

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

As we reach the end of this half term, we want to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for their continued enthusiasm, support, and involvement. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into the new school year and I am proud of the progress they are making. Next half term sees us open our doors for parent's evenings, where we can celebrate all this fabulous progress and the children's achievements with you. We are also excited to be able to welcome you into school for some upcoming events. The second half of autumn term is full of festive fun and we look forward to you joining us for this. Please see dates further down. The POPs AGM is also upcoming and we'd love to welcome as many of you as possible to join us as part of this fabulous group of people.

Some key messages to share with you all:

🌟 Golden Mile is Back!

We all know the importance of keeping healthy and active so we invite you to join us every Monday after school on the field for the *Golden Mile*. All children (of any age), parents, and carers are welcome to take part. We have a leader board in school for children, staff, and parents – and certificates are awarded for reaching 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles. Come run with us!

🏃 Sports Hall Athletics: Our Athletics team has been training hard during playtimes and in the afternoons in preparation for the qualifying heat in late November.

⚽ Football Training: Football training began this term and we're currently arranging inter-school fixtures between November and February. Training will pause over winter and resume in the spring term.

👟 PE Kit Reminder

A reminder that pupils must come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Those who arrive in the incorrect uniform will be given spare uniform to change into. Need a reminder of the correct PE kit? Visit our website [here](#)

🎓 Reception Open Events – Spread the Word!

Following our recent successful open days, we're holding two more Reception Open Events in November. Please share the news with family and friends – we'd love them to 'Come and see us in action!' Reception admissions opens on the 1st November and parents and carers can apply for a place [here](#)

📁 Secondary School Applications – Year 6 Reminder

Year 6 families should now be submitting applications for Year 7 places for September 2026. The deadline for applications is 31st October. Please visit the Leeds City Council website to apply: [🔗 Apply for a secondary school here](#)

👋 Staffing Update

We say a fond farewell to Miss Morias at the end of this month and to Mrs Wong on Friday 7th November. We thank them both for their contributions and wish them all the best for the future. We are also pleased to welcome Hollie Thornton who will join us as a teaching assistant alongside Diana Bermudez-Martinez and Kaydi-Leigh Somers who will join our lunchtime staff team – we're excited to have them on board!

We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned half term break and we look forward to an action-packed second half of the autumn term!

Mr McAlinden



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Nursery and Reception



On October 16th, Nursery and Reception enjoyed their first Learn With Us session. They had fun singing a few autumn songs to their parents/carers, then completing a range of autumnal activities both inside and outside. The scarecrow hunt and autumn hunt on the playground were a big success and the children liked getting their hands messy when finger painting an autumn tree and hand printing an acorn.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

It's been a Whizz, Pop, Bang! start to the year for KS1. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Gunpowder Plot and have worked really hard to be able to retell the event in lots of detail. In the last week of term, they are developing their thinking scientifically skills by carrying out lots of 'awe and wonder' experiments linked to fireworks and bonfire night. They are currently working very hard to learn songs and poems to perform at our Harvest Sing.

A reminder please that children should not have juice in their water bottles, but they are able to have juice at lunchtime. Please support us with this.

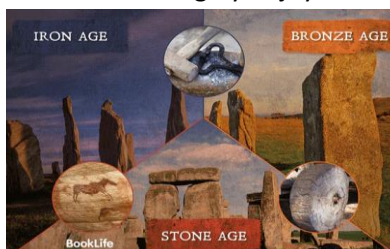


Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

What a fantastic half-term we've had in LKS2!

The children have truly impressed us with their creativity, commitment to learning and caring attitudes towards one another.

We have thoroughly enjoyed travelling back to prehistoric times to explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age.



During this topic, the children have developed their historical enquiry skills and have deepened their understanding of how life evolved across prehistoric Britain.

LKS2 also took part in an amazing workshop which brought their learning to life. During the session, they created a large interactive timeline in the hall, explored a range of Stone Age artefacts, and examined images of original cave art. Inspired by



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what they saw, they then designed and created their own artwork. The workshop concluded with a fascinating look at Bronze and Iron Age military equipment.

In Art, the children put great effort into creating impressive replicas of Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age jewellery. We were incredibly proud to showcase their work at our exhibition yesterday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Learn With Us session. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking part in the hands-on activity of making Stone Age tools out of soap!

POPS

A huge thank you to POPS for organising another 'Donut Drop'. We all love a Friday sweet treat! Our first ever 'Break The Rules' day was a huge success. School was filled with crazy hairstyles, whacky clothing and soft-toy visitors. We even had some surprise rule breaks including extra playtime and pudding before mains at lunchtime.

Children's Planners

A reminder that there is a useful Behaviour and Relationships policy summary in the children's planners for children and their families to refer to about our whole school approach to behaviour. Please support us with this.

We are required for all children to and their parents to sign to and agree to the schools Safer Use Agreement annually. This allows children to use the computers and technology in school. This agreement will be coming home in the Children's planners after half term. Please make sure you discuss this with your child before both agreeing and signing.

Pupil Voice

Congratulations to the children who have been voted in to represent the student population as members of Pupil Voice. They each worked hard on a campaign so please give a huge Oulton Primary School well done to:

Heidi H, Lucy D, Zak B, Harlow E, Eddie F, Violet P, Lilly L, Seb D, Cora E, Georgina K, Arthur S, Beatrix T and Erin R

Half termly moan about parking

Please make sure that you park considerately when dropping off and picking up at school. We have had some parents and carers strain our relationships with local residents due to selfish parking. Do not block residents in from being able to leave their spaces or park on the inside of the roundabout on Green Lea. We understand that everyone is in a rush to drop off/ pick up and get to work but please plan where to park and allow for additional time. School starts at 8:50am so all pupils should be on the school grounds by this time. We are working with the council to find solutions to help families and residents which I will share information on in a future newsletter, but one option is to consider closing Green Lea to everyone except residents during drop off and pick up which would make driving to school difficult for many families. We want to avoid this but situations like this week make it very difficult for us to argue or avoid this action.



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Key dates for the the rest of the autumn term

Parents Evening slots have now gone live on the school website via the phase pages (Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2) which can be found under the heading **teaching and learning**. Please select your child's phase and booking form. All booking forms will close on Friday 7th November.

Event	Date	Time
POPS meeting and AGM (new parents and carers welcome)	Thursday 6 th November 2025	7pm
Parents Evening (Not Octopus class)	Tuesday 11th November 2025 Wednesday 12th November 2025	3:40-6:00pm 3:40-7:00pm
Reception Open meeting 1	Wednesday 19 th November 2025	2pm
Reception Open meeting 2	Wednesday 26 th November 2025	10am
POPS fundraiser – Christmas Fair	Friday 5 th December 2025	Pm
EYFS Christmas Concert	Thursday 11 th December 2025	Pm
Christmas Crafternoon	Friday 12 th December 2025	Pm
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December 2025 Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Pm Am
Christmas Dinner and Festive Clothing Day	Thursday 18 th December	All day
KS2 Festive Sing	Friday 19 th December 2025	TBC
Spring and summer learn with us events will be detailed in newsletters before the term where it falls.		

