



Pudsey Waterloo
Primary School

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, where we celebrate a fantastic start to the term, including Year 5's victory at the Leeds Schools Poetry Slam. It has been a busy few weeks, from Year 6 exploring the Yorkshire Dales to our exciting author visit from Claire Powell.

Y5 Poetry Slam Competition

Year 5 won first prize in the Leeds Schools Poetry Slam competition on the 21st April, held at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds! We entered two teams who wrote their own poems based on the theme of 'Play' and then performed their poems on the night. There were 14 teams taking part, including many from high schools and both teams performed brilliantly. Well done to Zoe, Rohan and Keeley Anne who took the top prize and equally well done to Luca, Savannah and Niamh who also gave a brilliant performance.



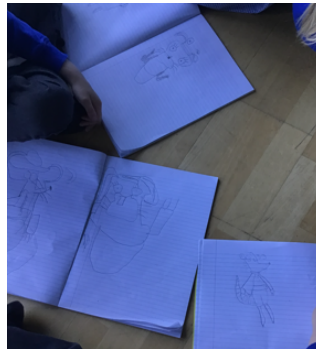
Y6 Malham Trip

Year 6 took a trip to the Yorkshire Dales this week as part of their geography topic on rivers. They walked from the visitors' centre to Janet's Foss and on to Gordale Scar. Along the route they stopped at different sections of the river to complete fieldwork, such as drawing and labeling the river and discussing geographical vocabulary including: 'erosion, deposition and meander'. The pupils had a wonderful day seeing the upper and middle course of the river and their behaviour throughout the day was fantastic. Well done Year 6!



Author Visit from Claire Powell

Claire Powell, author and illustrator of Marty Mouse, came in to visit Years 1 to 3. She spoke about how and why she became interested in writing and illustrating. The children were really excited to have a guided drawing session on how to draw Marty Mouse and they did a great job of creating different expressions for the character.



Junior Maths Challenge

This week 12 bright sparks from year 6 entered the Junior Maths Challenge. After a few months of practice, the exam finally took place this week. They had an hour to complete 25 incredibly challenging questions and they showed great resilience with some very difficult problems. Well done to all those who took part. We now anxiously await the results!

Pudsey Carnival

We will be taking part in the Pudsey Carnival on Saturday 16th May. We are entering a walking float, so all the children and parents are invited to take part. The theme of the carnival 'David Attenborough - Celebrating 100 Years'. The children and staff in Carnival Club have started to make some amazing props for the float. We will be meeting at school at 11.45am, ready to leave for the parade at 12:00pm and return back to school at around 1:00pm. More information regarding competitions will be given in the upcoming weeks.



Summer Term Important Dates

Event	Date & Time
5RH Class Assembly	Wednesday 6th May, 9:00am
Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Friday 8th May
Y6 SATs Week	Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May
Reception Farm Trip	Wednesday 13th May
Rec - Y3 Trip to William's Den	Monday 18th May
Y4-Y6 Mission Out Trip	Wednesday 20th May
5LP Class Assembly	Thursday 21st May, 9:00am
2JB Class Assembly	Wednesday 3rd of June, 9:00am
1SW Class Assembly	Wednesday 10th of June, 9:00am
Year 4 Trip to Leeds Industrial Museum	Thursday 11th June
2NB Class Assembly	Wednesday 17th of June, 9:00am
Y3 Leeds City Museum Trip	Wednesday 17th of June, 9:00am
FOW Summer Fair	Saturday 27th June 11:00am - 2:00pm

Training Days for the 2025/26 Academic Year: Please mark your calendars for our upcoming training days:

- Monday, July 20th, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Learners of the week

The following children have received a good worker award. Well done to....

	Friday 24th April	Friday 1st May
Nursery	Noor Siddiq Zala Ahamdzai	Jannat Amir Lucas Emery
Reception	RJO - Theo Clegg RBM - Zimal Adil	RJO - Robert Walczak RBM - Maxwell Horseman
Year 1	1SW - Leonie Fearnley 1ED- Oscar Rowley	1SW- Jacob Coleman 1ED- Delilah-Rose Dibb
Year 2	2NB - Aurora D'Abundo 2JB- Jacob McKeown	2NB - Sophie Waring 2JB - Kiko Mohammed
Year 3	3CR - Nellie Benton 3PW- Rose Musavi	3CR - Molly Peel 3PW - Hyrea Panesar
Year 4	4BD - Edith Gasiorek 4KL - Nivi Iyappan	4BD - Oliver Simpson 4KL - Robyn Brewis
Year 5	5RH - Charlie Rainford 5LP - Savannah Eastwood	5RH - Zoe Heath Brown 5LP - Freddie Marshall
Year 6	6NW - Lilly-Mai Woodhead 6SW - Ali Afsar	6NW - Isaac Simpson 6SW - Sienna Callaway

Holiday Requests in Term Time

All holiday requests must be submitted to Mr White prior to going away on an 'Exceptional Circumstances Request Form' which can be collected from the school office or printed from Leeds City Council's website. Leave of absence will not be granted in term time unless there are reasons considered to be exceptional by the Headteacher. **Across Owlcotes Trust we interpret exceptional to mean "very unusual, significant, unavoidable and short"**. By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Pudsey Community Project

School uniforms are available to collect from a local run charity.

"Our Kids' Clothes provision aims to save people money and help the planet by reducing fabric waste and encouraging people to reuse clothes instead of buying new. We have an active Facebook page where we advertise some seasonal items and people can message us with requests for bags to be made up for them to collect. We work with The Leeds Uniform Exchange run by Zero Waste Leeds, running uniform stalls at the Leeds Breeze Events and participating in the Winter Coat Appeal." We donate any lost property at the end of the year to the project so there are always plenty of Waterloo colours available.

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