



School News & Updates - 12th December, 2025. A note from Mr Jolley:

Y3 writing - Dragon description

Year 3 has been captivated by a creative writing project, focusing on the intricate task of describing dragons, and Mr. Cuthbert has given their work a thrilling new purpose. The children's carefully crafted descriptions—detailing everything from the texture of scales to the exact shade of breath—are being used as prompts for an AI image generator. This approach has provided a powerful, real-world motivation for the class: the quality and precision of their writing directly impacted on the creation of their mythical beast! Seeing their words transform into a stunning, on-screen image has been a huge source of pride and has successfully encouraged them to think carefully about their vocabulary and sentence structure to achieve an accurate, picture-perfect dragon. See examples below:



★ A Pair of Perfect Performances: Reception's Nativity Shows ★

What a joy it was to witness Reception class's two Nativity performances this week! We were incredibly fortunate to see two totally unique shows, both showcasing the absolute fantastic talent and enthusiasm of the children. It was a pleasure to see the creativity shine through in both the morning and afternoon casts.

A tremendous commendation must go to the entire class for their excellent singing. Every song was delivered with heart and volume, really setting a celebratory tone for the festive season.

Shout-Outs to the Stars

The Narrators: A special mention to the children who took on the crucial role of narrators. They were loud, clear, and perfectly audible throughout both shows, ensuring every member of the audience could follow the story!

The Angels: The angels looked absolutely stunning and truly embodied their roles—they were very angelic indeed! We hope this angelic behaviour continues at home, too! 😊

Noah the Donkey: We had the happiest, most beaming donkey we have ever seen! Noah was visibly bursting with pride throughout the entire performance, making his journey to Bethlehem a joyous sight.

The Sheep and Shepherds: Well done to the shepherds for expertly showcasing their herding skills! The sheep certainly presented a tricky challenge to manage at times, but the shepherds were firm and focused.

Afternoon Highlights

The afternoon performance brought its own collection of memorable moments and wonderful characters:

Innkeepers, Angel Gabriel, and Kings: This performance saw a wonderful range of roles. The kings were particularly distinguished, sporting some truly fantastic mustaches! We may need to ask them about their grooming routine! 😄

Joseph: Tommy, in the role of Joseph, made sure to take his moment, ensuring he caught his mum's eye for an extra clap—a brilliant bit of flair!

Mary: Mary made motherhood look easy, delivering a beautifully calm and central performance.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the staff for their incredible organisation, patience, and hard work in bringing these brilliant, unique, and memorable performances to the stage. The children were clearly supported and encouraged, and it showed!

SEND parent carer monthly information drop-in

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family:

Leeds Local Offer

SENDIASS

Leeds Parent Carer Forum

Carers Leeds

Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)

Leeds Speech and Language Service

Dates and times of drop in



Wednesday 14th January 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Swarcliffe Community Hub, LS14 5LS

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Horsforth Library Building, LS18 5BL

Get up and move!



We are delighted to share/re-share details of our "Get Up and Move" program, which integrates physical activity directly into lessons. This program adapts strategies from the educational organisation Move and Learn (M & L).

Our Goal: We believe that integrating physical activity with academic lessons helps children to stay more alert, improves concentration, and makes learning more enjoyable and effective. By getting children up and moving, we aim to cater to different learning styles and provide a refreshing break from traditional seated learning.

Key Strategies Your Child Will Experience:

Collection Stations: Children move around the classroom to actively collect information (like key facts, vocabulary, or examples) from designated stations.

Reflex Challenge: Pupils compete in pairs or small groups to grab an item when they hear a specific fact or instruction from the teacher (e.g., a specific word class, a multiple of a number, or a true statement).

Think, Move, Pair, Share: Instead of remaining seated, pupils move around the room while considering a question or problem before pairing up to discuss their ideas.

Moving Maths: Movement is incorporated into maths lessons, particularly when learning number facts and multiples. Examples include alternating standing and sitting while counting multiples, or creating actions to represent numbers.

Movement Multiple Choice: Students physically respond to multiple-choice questions by moving to a specific corner of the room, using their bodies to make shapes, or turning to face a direction corresponding to their answer choice.

You can learn more about Get Up and Move! by following this link [here](#).



Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be going ahead next week on **Thursday 18th December**. This is with the exception of **Nursery** who will have their party on **Wednesday 17th December**. Mrs Wootton has communicated about the plans for Nursery.

For the rest of school:

- Please send children to school in non -uniform/ party clothes.
- Please send your child with a pre-wrapped snack/ treat for them to enjoy at the party. This could be a small chocolate bar, a small packet of crisps, a small bag of sweets or a piece of fruit. This snack is for your child only and not to be shared with friends.
- Please note that we are an allergy aware school. Please check snacks that you are sending in are free from nuts and traces of nuts.



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

Please see important dates for the half term

Date	Event
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
Wednesday 17th December	Y2 church visit
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 3	Handwriting: Joey Reading: Ben Writing: Vienna Maths: Connie Listener: Grace Independent Learner: Kaleb
Year 4	Handwriting: Ruby Reading: Isla Writing: Seb Maths: Arthur Listener: Freya Independent Learner: Martha
Year 5	Handwriting: Lucia Reading: Benji Writing: Imogen Maths: Ruby Listener: Romaan Independent Learner: Zak



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

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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PUDSEY CIVIC HALL
Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, LS28 5TA

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Scan here for tickets

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