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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Weekly Awards**

Well done to all our subject award winners this week.

Subject	Awards go to	
English	Leah B (Y9)	Holly B (Y11)
Mathematics	Harvey D (Y7)	Luca S (Y11)
PE	Olivia M (Y7)	Cameron D (Y11)
Computing	Eva S (Y7)	Abdullah I (Y11)
Geography	Stephen R (Y7)	Aidan K (Y11)
French	Freddy B (Y7)	Holly B (Y11)
RE	Leah B (Y9)	Ruby W (Y8)
History	Harvey D (Y7)	Lucas A (Y11)
Art	Emily S (Y7)	Georgia H (Y11)
Music	Phoebe R (Y11)	Weronika M (Y11)
Science	Laurence M (Y11)	Eden S (Y9)

**Bake Sale** for the Leeds Children's Hospital Transplant Unit, family support charity. £108.91 was raised today! Thanks for everyone's support for this event and well done to all the students who helped out today.

### Message from the local authority – Easter holiday events

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Easter holiday, where they'll also receive a free heathy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, <u>visit the website</u>.

## Message from the Local Authority safeguarding team

We are aware there is a lot of information in the general media about the meaning of emojis due to the Netflix drama Adolescence. This has prompted a lot of discussion about the issues portrayed in the programme. The NYSCP website has a link to a Slang Dictionary and an Emoji Dictionary NYSCP. These are from the Children society and will be updated regularly.

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# Parent Event in school – Wellbeing in Mind Team workshop Wednesday 02/04/25 (4.30pm to 6pm)

As mentioned in previous weeks, the Wellbeing in Mind Team are hosting another session to support parents and carers. The focus of this will look at strategies around how parents can navigate the monitoring of social media and mobile phones/devices. If you would like to attend please email Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

### Work in the field next to our school

You may have seen the site signs and activity in the field on the opposite side of the lane leading into school. They are replacing some of the power lines on that section so please be aware of the heavy vehicles that are currently using the lane. The entrance they are using is on the corner near the main road so please be mindful of this when turning into Longhedge Lane.

## Lent Events and Fundraising: reminders and updates

We have continued to add to our CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk' total, with students in Years 7-10 taking part in the 'square mile' as part of their PE lesson on Monday. The students all completed and walked 2.4km each, adding to our cumulative total of 440.6 km walked so far this Lent, well done everyone, keep going.

Thanks for all your donations for the local food bank. Items can be left at reception or students can take them to the pastoral office.

## Finally this week...

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee, something which happens ordinarily every 25 years. The theme for the Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In the spirit of pilgrimage and to help promote and celebrate the Jubilee Year, the Vicariate for Education has created a canvas featuring the logo of the Jubilee which is being surrounded with 93 badges of all the schools in the Diocese of Leeds. This canvas is having



its own 'pilgrimage' around our Diocese, starting and finishing at Leeds Cathedral. Today it was our turn to receive the canvas. So this afternoon we welcomed two colleagues from St Mary's and together we held a short prayer service with some of our Year 7 students. We will now add our own school badge to the canvas before it makes it way onto St Joseph's on Monday.

We thank our community for being our 'Pilgrims of Hope' as everyone faces and overcomes current challenges. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

'May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.' Nelson Mandela

Take care and enjoy the weekend,

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