



School News & Updates - 9th October 2026.

A note from Mr Jolley:

It has been another busy wild - and what a wild windy Friday to end the week on! Governors have visited school this week to come and see changes to our handwriting approach. They have been able to see the focus we have on developing strong cores, seating positioning, pencil/pen grip and enjoy seeing how we teach letter formation with laser-precision and focus.

Safeguarding - Internal door changes:

Next week, we are having some mag locks fitted to some of our internal doors. These are released when the fire alarm is activated, or are activated with staff fobs. This isn't anything to be worried about - it is simply an enhancement to the procedures we already have in place.

Yoga - Y1:

We had Happy Kids Yoga come and visit our Y1 class today! Sam came to complete a session with the class and bring some additional calm into our lives! The children had a lovely relaxing session - I was very tempted to join them!

Dodgeball - Y5/Y6:



Congratulations to our Y5 and Y6 dodgeball team that played after school yesterday. The team showed fantastic sporting and general behaviours throughout the event, and performed exceptionally well. They won three of their face games, and were beaten in the other game. The children had a fabulous time (as you can tell by their expressions in the photo above!) Thanks to Mr Cuthbert for attending the event and organising this with our sports partnership.

Surveys:

Homework - I sent out a survey yesterday to consult with parents about homework, to see how we shape our offer. This closes on Friday 16th October. Thank you for the very quick responses - I had 81 responses this morning, with some honest thoughts and feedback on what we could do with the offer. I will continue to review additional submissions and we will review an offer that best meets the needs of the community.

Clubs/activities - I additionally sent out a survey to ask about clubs and activity interests. We have previously asked, and currently offer the art club and sports club for younger years. We previously held a dance and drama club, and interest reduced, which meant this could no longer be offered. We also had our parent-led LEGO club, which was very popular. Many parents have shared with us they already have commitments outside of school, attending many wide and varied offers. To support decision making around our offer, please do complete the form.

Assembly - Headboy/Headgirl

This week's assembly was spent engaging the children with our democratic process for electing the leaders of our Junior Leadership Team. Each year we elect a headboy, headgirl and deputy head. The children throughout school have cast votes for who they would like to be elected to these positions.

I have to say, it has been an exciting campaign, with posters and stickers everywhere around school to promote individual's campaigns. It has certainly caused some excitement around school.

This year's selected children will be revealed!

Attendance last week was **96.24%**. This was above the target set, and means the children have earned another marble in the attendance reward jar!

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

We're pleased to let you know that this term we're taking part in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme**. This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand and recognise the signs of the different types of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly, age-appropriate programme is fully aligned with the curriculum and consists of a short film and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops in some of our classes. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

To find out more about the programme, please watch the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe. 'Introduction for Parents/Carers film'**. [Link](#)

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.	

Reminder: Big Emotions - Parent Workshop Event

This is a reminder for the visit from MindMate to school, on **Friday 16th October at 9am**

Spaces are limited, so please register your interest using the link below:

[Register your interest here](#)

Weekly Cycle for PE/AWE days (Miss Parker days):

Week B - 12/10/2026 **Week A - 19/10/2026**

Nursery Week A: Miss Parker Day on Monday Week B: No scheduled PE or Miss Parker days	Reception Week A: Miss Parker Day on Tuesday Week B: PE on Friday
Year 1 Week A: PE on Monday & Tuesday Week B: Miss Parker Day on Monday	Year 2 Week A: PE on Monday & Tuesday Week B: Miss Parker Day on Tuesday
Year 3 Week A: PE on Thursday & Friday Week B: Miss Parker Day on Wednesday	Year 4 Week A: PE on Friday Week B: Miss Parker Day on Thursday
Year 5 Week A: Miss Parker Day on Wednesday Week B: PE on Monday & Tuesday	Year 6 Week A: Miss Parker Day on Thursday Week B: PE on Wednesday & Thursday



Year 1	Reading: Etta Writing: Nevaeh Maths: Tommy Handwriting: Isobel Listener: Lily-Mae Independent learner: Delilah
Year 2	Reading: Hattie Writing: Sophie Maths: Dolly Carter Handwriting: Aahil Listener: Yousaf Independent learner: Arthur

Please see our calendar dates:

Monday 12th October	Y2, Y5, Y6 - NSPCC Workshops
Friday 16th October	Parent event - Mindmate Coffee Morning - Big Emotions
Friday 16th October	Y2 - Great Fire of London - Live Stream from London Museum
Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October	Theme week - Eco Week/Sustainability
Monday 19th October	Y1 - Grave-stone exploring at Church
Tuesday 20th October	Y3 - Stained Glass Window Workshop at Church Y2 - Giant Grave Stone at Church
Wednesday 21st October	School photos - Individual
Wednesday 21st October	Y3 - Leeds City Museum Trip
Wednesday 21st October	Y4 - Heritage Trail at Church
Wednesday 21st October	Y5 - Grave stone photography at Church
Thursday 22nd October	Rob Biddulph - School visit! (Drawing with Rob)
Thursday 22nd October	Y6 - Grave stone photography at Church Y6 - Heart dissection!
Friday 23rd October	Halloween Disco - Proposed date
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November	School opens
Please see here for our calendar dates (holidays and training days): <u>Calendar Dates for 2026-2027</u>	