment and a strong sense of belonging.










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FILEY 2025

After learning about Filey in our spring "Coastlines" project, Year 2 were thrilled when trip day finally arrived. Sunshine greeted us as we set off for Filey Beach, with backpacks packed, sun hats on, and buckets and spades ready for seaside fun.

Our first stop? Ice lollies - of course! Then, as the sea came into view, excitement bubbled over. We paused to admire the cliffs and waves before racing onto the sand to dig, build sandcastles, and play. Paddling in the sea was a highlight; the water was chilly at first, but that didn't stop us jumping over the waves and splashing about.

After all that fun, we relaxed on the beach for lunch, watching the sea (and even spotting a horse trotting along the shore). Too soon, it was time to head back. Tired but happy, many children drifted off to sleep on the coach.

Year 2 were brilliant all day — a joyful trip full of laughter, sunshine, and special seaside memories.



































INFO AND SIGNPOSTING

GENERAL FAMILY SUPPORT

Leeds Family Hubs provide a welcoming space where families with children and young people can access support, advice and services in one convenient location. Our local Family Hub can be found at the Compton Community Hub, Compton Centre, Harehills Lane. Contact **0113 5350185** or email: **family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

- If your child you child has a minor illness or injury and you are unable to see a GP, you can attend without an appointment at Shakespeare Medical Centre walk-in clinic, Cromwell Mount, LS9 7TA.
- Advice and treatment are also available in your local pharmacy for minor conditions.
- For urgent dental treatment, if your child is not registered with a dentist, call 111 and they will direct you to an emergency dentist practice for treatment.
- The Children's Emergency Department for more serious conditions or emergencies is located in the Leeds General Infirmary on the ground floor of the Jubilee Wing.
- If you are unsure which service is most appropriate, call 111 for advice.

FOOD AND SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPORT

- St. Vincent's Support Centre, Berking Avenue LS9 9LF, can provide emergency food parcels and referrals to other agencies for support. Call **0113 2484126** before 11am Mon-Fri.
- Leeds Baby Bank provide parents of very young children with baby essentials such as nappies, baby food, and larger items such as high chairs. Contact the Compton Centre to book an appointment: **0113 3367790**

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Breeze Leeds offer activities for children and teenagers and discounts for local attractions **www.breezeleeds.org.uk**
- Child Friendly Leeds offers lots of activities for children throughout the summer holidays, for more information follow the link **https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/2024/08/06/the-child-friendly-guide-to-summer-in-leeds/**
- Harehills residents can visit The Thackray Medical Museum for free on Mondays. Please take proof of address when you visit.
- The Refugee Forum offer a homework club for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays to support them with their learning. Call for a place for your child **0113 2449600**
- ESOL classes, IT courses and help with CV writing are available at St. Vincent's Support Centre **0113 2482126 https://www.svp.org.uk/stvincentsleeds**
- Bright Futures offers ESOL & Communication skills, Digital Skills, Employability workshops and volunteering opportunities to Refugee and marginalised women. **https://giveagift.org.uk/**
- Women Arise offer ESOL classes, activities and support for Refugee women at Bridge Community Church. Drop in and speak with them on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am - 12pm.
- Story Time and Stay and Play sessions run at the Compton Centre for parents with children under 5 years old, Fridays 10:30am - 11:30pm.
- Leeds City Museum runs free activities for families throughout the Summer Holidays including arts and crafts workshops and a sensory room for families with additional needs. Information can be found here: **https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/pQGjkSK/leeds-city-museum/what-s-on**

FINANCIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT WITH BENEFITS

- Money Buddies run a free service for help with debt, energy bills and budgeting at the Compton Centre on Fridays 9am - 12pm.
- Citizen's Advice are also able to advise on benefits and debt. They can be contacted by telephone on **0800 2787878** and run a drop in surgery every Tuesday between 9am and 12pm at the Compton Centre.
- Christians Against Poverty (CAP) run courses to teach budgeting skills at Bridge Community Church, Rider St LS9 7BQ. They can also help you arrange payment plans and negotiate with creditors.
- For migrants with no recourse to public funds, support and advice is available at Project 17. Contact the organisation through their website: **project17.org.uk**
- Compton Centre Community Hub offer advice and support with debt, benefits, jobs and skills - **0113 3367790**. Translators are available on request.
- St Vincent's Support Centre help anyone experiencing poverty in England and Wales or overseas at any point before, during or after a crisis. Visit **https://svp.org.uk/**

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

- Support for Gypsy Roma Traveller families is available from the GRT Inclusion Team. Contact: **grt.outreach.inclusion@leeds.gov.uk**
- Crockett and Co Solicitors offer free legal advice for families and specialise in family law - 260 Harehills Lane LS9 7BD **0113 2260111**
- St Vincent's Support Centre offers Counselling Support, please follow call **07979 109 077** or follow the link for more information **https://svp.org.uk/st-vincents-counselling-service**
- Learning Partnership - Single Parent Power Project offers support to explore employment, education or training opportunities. **https://clpcharity.org.uk/single-parent-power/**

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

We launched the National Year of Reading with a special assembly led by our Superhero Reading Buddies, sharing favourite books and enjoying *The Book Worm*, which celebrated the power of imagination. Across the year, hundreds of books were read in school, and new book trolleys were introduced so children could enjoy reading outdoors at break and lunchtime.

In March, we marked World Book Day with a fun assembly, costumes, and the popular Charac'tater competition. Throughout the year, each class welcomed a visiting author of one of their core texts, inspiring pupils with their stories and creativity.

During National Storytelling Week, children brought in stories from their home languages to share, helping us celebrate our diverse cultures.

Workshops across the year introduced us to new books, authors, and genres, growing our love of reading.

Throughout the year, Parent Voice, teachers and governors have all been involved in learning more about reading in our school and in our community.

We finished with the Reading World Cup and a Summer Library Reading Challenge assembly, encouraging everyone to keep reading at home.

Another fantastic year full of books—keep reading, Shakespeare!













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