

EBOR GARDENS  
Primary Academy

# WEEKLY NEWS

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## A Final Note from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Can you believe that this school year has ended? It has absolutely flown by. So many wonderful things have happened this year: our published OFSTED report, trips, residentials, fairs, Christmas performances, an art gallery, an exciting Fun Day etc – the list goes on!

This week we had our very first Fun Day. The children enjoyed bouncy castles, toys and games and a visit from the Ice Cream van. There was so much fun to be had and all we could hear all day was the sounds of laughter and joy from the children (and many of the staff!).

Years 1 and 2 also went for their geography walk around the local area and enjoyed some time playing on the local park.

Today we say 'goodbye' to our lovely Year 6 children. Yesterday, they enjoyed their Prom with much merriement – and pizza and cake. Many tears were shed at the Leavers' concert on Thursday morning but we are all very proud of them and will continue to be so as they move on to their high schools.

Year 6 are not the only people leaving us today. We will also be losing Miss Iredale and Miss Mohammed. Miss Iredale has worked at Ebor Gardens for 8 years and has most recently been on maternity leave taking care of her beautiful son. Miss Iredale has done lots of work with our school council over the years and we will miss her school council activities – amongst all the other lovely things. We wish her well for her future role. Miss Mohammed joined us a couple of years ago and is a valued member of the early years team. Miss Mohammed is heading off to London and is getting married over the Summer – congratulations in advance and the best of luck in the future.

We hope you have a lovely Summer and we will see you all on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.



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# DIARY DATES 2025

**Friday 18th July 2025 –**  
School closes for Summer

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 –**  
School reopens for Autumn Term



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

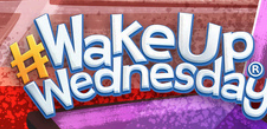
### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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# Have Your Say on Children's Centres in Leeds

Leeds City Council is consulting on proposed changes to how family services are delivered through **Children's Centres**.

We want to hear from anyone who lives in Leeds or nearby and might be affected by these changes.

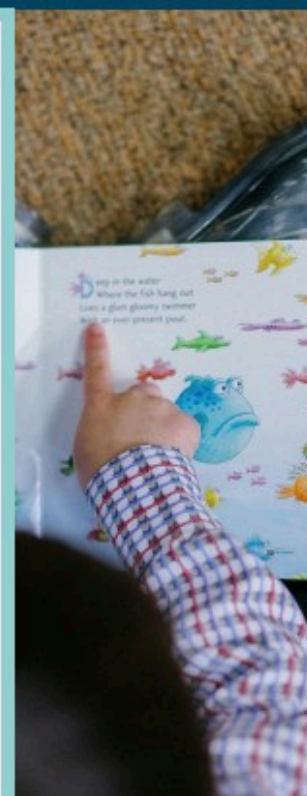
## How to take part

- Complete our short survey
- Join a consultation event in-person or online

You can also **speak to staff** at any of the Children's Centres about the proposals, and for help completing the survey or sharing your views.




**Find out more** on the consultation webpage at [www.leeds.gov.uk/ChildrensCentres](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/ChildrensCentres) or by scanning the QR code.




The consultation is open from **30 June until 31 July 2025**.



## Consultation events: In person drop-in and online sessions




 17 July 2025  
 11am - 1pm  
 Leeds City Museum  
LS2 8BH

 21 July 2025  
 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Catch, Harehills  
LS8 3QY



 9 July 2025  
 10am - 11am  
 See webpage

 15 July 2025  
 5pm - 6pm  
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