

Farsley Westroyd Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

A message from Headteacher – Miss Pashley

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we come to the end of the school year, we have been busy reflecting upon the past year whilst also making plans for September 2025! It has been quite a year and whilst we are still buzzing from our Ofsted inspection, our pupil outcomes for this year, which are above National in all statutory assessments which includes significant improvements on previous years, have further fuelled our excitement! But, that excitement is not just to celebrate our current successes, it has really sharpened our thoughts about the future and how we further enhance the quality of education at this school! We have a perfect combination, here at Farsley Westroyd; highly skilled passionate staff; delightful kind, caring children; challenging committed governors and supportive families. A recipe for success!

As I have said many times, I am a really lucky head teacher, every day is an absolute joy at this school. I have still not quite managed in two years to ever achieve my daily to do list because being with the children is such a distraction at all times in the day!

We say a sad goodbye to Y6, who are leaving a huge hole in our Farsley Westroyd family this week. Pupil leadership is a strength across the school, with children expected and eager to contribute towards school life, with differing roles and responsibilities. This year our Y6 have been exceptional, in terms of their willingness to contribute and to do so with such expertise. This shows how ready they are for high school and what skills they have developed to enable them to make a positive contribution in later life! As they leave us though we have new families joining our Nursery and Reception, which we are looking forward to.

As the last newsletter of the year, we have put together as many dates as we can for next year at this stage. Managing a family, working, it is a juggling act and being organised is key! I know that! So, we hope everyone has a fabulous summer, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back, full of stories and energy in September!

Jenny Pashley

Training Days

Next year we have five training days:

- 1.9.25
- 21.11.25
- 3.7.26
- 20.7.26
- 21.7.26



Miss Harps

As we have already shared, Miss Harps leaves us this week. She has secured a position in a primary school much closer to home. This will enable her to spend more time with her family and less time stuck in commuter traffic! We totally understand why she is moving, but we are still very sad to see her! Best of luck Miss Harps.

Dates

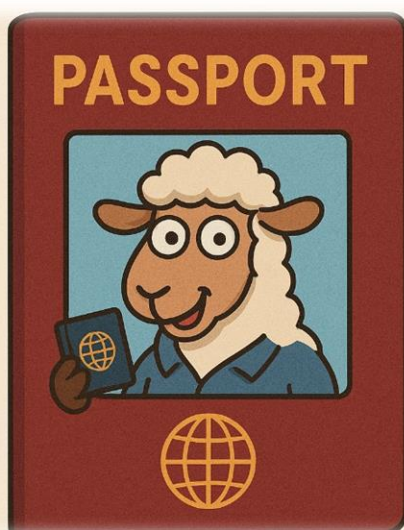
There are lots of dates, already booked. They are attached to the end of this newsletter and will also be on the website calendar. You can link your calendar with our website calendar to make life easier.

Good to be Me, Good to be Westroyd, Good to be Farsley



Pupil passports

Part of our school development plan next year, is to create a pupil passport. A list of things that every child in each year group must achieve or experience over the year. We will work with the children to create this and we are all ears to your thoughts too. Mr Clough has already said, being able to tie shoe laces is going on the Y2 list and for me it is every child to perform to an audience over the year.



Trips and visitors

We have many of our trips booked for next year already, to enhance the learning process. All trips are linked to current curriculum learning. We also intend for every year group to visit the theatre and or experience theatre in school (many of these have been booked already!). Next year, we will embed our routine of all children in KS2 having an annual residential. Residential are memory makers, something we all remember for life, whilst also a prime way for children to focus upon their personal development. In June, we have added a Geography field trip up in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales to enable our children to carry out a river and village study, whilst also exploring land use in the countryside! We appreciate prompt payment for all events as without your cooperation, the excursions could not take place. Thank you.

Staff responsibilities

All teachers in school are expected to lead different subjects. Usually linked to individual expertise and or passion. For your information, we thought you may find this of interest. Also if you feel you have the skills and knowledge to support our subject leaders, do get in touch.

Miss Pashley – Music

Mrs Hollingshead, Early Years, Phonics and Early Reading

Mr Popple – Maths and Science

Miss Martin – RE, PSHE, Lead Mental Health Practitioner

Mr Clough – History & Computing

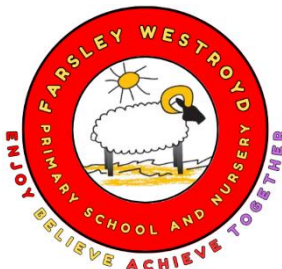
Mr Fawcett – PE & Writing

Miss Maybank – Later Reading

Miss Dennison – Art

Miss Wager – Geography & DT

Miss Knight-Francis – Spanish.



Fundraising

We have had a number of fundraising events recently, raising money for charity and for school. Last year, through discussions with school council, the children decided that, whatever was raised should be shared between classes and that each class would decide how to spend the money to directly have impact on them and their experience rather than funding whole school projects. Classes have enjoyed this direct impact and feel empowered about making decisions over how the money is spent – It has taught them some budgeting skills. School council have asked for us to continue with this approach next year.

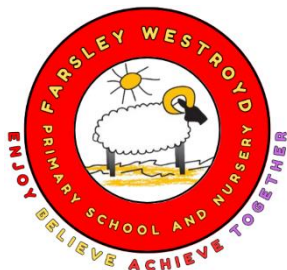


Greggs

We continue our working relationship with Greggs, who as a business in our localish community are keen to help out, whenever they can! On top of the buns we regularly get, although Mr Popple does wish they made sausage rolls at the Bramley factory, they also help school in other ways. Recently they approached us, to ask permission to put in a bid to help us to promote environmental education and teach the children specifically about diversity and sustainability. Fingers crossed we will be successful as this will allow us to use funds and Greggs' manpower to develop our pond and wildlife area in Early Years. Our not so long-term goal is to set ourselves up to provide Forest School Education. Miss Dennison has her training, so the process is moving swiftly!

Attendance

A reminder that every minute, every hour and every day in school counts. All children have a right to an education and it is the legal responsibility of every parent to ensure that their child receives that education by attendance at school. Attendance is a legal mandate for schools and we must implement the governments guidelines to ensure all children have their rights protected. At Westroyd our overall attendance is very good as reported in our OFSTED report. We do need to remind you, about two features of the new guidance that came into play in August 2024. "Working Together to improve Attendance" As you know holidays in term time cannot be authorised. The guidance clearly states that holidays do not come under exceptional circumstances. However, you may also be fined if you collate 5 or more days unauthorised absence within ten weeks. It is no longer just one episode of absence that may result in a penalty notice. We also need to make you aware that if there is evidence to suggest that you are in fact on holiday when claiming the absence is for other authorised reasons, then you can still be given a fixed penalty notice by Leeds City Council.



Nursery Places at Farsley Westroyd

Our nursery numbers have significantly increased over the last two years because of the high quality provision and teaching. We offer places the term following a child's 3rd birthday in our teacher led educational nursery. Attending a school nursery provides the best start to a child's school career, and at Farsley Westroyd our curriculum starts in Nursery and builds as the child moves through the school to Y6. We offer set sessions and welcome families to use their 15 and 30 hour entitlement in our setting. Many families choose to combine nursery with our wraparound to fulfil their 30 hours. Both our Nursery and Reception classes are in our specially designed early years site. This makes us unique to other schools/settings as the building and outdoor area, was specifically designed for children in the early years. Our outdoor area is so stimulating and children have free flow access at all times. This year, we have increased our number on role by moving Nursery into the bigger classroom, allowing us to accommodate the demand locally for places at our provision. If you know that you will be needing nursery provision in the next 12 months or so, then we strongly advise you to contact the school office and get your child onto our waiting list as soon as possible.

A request from our friends at Pudsey Community Project.

Any school uniform donations would be greatly appreciated. This year the uniform will be available at Breeze events as well as at the centre. Do drop off donations to Pudsey Community Project (corner of Carlisle Rd and Fartown) any Monday to Saturday 10am - 12noon. We would especially appreciate any HIGH SCHOOL items as they're in high demand.

We will be open at PCP for clothes browsing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10am-12noon over the summer holiday thanks to our amazing volunteer team.

Fees next year

From September the following prices apply:

Wraparound - £8 Breakfast

Early collection by 4.15pm - £8

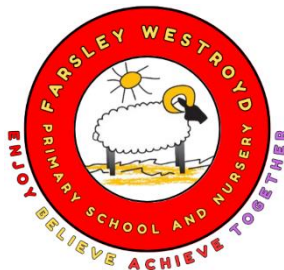
Full Session 3.15pm – 6pm - £16.50

Sibling discount of 10% ON FULL SESSION AND BREAKFAST ONLY

Dinners - £3.00 per meal

Spotlight on a staff member - Miss Martin

An experienced class teacher, currently teaching in Y3, Miss Martin also wears many hats in school. She is our RE and PSHE lead as well as taking a lead role in promoting everyone's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Last year she led the implementation of Zones of Regulation right from Nursery to Y6! When Ofsted came in Spring, she blew the inspector away with the provision she has implemented at our school, which resulted in our outstanding grading for personal development. Miss Martin is also a model to all staff in school, in promoting positive behaviours and strong relationships. She is also incredibly organised and keeps Mr Popple on his toes as they job share together! He is often in the dog house for walking off with whiteboard pens in his pocket and leaving cups of half drunk coffee on their desk! Our online shared space is all organised, thanks to Miss Martin and the website redesign was also her work!



Wraparound

At Westroyd we are one large family and our wraparound from 7.30am until 6pm extends our warm nurturing approach for the children.

The children interacting and supporting each other from across all year groups, benefits every child. It is quite a close-knit community, a family within a family. I regularly join them for breakfast or tea, joining in with the conversation and banter around the table. Mrs Sim is currently the wraparound lead, supported by Mrs Pinder in a morning and Miss Robinson after school. As you know Miss Watson is on maternity leave at the moment.

Morning sessions are quite sociable with a lot of game playing and on an evening we have a specific focus each day. It ranges from craft night to cookery night and film night. Offering the children different experiences. We find after school the children can be more tired so we respond to this with more chilled out activities alongside focus activities. Everyone helps to prepare and tidy away at meal times, just like in a family home. Because they are Westroyd children this is never an issue and we never have to ask or direct the children to help - it just happens!

If you are in need of wraparound, do contact the school office. We can offer regular bookings and usually adhoc. We know what working life/family can be like - things can happen at the last minute. Just give us a call and we can see what we can do.

If you are a nursery parent you can use your 30 hour entitlement at wraparound and tax free payments.





Calendar Dates - Autumn

September 2025

- 01.09.25 – Training Day. School Closed
- 02.09.25 – School Opens
- 20.09.25 – Great Farsley Westroyd Sheep Hunt @ 10.00am–12.00pm
- 24.09.25 – Y4 Trip to Alhambra (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe)

October 2025

- 08.10.25 – New to Reception 2026 School Tour @ 9.30am
- 08.10.25 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 08.10.25 – Reception Autumn Walk
- 10.10.25 – World Mental Health Day
- 15.10.25 – Whole School Welly Walk @ 1.30pm
- 16.10.25 – Break the Rules Day
- 17.10.25 – Y6 Sharing Assembly
- 20.10.25 – Black History Month
- 23.10.25 – Y3 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns
- 23.10.25 – New to Reception Tour @ 9.30am
- 23.10.25 – Halloween Disco
- 24.10.25 – Recognition Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 24.10.25 – Last Day of Half Term

November 2025

- 03.11.25 – School Opens
- 06.11.25 – Y6 SATs Parents Meeting & Robin Hood Meeting @ 6.00pm
- 06.11.25 – Y1 Local Fieldwork Visit
- 10.11.25 – Anti-Bullying Week
- 10.11.25 – New to Reception 2026 Tour @ 1.30pm
- 13.11.25 & 14.11.25 – Y4 Cycle Training
- 19.11.25 – New to Reception Tour @ 1.30pm
- 20.11.25 – Y5/Y6 Jorvik Visit
- 21.11.25 – Training Day. School Closed
- 25.11.25 – Early Years Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 26.11.25 – Farsley Christmas Light Switch-On
- 27.11.25 – Y4/Y5 York Trip
- 27.11.25 – New to Reception Tour @ 9.30am
- 28.11.25 – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donations

December 2025

- 02.12.25 – Movie Night
- 04.12.25 – Enterprise Fair
- 04.12.25 – Reception Village Study
- 05.12.25 – Y5 Sharing Assembly
- 09.12.25 – EY Christmas Concert @ 10.30am
- 10.12.25 – EY Christmas Concert @ 1.45pm
- 11.12.25 – KS1 Christmas Concert @ 9.30am & 1.45pm
- 15.12.25–19.12.25 – Y4 Swimming
- 15.12.25–17.12.25 – Y6 Robinwood Residential
- 17.12.25 – EY & KS1 Party
- 18.12.25 – Carols in the Yard @ 2.30pm
- 18.12.25 – Y3/Y4 Party
- 19.12.25 – Sparkle Day
- 19.12.25 – Y5/Y6 Party Day
- 19.12.25 – Recognition Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 19.12.25 – End of Term



Calendar Dates - Spring

January 2026

- 05.01.26 – Nursery Closed
- 05.01.26 – Reception to Y6 School Opens
- 19.01.26 – Aspirations Week
- 21.01.26 – Reception Village Walk
- 26.01.26 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 29.01.26 – Mountain Witch Theatre Production

April 2026

- 01.04.26 – Easter Egg Dip
- 02.04.26 – Break Up for Easter

February 2026

- 05.02.26 – RWI Parents Meeting @ 9.00am
- 06.02.26 – Y3 Sharing Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 10.02.26 – Safer Internet Day
- 12.02.26 – Valentines Disco
- 13.02.26 – Recognition Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 13.02.26 – Last Day of Term

March 2026

- 05.03.26 – World Book Day
- 11.03.26 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 13.03.26 – Bake Off
- 19.03.26 – Reception Trip to Sutcliffes
- 20.03.26 – Non-Uniform Day for Easter Eggs
- 23.03.26 – Y6 SATs Practice Week
- 24.03.26 – Grow a Pound Deadline
- 26.03.26 – Movie Night
- 27.03.26 – Y4 Sharing Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 30.03.26 – Grow a Pound Launch
- 30.03.26 – Easter Concert @ 2.00pm
- 31.03.26 – Easter Egg Dip



Calendar Dates - Summer

April 2026

- 23.04.26 – Y3 Trip to The Deep

May 2026

- 05.05.26 – Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting @ 6.00pm
- 07.05.26 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 11.05.26 – Y6 SATs Week
- 15.05.26 – Reception Visit to Hesketh Farm
- 15.05.26 – Y2 Sharing Assembly

May 2026

- 05.05.26 – Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting @ 6.00pm
- 07.05.26 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 11.05.26 – Y6 SATs Week
- 15.05.26 – Reception Visit to Hesketh Farm
- 15.05.26 – Y2 Sharing Assembly

June 2026

- 01.06.26 – Y4 MTC Test Week
- 08.06.26 – Y1 Phonics Screening Week
- 12.06.26 – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donations
- 17.06.26 – New Reception & Nursery Parents Meeting @ 6.00pm
- 19.06.26 – EY Open Session @ 2.30pm
- 25.06.26 – Summer Fair @ 3.30pm–4.30pm
- 26.06.26 – Y3 Sleepover
- 26.06.26 – Y1 Sharing Assembly
- 29.06.26–01.07.26 – Y6 Bikeability
- 30.06.26 – Reception Stay and Play

July 2026

- 01.07.26 – Reception Stay and Play
- 03.07.26 – School Closed. Training Day
- 06.07.26 – Happy, Healthy Week Begins
- 06.07.26 – Reports to Parents
- 08.07.26 – Sports Day (KS1 & Reception) @ 9.30am
- 08.07.26 – Nursery Sports Day @ 10.45am
- 08.07.26 – KS2 Sports Day @ 1.30pm
- 10.07.26 – Reception Sharing Assembly
- 13.07.26 – Y6 vs Teachers Rounders Match @ 1.30pm
- 14.07.26 – Y6 & Y2 Filey Trip (TBC)
- 15.07.26 – EY Beach Party
- 15.07.26 – Y6 Prom
- 17.07.26 – Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2.00pm
- 17.07.26 – Last Day of School