



School News & Updates - 6th December, 2025. A note from Mr Jolley:

What a busy two weeks it has been in school! We have been fully immersed in nativity practice, with lots of singing and rehearsing across the year groups. We are incredibly proud of all the children and look forward to showcasing their wonderful skills to you, starting next week. We also have our Christmas Fair - thank you to all the PTA members and the volunteers! It looked wonderfully busy and it was lovely to come together as a community to put on a memorable evening.

Active Wellbeing Experiences

Our children have been loving their active wellbeing experiences, a full day of enrichment every two weeks for each class in school. Miss Parker has been loving driving these sessions and is excited with some of the upcoming community projects and other enhancements we are planning. I am not sure I would have tried the Reception mud cakes, but I would have enjoyed Y2s sensory experience on the park!



Y2 Artwork

In their recent art sessions, the Year 2 children have been fully engaged in creative exploration in their art lessons. In their latest lesson, the children are using their sketchbooks to experiment with different effects, working towards a final piece to create a fire using a variety of different materials. This project encourages them to think about colour, texture, and movement, applying different techniques to represent the dynamic quality of flames and smoke. Through hands-on experimentation, the children are developing their artistic skills and learning how to translate a real-world concept into expressive visual art.



Pastoral Events - A message from Mrs Veitch:

As part of our ongoing commitment to work with families we're hoping to organise a series of informal coffee mornings and workshops in the new year to help provide bitesize information and support for lots of wellbeing needs. In order to help ensure these sessions are tailored in the best way for our families we'd be grateful if you could take 1 minute to fill in our feedback/interest form.

We'll look forward to announcing dates shortly!

[Link to the survey](#)

Our Pastoral Pathways: Supporting Every Child and Family

We are committed to providing comprehensive pastoral support to ensure all our children are safe, happy, and able to reach their full potential. Our support is structured in three waves, ensuring every child receives the care they need, from universal well-being strategies to specialist, multi-agency involvement. Here is summary of the type of support we provide to all our families.

Wave 1: Universal Support (All Children)

This support is for every child, every day, fostering a positive, inclusive, and safe school environment.

- **Emotional Check-Ins** Regular opportunities for all children to express their feelings and identify any concerns.
- **Positive School Ethos** We promote a culture of respect, kindness, and empathy, with clear behavioural expectations, and we celebrate diversity and inclusion.

- **Social and Emotional Learning** This is integrated into the curriculum and daily routines, including teaching children about emotions, self-awareness, self-regulation, and developing social skills.
 - **Universal Well-being Strategies** We implement school-wide initiatives like mindfulness and relaxation exercises, promoting healthy eating and physical activity, and creating calm spaces within the school.
 - **Building Positive Relationships** We foster strong relationships between students, teachers, and staff, and encourage open communication.
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Wave 2: Targeted Support (Groups or Individuals)

For students experiencing specific difficulties for a short period, we provide focused intervention:

- **School Pastoral Team** Our dedicated Pastoral Lead (Mrs Veitch) offers social and emotional support to help children with challenges such as anxiety, managing strong feelings, self-esteem, friendship issues, and many other areas of support. Support is tailored through informal check-ins, individual sessions with set targets, and group sessions focusing on social skills and teamwork. Our pastoral leader is Mrs Veitch. Contact her at pastoral@cps.owlcotesmat.org
 - **Mindmate School Teams** These teams collaborate with the school to support children experiencing low to mid-level anxiety, offering school support, conducting parent consultations, and signposting to appropriate services.
 - **Cluster Support / Early Help Hubs** We collaborate with local cluster groups and community-based teams to provide targeted interventions, resources, and support for students and families, including parenting support and service coordination.
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Wave 3: Specialist, Multi-Agency Involvement

This level is for children and families facing complex needs that require involvement from external agencies:

MindMate SPA (Single Point of Access): A crucial service for mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children and young people in Leeds, offering assessments and referrals to appropriate services.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS): Provides specialist mental health assessments and treatment for children and young people with complex mental health needs.

Children's Social Care (Leeds City Council): Responsible for safeguarding children at risk of harm, including child protection investigations, Child in Need plans, and Child Protection plans.

Multi Systemic Therapy (MST): An internationally recognised, proven, evidence-based treatment programme aimed at supporting families to reduce the need for children and young people to become looked after.

Therapeutic Social Work Team (TSWT): Offers therapeutic support for children in care, those who have experienced trauma, and their foster/adoptive families, providing attachment-focused interventions.

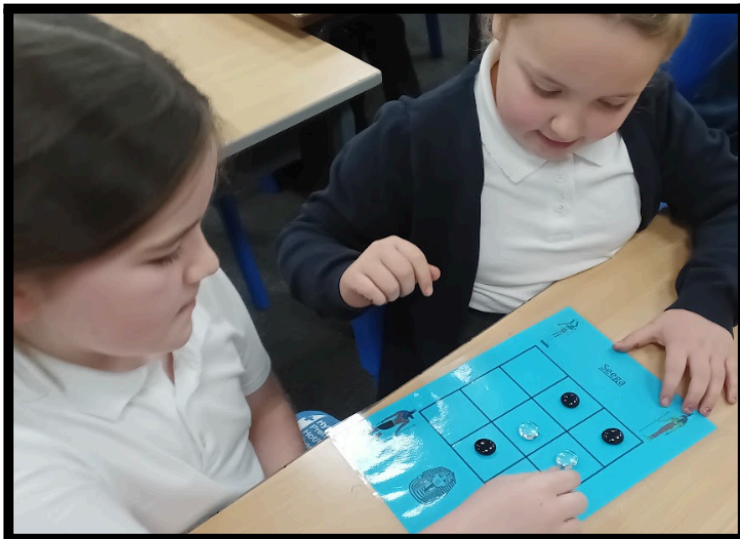
Bowling Inclusion Event

Last week, some of our pupils took part in a bowling event at Leeds Hollywood Bowl organised by The Leeds Well Schools Sporting Partnership. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and showed exceptional respect and behaviour throughout. Thanks to Mrs Wolstenholme, Mrs Reidy and Mrs Shorthouse for attending this event and supporting the children.



Year 3 - Ancient Egypt Learning Experience Day

Last week, our year 3 pupils took part in an ancient Egypt workshop which helped to enhance the learning which they have done this term. Pupils looked at different artefacts, wrote their names in hieroglyphics and played an Ancient Egyptian game called Sennet.





Make sure you check out our Instagram for more from this week.

Please see important dates for the half term

Date	Event
Monday 8th December	Influenza immunisations
Monday 8th December	Reception nativity performances: 09:30 - 10:00 2:30 - 3:00
Tuesday 9th December	Y2 church visit
Tuesday 9th December	Nursery Nativity performance 2.15pm
Wednesday 10th December	Santa's Grotto
Thursday 11th December	Reception - Eureka trip
Monday 15th December	KS1 Nativity - evening performance 6:00 - 7:00pm
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Nativity - afternoon performance 1:30 - 2:30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Service at the church - 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 17th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol service at the church - 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 17th December	Nursery Christmas party day
Thursday 18th December	Y1 church visit
Thursday 18th December	School closes
Friday 19th December	Training day - School closed to children
Monday 5th January	School opens



Get Into Guitar are an award-winning organisation who provide inspiring electric/acoustic guitar lessons using a carefully planned child centred curriculum (All instruments are provided by us). With over 10 years of experience they teach music that children are interested in at a level that fits each child's ability and experience. This includes the use of interactive guitar software, playing performances, individual competitions with great prizes and Battle of the Bands' music video productions.

Please follow the link below for more information and how to sign up:

<https://onlylinks.cc/GVHp>

Assembly Awards:

Year 1	Handwriting: Alayna A Reading: Yousaf Writing: Sophie Maths: Layla Listener: Joseph Independent Learner: Aryan
Year 2	Handwriting: Olive Reading: Masie Writing: Sienna Maths: Robin Listener: Ava Independent Learner: Vinnie
Year 3	Handwriting: Brody Reading: Ali Akbar Writing: Liya Maths: Martha Listener: Harry T Independent Learner: Charlie
Year 4	Handwriting: Caleb Reading: Rory Writing: Alfie Maths: Tabitha Listener: Thea Independent Learner: Joseph

<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Handwriting: Joshua Reading: Teddy Writing: Amelia Maths: Jack Listener: Elliott Independent Learner: Leo</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Handwriting: Marina Reading: Ruby Lindsay Writing: George Maths: Frankie Listener: Charlie Independent Learner: Charlotte</p>


PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ABOUT US.... ✨

Pudsey Community Project exists to transform Pudsey and its surrounding areas with and for the local community.

At our youth/children's clubs we have a team of youth workers and volunteers that are fully DBS checked and have a vast experience of working with young people.

We provide a safe, friendly, and nurturing environment for young people to learn, grow and develop social skills whilst having fun!

All of our youth work is term time only.

MONDAY



Games Cafe
 (School years 4-9)
 Board/card games, Lego and tuck shop.



6-7.30pm £1.50 entry.

TUESDAY



Cooking Club
 (School years 6-11)
 A 6 week course running each half term to learn basic cooking skills. £2 per session.



Limited places so booking is essential, please contact...

youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk

THURSDAY ✨

Youth club (School years 4-6)
 Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, board games and tuck shop.

6-7pm £1.50 entry.

Youth club (School years 7-11)
 Snooker, air hockey, table tennis, Wii, Xbox, boards games and tuck shop.

7.15-8.30pm £1.50 entry.



Pudsey Youth & Children's Activities

Pudsey Community Project, Fartown, LS28 8LP

For more information, or to register your child in advance, please contact youth@pudseycommunity.org.uk

Registered charity number 1191152



Join us for a

Festive Feast



Christmas Dinner

Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast
with all the trimmings

Yorkshire Pudding
Sage and Onion Stuffing

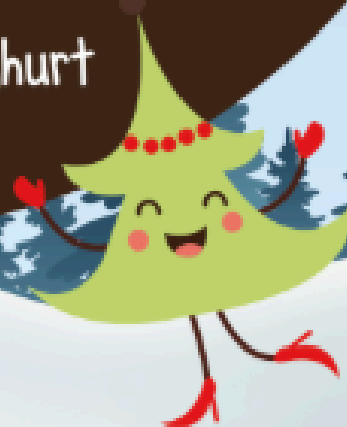
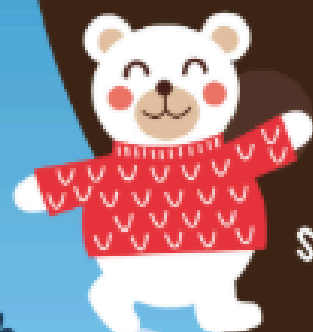
Mashed Potatoes and Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

Delicious Desserts

Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae
served with Gingerbread Festive Treat

or

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
available on request



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Is your child due to start primary school in 2026?



Applications are open for Reception places to start in **September 2026**

You can apply online until **Thursday 15 January 2026**

www.leeds.gov.uk/apply



'The Snowman and the Snowdog' concert, performed by the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra on Monday 15th December at Pudsey Civic Hall.

At **6:00pm**, there will be an **evening performance open to the public**. This is a wonderful opportunity for local families to enjoy live music, support the city's talented young musicians, and get into the festive spirit!

The concert will last approximately 45–60 minutes, making it ideal for families of all ages. To ensure accessibility, **under-18s attend free of charge**, and there is a large free car park available. Adult tickets are just £7. Refreshments will also be on sale to create a true "cinema" experience, with all proceeds supporting the orchestra's upcoming tour to Spain in July 2026.



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MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025
PUDSEY CIVIC HALL
Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, LS28 5TA

Tickets available from:
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