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Newsletter: Autumn Term
9th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
The first week of the second half of the Autumn term is complete and it has been a great start to the term. This week, we will be holding our Autumn term parent-teacher consultations. These valuable appointments are a chance to find out how your child is progressing in their new year group. Please do make a booking if you haven't already done so. All appointments can be made online but, should you have any difficulty, please contact the school office who will make a booking on your behalf.

Have a great week,
Mrs Mumby

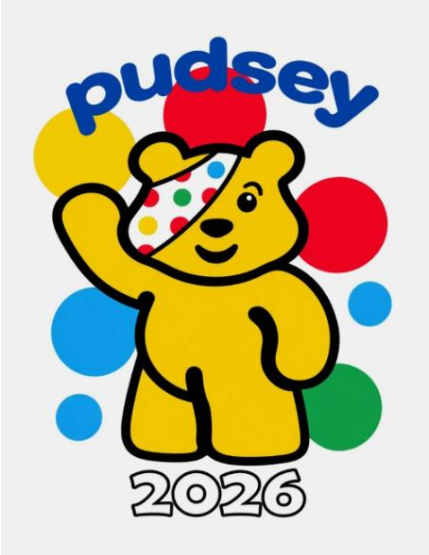
Scholastic Book Fair

This week, we will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair in school. This will be open after school and during our parent-teacher consultation evenings. We are a cashless school, so card payments only. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept Apple Pay.



Children in Need

This Friday, 13th November, is Children in Need Day. On this day, in exchange for a donation, children can come to school in non-uniform or Children in Need and Pudsey Bear merchandise. Donations can be made on ParentPay.



Poppy Appeal

We are continuing to support the Poppy appeal. Ordinarily, we are a cashless school, but we do ask, for this appeal, that children bring money in a labelled purse or envelope as it will go directly in the Royal British Legion collection cans.

We have a number of items available starting from 50p with donations of any amount taken for paper poppies. We will be selling the items to the children during playtime until Thursday 12th November.

Alternatively, there will be a box of items available in the office, and parents and carers can call in there at any time of the day.



Manning Stainton Donations

A huge thank you to Manning Stainton, one of our local estate agents, who have kindly donated a set of much-needed headphones for use in school. We are hugely grateful to them for their kindness and generosity.



Attendance - Penalty Notices

A reminder of Appendix 3 from our Attendance Policy. Some families may be approaching their third fine as a result of unauthorised absences due to term-time holidays. Please be mindful that this could result in a criminal record.

National Penalty Notice Framework (offences in a three year rolling period)

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence (or any further offences within 3 years)
The first penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)	The second penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will not be reduced)	A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be considered for potential legal action. This can result in a criminal record and fines of up to £1,000 plus costs.

Pastoral Pals

Our newly appointed team of Pastoral Pals support their peers on a lunchtime in the Peace Garden. **They are building up a bank of activities and would welcome any donations of card games, including Top Trumps, Uno and Dobble.** Many thanks to those parents who have already made contributions, we really do appreciate your donations.



Community Champions

We are so proud of our Community Champions, a group of children from upper key stage two, who do great work within our local community.

Last week, a group of the champions visited 'The Coach House' residential home, and were welcomed back, by the residents, with open arms.

There are some wonderful friendships being forged across the generations, it is such a joy to see. The children kept the elderly residents entertained with jokes and much laughter.





Garforth Peace Project
Peace - it's a piece of cake really!

Please Join Us for the
9th GARFORTH ANNUAL PEACE LANTERN WALK
Saturday 14th November
at 6.30 p.m. (meet from 6.15)
with the Lord Mayor of Leeds and our schools & community

We invite you to please come along and join this peaceful walk of Remembrance and possibly to either make/or bring along a lantern with a small battery candle and meet at….

WHERE: Stage 3 of The Garforth Schools World Peace Trail at **Susan's Seat (opposite Bella Vita), Main St at 6.15 p.m.** followed by a walk at approx. **6.30 p.m.** along the remaining 5 stages of the trail (or to join us on route) to the Diamond Jubilee Garden home to:

England's 1st World Peace Flame
For readings & reflections on Peace & honouring Armistice Day, along with a minutes silence.

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Community News



Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received Superstar Learner certificates in today's Achievement Assembly. We are very proud of them!

F2 Red – Well done to Nova
F2 Blue – Well done to Ari
1 CF – Well done to Lucca
1/2 CE – Well done to Ivy
2 JL – Well done to Jasper
3 GP – Well done to Hirsa
3/4 JH – Well done to Austin
4 MS – Well done to Sam
5 KM – Well done to India
5/6 LB – Well done to Eric
6 LH – Well done to Aria
Headteacher Award – Well done to Axel and Junior in 1/2CE
Citizen of the Week Award – Well done to Harry C in 3/4JH

Presentation to be proud of:
1/2 CE – Well done to Pippa
2 JL – Well done to Mia
3 GP – Well done to Elodie

3/4 JH – Well done to Bella
4 MS – Well done to Ivy
5 KM – Well done to Jaxon
5/6 LB – Well done to Jonah
6 LH – Well done to Sophie R

Attendance

We encourage good attendance at all times and know that if children attend well, they achieve well. Our school target is 96%. We strive to support all families in meeting and exceeding this target for all of our children, to ensure they grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Our attendance table this week:

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
F2 Blue	96.09%
F2 Red	95.85%
1CF	96.71%
1/2CE	96.67%
2JL	97.67%
3GP	98.67%
3/4JH	96.9%
4MS	96.30%
5KM	97%
5/6LB	87.67%
6LH	98.52%
Whole School	96.02%

Diary Dates

November

Tuesday 10th	Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 12th	Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 30th	Launch of the decorated garland competition

December

Tuesday 1st	9.30am EYFS Christmas Production
Thursday 3rd	2.30pm EYFS Christmas Production
Friday 4th	Sponsored Santa fun run, AM
Friday 4th	Father Christmas visits Strawberry Fields, PM
Tuesday 8th	1.45pm KS1 Production
Wednesday 9th	9.30am KS1 Production
Wednesday 9th	Christmas Film Night
Thursday 10th – Friday 11th	'A Refugees Journey' - Years 5 and 6 (The British Library workshop)
Wednesday 16th	Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Jumper Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21st DECEMBER – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY

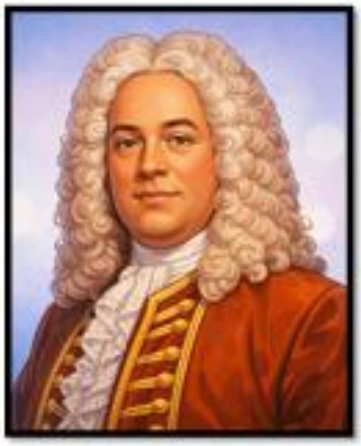
INSET Days 2026/27
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 22nd July 2027
On these days, school will be closed to children



HOME INFORMATION

November's Musician of the Month

George Frideric Handel







About: George Frideric Handel (23 February 1685 – 14 April 1759) was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas and concertos. Handel received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712, where he spent the bulk of his career and became a naturalised British subject in 1727. Handel's music forms one of the peaks of the "high baroque" style, bringing Italian opera to its highest development, creating the genres of English oratorio and organ concerto, and introducing a new style into English church music. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age.

Genres: Classical, Opera and Oratorio

Active from: 1696 - 1751

Origin: Halle, Brandenburg-Prussia (Germany)

Books to read...



If you like George Frideric Handel, try...

- Georg Philipp Telemann
- Johann Sebastian Bach
- Isabella Leonarda