

Pudsey Primrose Hill

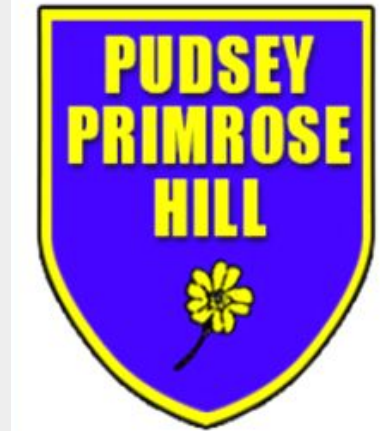
Wellbeing idea for the week : *Thank three people you are grateful to and tell them why.*

Today we break up for the half term holiday. School will be closed to children on Monday 23rd February as it is a training day. We look forward to seeing everyone in school again on **Tuesday 24th February**. Hopefully the weather will have cheered up by then and we will see some daylight!

Owlcotes Literature Festival

This week our pupils have studied The Lost Words text written by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris. They have written, acrostics, kennings and narrative poems to make sure these words are not lost from our language. They have honed their drawing and painting skills and we have been amazed by the results.

Today they showcased their oracy skills when they performed their 'spells' to each other.



Training Days

Monday 23rd Feb
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st
July

Upcoming Events

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March
Start with a story 8.20am

Holi Colour Run Friday 6th
March 3.30pm - 4pm

Please use the office email address
for all emails to school.



Ivy
Violent spreader
Fast grower
Quick climber
Prickly gripper
Sharp Sawyer
Tree climber

Beautiful flowers rustling in the cold breeze
Lonely flowers growing up a tall tree
Under the hard green trees
Each bluebell is moving shakily
Bleaming quiet in the green grass
Every bluebell is purple and smooth
Little purple petals are singing

<p>What am I? Magical hunter Lucky snapper Red swimmer Sharp diver Sea glider Halcyon glider Fast fisher Colourful play</p>	<p>What am I? Great diver Sea glider Amazing hunter Magical diver Fish purser Winged fisher Fast fisher Splendid killer Colourful plunger Lucky snatcher</p>
<p>What am I? Extreme hunter Spider wanderer Silly warrior Quick diver Autumn caller Deceptive glider The prickler Human survivor Squirrel feeder Brown hider</p>	<p>What am I? Heavy handed bouncer Forest lover Pretty prancer Beautiful bloomer Bunching grower Colourful bower Blue plancer Light drinker Stunning stretcher Butterfly attractor</p>
<p>By Enea</p>	

Slowly and stealthily she crept, her wings a sunny gift the fluff of snow is as elusive as a ghost in a thicket.

Natural soft paper-white fur engulfed her skin, as she scurried across the wintry cloud anchored to the earth.

Offspring are as small as an ant compared to the radiant beauty all around while the creature unconsciously nibble on bark, twigs and leaves.

Whispering winds sing her songs throughout the dark, frigid night, while the nocturnal ghost-white pom-poms dance elegantly in the arctic breeze.

Hop, hop along from branch to branch, the dense understorey protects the helpless blunder from predators.

Agile and accurate she elegantly camouflages into the mossy blanket settling into the day they call night.

Rapidly leaping with their ultra large paws ravenously sprinkling to their constant food that is in sight.

Eyes so bright and optimistic of the offspring as the snow has attempted to keep up with their loved ones.



Primrose Hill are joining the growing movement 'Smartphone Free Childhood.'

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far! You can see our school on the leaderboard here: [Leaderboard](#)

If you haven't seen the video from Mrs Clarke and Miss Richardson you can watch it here: [Smartphone free Childhood Video](#)

You can sign up by following this link: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>



British Library Workshops

Y1 loved their 'Once Upon A Time Workshop' this week. Through exploring the story of The Three Little Pigs they developed their storytelling skills, strengthening their literacy and oracy skills.



Y3 children became musical storytellers exploring the book 'The Phoenix of Persia'. They learned how to create mood and drama in the story using 3 different musical instruments : the triangle, the egg shaker and the tongue drum. The children had a fantastic day!



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We are once again recognising World Book Day at Primrose Hill by inviting families into school at **8.20am for a Start with a Story session**. This will take place in the main school hall. Children will then go into their classes from the hall.

This year, we are inviting children and staff to dress as a character from a book. Parents may remember that we did not dress up last year, as we are very mindful of the additional cost this could incur. Please do not buy a costume for this event or feel your child needs a 'costume' for this day - children can dress in clothes which represent a book character that they may already have. World book day was started to celebrate and recognise reading, unfortunately over the years it has been commercialised by companies who make money from families buying costumes. Primrose Hill is a reading school and we want to use this day to celebrate reading and not dressing up. Thank you to those parents who have expressed their agreement of our aim.

Family and Community Event - Holi Colour Run Friday 6th March 3.25-3.45pm

We are delighted to once again invite our families to the Holi colour run after school on **Friday 6th March**. It was so lovely to see so many families having fun at this event last year and we are hoping to once again host it on the school field. However if the rain continues and the field is too wet we will move it to the playground.

Holi, the festival of colours, is a vibrant Hindu festival. It marks the end of winter and welcomes the spring season, positivity and new beginnings. In the spirit of Holi, on **Friday 6th March at 3.25pm until 3.45pm**, we will be holding a colour run for children and parents/carers. The event will provide a hands-on experience to learn about different cultures and traditions in a fun and engaging way whilst also keeping active. Please collect your child from their gate as normal and wait on the street for the event to begin.

During the colour run, children (and participating adults) will run or walk a short course and natural coloured powder will be thrown at their bodies at various points along the course. The children and adults will have the opportunity to participate in throwing powder symbolising the celebration of happiness. The course will be marshalled by school staff and the paint that will be thrown is non-toxic, natural paint powder and is safe for skin.

We believe that celebrating cultural festivals such as Holi helps promote understanding, empathy and respect for the diversity in our community but also in the wider world. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us

Outdoor Development Volunteer Days

We are excited to share news of exciting plans for further developing outdoor learning environments for our children.

Would you be interested in getting involved in supporting the development of our school grounds by taking part in a volunteer day?

Friday 6th March and Friday 20th March are days we are dedicating to working on the development of new learning environments on our school field. Mrs Vickers and Mrs Alderson are inviting adult members of our community to join in with practical tasks. Full guidance will be given.

Clearing branches and weeds, moving compost bins, creating dedicated spaces for teaching and learning, making paths through trees and willow weaving are some of the fulfilling tasks we have planned.

If you are able to come along for a few hours, half a day, or a full day, please get in touch with Mrs Alderson.

Please email all offers of interest to: s.alderson@primrosehill.owlcotesmat.org

We will meet in the KS1 playground on both days at 8.50am. Outdoor clothing and footwear will be needed. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Talk On – Developing and Improving our Children’s Vocabulary and Talk. We will share our ‘Talk On’ theme / focus with parents each week so you can be involved in discussions and conversations with your children at home as well as staff in school. The Talk On themes are linked to assemblies held in school that week.

Pudsey Primrose Hill’s Talk On focus this week is:

**What is the Chinese New Year?
How is it celebrated?**

Talk to your friends, teachers, school staff and families about this week’s Talk On. *Challenge: Once you’ve talked about it, can you write about it?*

Class assemblies spring term

We are once again inviting parents into their child's class assembly this year. We want to give parents advance notice of the dates which have been set so far.

Parents are welcome to attend the following class assemblies and will receive an email and google form nearer the time. Pupils will share their learning and showcase their oracy skills. All assemblies will start at 9.00am

Y1F Thurs 12th March

Y5J Fri 13th March

Y2G Thurs 19th March

Y4D Fri 20th March

Y6C Fri 27th March

Y6W Thurs 2nd April

Rec DW Fri 12th June

Rec KW Fri 3rd July

MindMate Support Team - Coffee Afternoons


We are excited to host some workshops for parents with our Mind Mate Support Team. We would like to give advance notice so if you are interested in attending you can add the date to your diary. Please come along to find out how you can support your child and enjoy a tea/coffee. We look forward to seeing you there! Each workshop will be held in the HUB building (Nursery building), start at 2pm and finish at 3pm.


<u>Workshops in the HUB</u>	
Autumn Term 1 (September to October)	Self-esteem Parent workshop Wednesday 1 st October at 2pm
Autumn Term 2 (October to December)	Resilience Parent workshop Thursday 8 th November at 2pm
Spring Term 1 (January to February)	Anxiety Awareness Parent workshop Wednesday 14 th January at 2pm
Spring Term 2 (March to April)	Self-esteem Parent workshop Thursday 5 th March at 2pm
Summer Term 1 (May to June)	Understanding and Managing Emotions Parent workshop Wednesday 29 th April at 2pm
Summer Term 2 (June to July)	Transitions Parent workshop Thursday 4 th June at 2pm




Annual General Meeting 2026

We're pleased to announce that our AGM will be held on

 **Date: Thursday 26th February 2026**

 **Time: 6.30pm - 8 pm**

 **Location: The HUB, Meeting Room
Pudsey Primrose Hill School**

All members /volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The AGM is an important opportunity to review the past year,
discuss future plans, and have your say.

If you have any items you'd like included on the agenda, please submit on email
by Sunday 25th January 2026

friendsofpudseyprimrosehill@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!
FOPPH Committee



The **Leeds City Council Swim Training Scheme** is inviting confident and enthusiastic swimmers to a **Taster Session** this **February**. This session is designed to identify children with a strong interest and ability in swimming who may be suited to joining our development pathway.

Who is it for? Children aged 8 and under who can swim 25 metres (1 length) of 3 different strokes

Where? John Charles Centre for Sport, Middleton Grove, LS11 5DJ

When? Monday 16th February 2025

Options

Session 1 – Arrival: 12:15 Pool: 13:00-13:45

Session 2 – Arrival: 13:30 Pool: 14:15-15:00

What to bring? Swimwear, Goggles and lots of Enthusiasm!

If you know a child who loves swimming and is ready for a new challenge, we would love to hear from you.

To register, please email: swimming.training.scheme@leeds.gov.uk and include: Child's Name (First and Surname), Date of Birth, Current Swimming Ability, Preferred Session (Session 1 or 2)

We look forward to welcoming lots of excited young swimmers to our pool,

WHAT'S

ON!

MONDAY

GAMES AND ART CAFE
SCHOOL YEARS 3-9
6-7:30PM
£1.50 ENTRY
+TUCK SHOP

THURSDAY

YOUTH CLUB
SCHOOL YEARS 3-6
6-7PM
XBOX, NINTENDO SWITCH,
PING PONG, AIR HOCKEY,
SNOOKER
£1.50 ENTRY
+TUCK SHOP

THURSDAY

YOUTH CLUB
SCHOOL YEARS 7-11
7:15-8:30PM
XBOX, NINTENDO SWITCH,
PING PONG, AIR HOCKEY,
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DIVING TALENT SEARCH!

Do you have a child who loves gymnastics, trampolining, or mountain biking, or is just a total adrenaline junkie?

Leeds Diving are on the search for children who want to attend their taster session to explore the sport of diving!

Saturday 18th April 2026

Slot 1: 9.00-11.30

Slot 2: 12.00-14.30

REQUIREMENTS

Children aged 6-8 years

Swimming stage 5+, or confidently swim 50m in deep water (all children will be assessed)

Children will need dryland clothes, and swimwear for the pool

HOW TO BOOK

Please email phoebe.banks@leeds.gov.uk with your child's name, requested time slot, DOB, emergency contact number and any medical details we need to be aware of.

