



AUTUMN 2 TERM 2023

Head's Message

What a busy start to the year we have had at Denby! We have really enjoyed welcoming our new families and pupils into school this term. Thank you to those people who have already been involved in the events which have taken place this year, such as the Spooky Disco, which was very well attended.



We would also like to thank you for coming along to our Harvest Festival and for the very generous donations to the food bank. Your donations were very well received and much appreciated. There are lots of other things for you to get involved in and we look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have planned over the coming weeks. Our new pupils have all settled so well and it was wonderful to see so many current and prospective parents on our recent open morning too. We really hope you got a feel for the school and all the fantastic work your children have been doing so far this year.

There are many coughs and colds about at this time of year and of course you are the best judge of whether your child is well enough to attend. However, we would appreciate you supporting us with raising and maintaining good school attendance, which can often dip during this term. Please do send children if they are well enough and should we feel they deteriorate as the day goes on, we will always call you. It's often the case that they perk up once in school and are busy playing with friends and learning. Our target for attendance is to stay above the government's recommended threshold of 95% and we would welcome your support to achieve this.

Thank you to those of you who used the uniform guidance to support purchasing the correct uniform over the holidays ready for starting back in school. It is important that where guidance and policies are in place that these are followed. It sets the correct expectations we have of all our pupils in all aspects of their time with us in school. If you do have any need for additional uniform to support you financially and for sustainability and to support the environmental benefits of recycling, please let us know in school. We have some donated good quality uniform and a small selection of this will be available at the Xmas jumper sale on Friday, so do bring a bag and collect some spare sets or something in the next size. It is essential for all pupils to have the correct uniform and equipment - reading books, homework and PE kit etc - on the correct days. You will find more information about this on our school website on the class pages.

And finally, a huge thank you and warm welcome to those parents and extended family who have come forward to volunteer their time in school. It is always very much appreciated and we hope that it is of mutual benefit to us and to you if you volunteer your time with us.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our open morning last half term. It was great to see so many family members in school. The children loved having the opportunity to share their learning with you.

We hope to continue to offer similar events throughout the school year and are pleased to share our next Open Morning date with you: Thursday 25th January 2024 9:15-10:15am.

The open morning will be for our current families but also for those looking for a Reception school place in future years. Please can we ask you to share the date with anyone you know who has a Reception school starter for 2024 or 2025 and also to share our Facebook posts with your friends and followers to get the word out about visiting our wonderful school.

POPPY APPEAL <<<

The School Council will be visiting each class next week offering children the opportunity to donate in exchange for a poppy or Royal British Legion merchandise. The minimum suggested donation is £1.00. If your child would like to donate, please send money into school in a named, sealed envelope.



>>> SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Our three school committees have now been elected for the 2023/2024 academic year. They are:

Eco Team

Year 1 - Tom
Year 2 - Sam
Year 3 - Arielle
Year 4 - Ida
Year 5 - Noah

School Council

Year 1 - Aoife
Year 2 - Alfie
Year 3 - Henry
Year 4 - Louis
Year 5 - Amelia and Edie

Ethos and Worship Committee

Year 1 - Dani
Year 2 - Oliver
Year 3 - Elliott and Matilda
Year 4 - Thomas and Freya
Year 5 - Evie

SPORTS EQUIPMENT <<<

We are so lucky that children within the Shelley Pyramid are able to take part in so many different sporting activities, which are organised by Shelley College.

It would be a huge help to school if you were having a clear out and had any spare shin pads, long socks (i.e. football or rugby) and bike helmets that you would be willing to donate to school.

BIKEABILITY <<<

In September our Class 3 pupils took part in Bikeability. They spent time in the playground learning valuable skills to keeping them safe on the road as well as how to check their bike is roadworthy.

Our Year 5 pupils also spent time cycling around the village, putting the skills they had learnt into practise!



>>> LUNCHTIME SPORTS CLUB

Throughout the year we are hoping to run different lunchtime clubs.

Last half-term, different groups of children had the opportunity to take part in our Sports Club which is run by Project Sport and our Sports Coach, Mark, and assisted by our Playleaders. The focus was on multi-skills, football and team building.

We don't let the poor weather stop the fun either - we just move inside!

This half-term our lunchtime club will focus on dance, sports hall athletics and we are hoping to introduce some alternative sports into our curriculum.



CROSS COUNTRY <<<

Well done to all our pupils who represented Denby at the Cross Country races.

Congratulations to Rebecca (Year 3) and Joshua (Year 4) who qualified for the second round of races at Newsome High School.

GIRLS FOOTBALL <<<

Six of our younger pupils from Years 1, 2 and 3 formed a football team to compete against others within the Shelley Pyramid.

The girls were brilliant, and were undefeated runner up!

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves.



>>> CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

Our School Council have arranged for us to have a non-uniform day in support of Children In Need. This will take place on Friday 17th November.

Donations can be made using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12215>

YEAR 2 MULTISKILLS <<<

On Tuesday the 17th of October, Year 2 went to Shelley college and joined in with a large multi-skills event! There were lots of stations to have a go at. We worked in groups with children from lots of other schools in the area and had two students from Shelley college guiding us through the stations. We had a go at throwing, jumping, dribbling and catching across various activities. We were certainly very tired when we got back! It was an exciting event and we loved getting to know lots of different children and immersing ourselves in the different stations. We all had a good go at everything and tried our best!



>>> TESCO IN-STORE VOTE



Voting for Tesco Stronger Starts has now commenced in Chapeltown Express and Penistone stores

Our project is for outdoor play area improvements to provide a wooded quiet area and new equipment for our pupils and the community.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024 & YEAR 6 SCHOOL APPLICATIONS <<<

Applications have now opened for you to apply online for Reception 2024 and for children moving to Middle School next September. Leaflets have come home with Year 5 pupils.

If you require any further information please visit:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions>



>>> NUT FREE SCHOOL

As a Healthy Eating school we would ask that pupils having packed lunches bring a healthy lunch to school. Chocolate bars, sweets and crisps are not healthy food and should not be sent in as part of a packed lunch, neither should any nut products as we are a 'nut free school'.

Please see the healthy swaps information from the NHS or take a look at the BBC Good Food guide for inspiration on what to include.

SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE <<<

Concerns have been raised from local residents about the speed of vehicles using Greenacre Drive at drop off and pick up times. We appreciate that many parents are on a tight time schedule and often use this as a cut through. However, please be mindful of our local residents, pedestrians and other road users around the vicinity of schools.

FODS NEWS <<<

Recent fundraising has included the Beetle & Bingo Night, Spooky Disco and the Pumpkin Trail which has raised over £600 for our school - thank you for all your support, it is amazing!

On Friday 10th November we are holding our Christmas Jumper sale at 3.20pm - why not come along to buy a pre loved jumper, helping to reduce waste and cost in the run up to Christmas!

Also on Friday 10th is the Bags2School collection - Collection bags have been sent home in book bags, but donations can be left in any other bags you have available.

Please leave bags of donations by the benches in the playground before 9am on the day of collection.

Our Christmas Fayre will take place in school on Friday 24th November, 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Join us for Christmas fun and games, food and drink, Santa's Grotto, Christmas raffle, stalls and more!



Did you know that you can raise much needed funds for our school whilst doing your shopping? You can do so via EasyFundraising – just select Friends of Denby as your chosen recipient.

Or why not join our School Lottery!

More information can be found by [clicking here](#).



>>> HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Tuesday, we held our Harvest Festival in school.

We were extremely proud of the children, who did a marvellous job of leading the service alongside Mrs Wagstaff. The Ethos and Worship Team spoke about the importance of Harvest to Christians and each class performed a harvest song.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and also for your contributions to our collection for Skelmanthorpe Pantry.

For parents of children who have a child starting Reception in 2024 or 2025, Class 1 are holding a 'Stay and Play' morning on Wednesday 15th November from 9:30-10:30.

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to have a look around school, see the classroom and play with our current Reception children. Again, we would be very grateful if you could please share our Facebook posts to get the word out there.

Many thanks for your continued support.

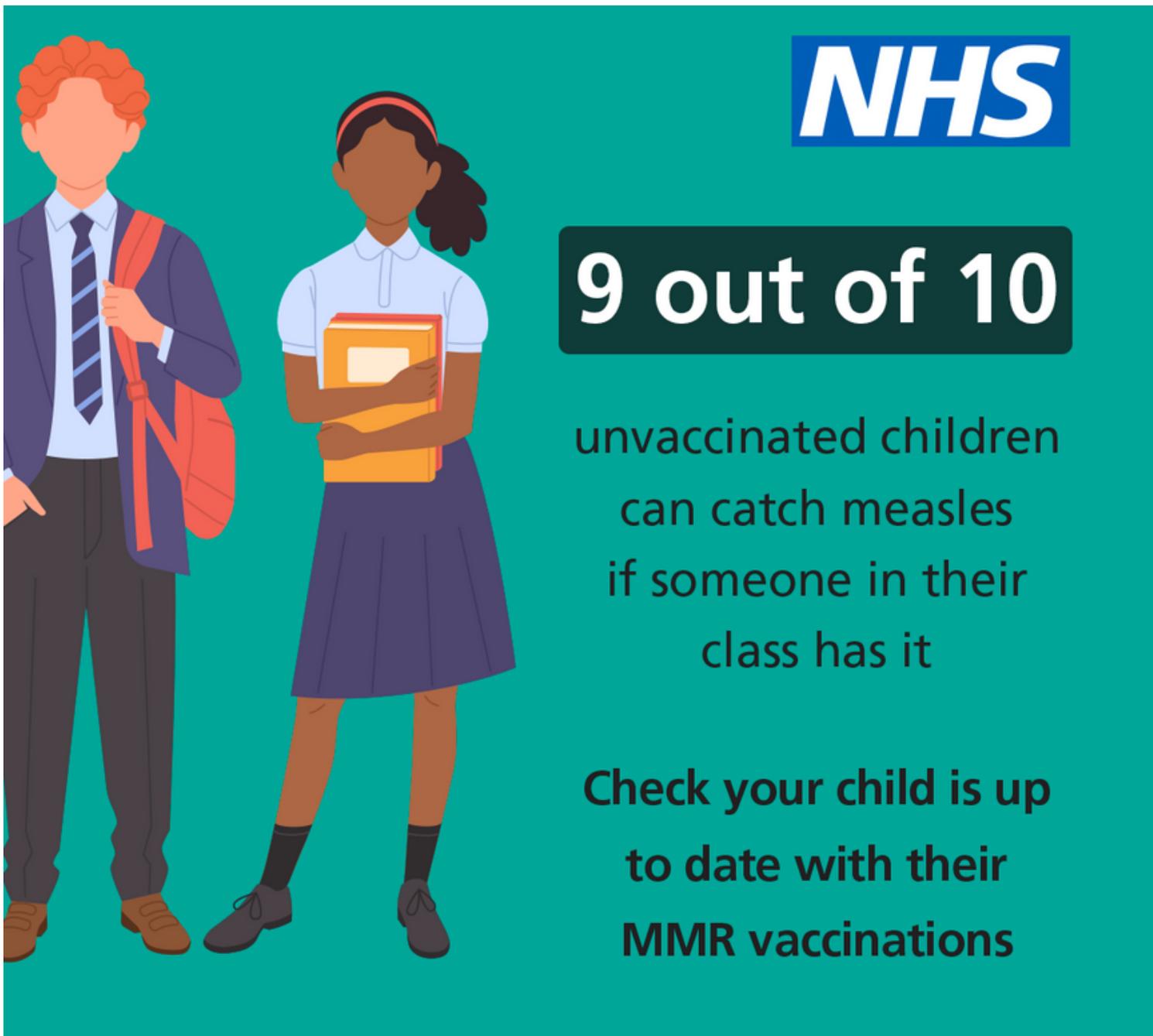


Following the recent investigations about the use of RAAC in public buildings, a survey was commissioned by Leeds Diocese who have responsibility for our school building here at Denby.

We were pleased to receive confirmation that RAAC has not been identified in any of the buildings and no further action is required.

>>> **MEASLES**

Measles is highly infectious and can be passed on even before the rash appears. Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell.



The graphic features a teal background. On the left, there are two stylized children: a boy with red curly hair wearing a blue suit and tie with a red backpack, and a girl with dark hair wearing a white school shirt and a purple skirt, holding two yellow books. In the top right corner, the NHS logo is displayed in white on a blue rectangular background. Below the logo, the text '9 out of 10' is written in large white font inside a dark teal rounded rectangle. Underneath this, the text 'unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it' is written in a smaller, dark teal font. At the bottom right, the text 'Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations' is written in a bold, dark teal font.

Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Friday 10th November	FODs Bags2School Collection Library FODS Christmas Jumper Sale	Whole School Class 2 Whole School inc. Parents
Saturday 11 th	Light up the Woods, 6.00pm – 8.30pm	Whole School inc. Parents
Tuesday 14 th	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics @ Shelley College, 1.00pm – 3.30pm – <i>info to follow</i>	Years 3, 4 and 5
Wednesday 15 th	Stay & Play, 9.30am – 10.30am	Class 1
Friday 17 th	Non-Uniform Day for Children In Need Library	Whole School Class 1
Friday 24 th	Library FODS Christmas Fayre, 5.00pm – 7.00pm	Class 3 Whole School inc. Parents
Friday 1 st December	Flu Vaccinations Library	Whole School Class 2
Tuesday 5 th	Dance Festival @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.30pm – <i>info to follow</i>	Participating pupils
Thursday 7 th	Theatre trip @ The Lamproom, 9.00am – 12.30pm	Whole School
Friday 8 th	Christingle Service, 9.15am – 10.00am – <i>info to follow</i> The Christmas Journey @ Almondbury Methodist Church, 1.00pm – 2.30pm – <i>info to follow</i> Library	Whole School inc. Parents Year 2 Class 1
Thursday 14 th	Nativity, 2.30pm and 6.30pm – <i>info to follow</i>	Class 1 inc. Parents
Friday 15 th	Coffee Morning, 10.00am – 11.00am - <i>info to follow</i> Library	Class 2 inc. Parents Class 3
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day – <i>info to follow</i>	Whole School
Friday 22 nd	Library School Closes, 3.20pm	Class 2 Whole School
Monday 8 th January	School Re-opens at 8.50am (7.30am for Breakfast Club)	Whole School

Shelley Pyramid School Games Calendar

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 14 th November	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics @ Shelley College, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	KS2
Tuesday 5 th December	Dance Festival @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.15pm	KS1 & KS2
Tuesday 23 rd January	Multi-Skills @ Shelley College, 1.00pm – 2.45pm	Year 1
Tuesday 20 th February	Football Tournament @ Score, 4.00pm - 5.00pm	KS2 Girls
Tuesday 27 th	Football Tournament @ Score, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Year 3
Tuesday 12 th March	Football Tournament @ Score, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Year 5
Tuesday 23 rd April	Basketball Festival @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.15pm	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 7 th May	Cross Country @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 14 th	Cycling Event @ Scissett Middle School, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday 11 th June	Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 18 th	Rounders Tournament @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 11.00am	Years 4 & 5
Wednesday 19 th	Girls Cricket Festival @ Kirkburton Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	KS2 Girls
Tuesday 25 th	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd July	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 4





Friends of Denby
School - FODS

Christmas Fayre

At Denby C of E (VA) School
On Friday 24th November
Time 5:00 – 7:00pm

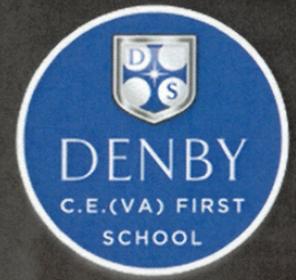
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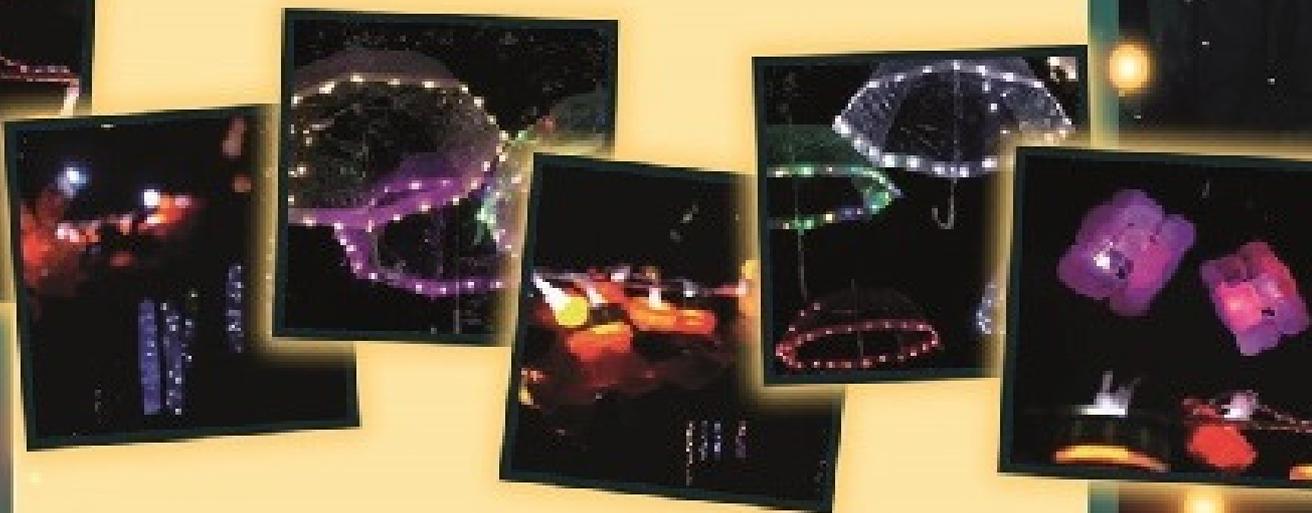
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Main Event 6.00pm – 8.30pm



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Clayton West Chorus

Firework free zone
Wear suitable footwear
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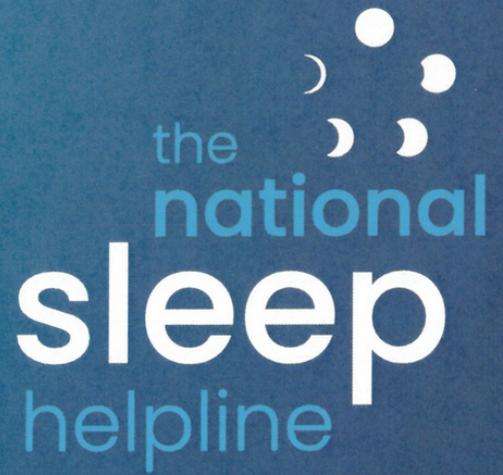
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Every Sunday
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4-14 year olds

REGISTER FREE ONLINE: www.parkrun.org.uk/register/form

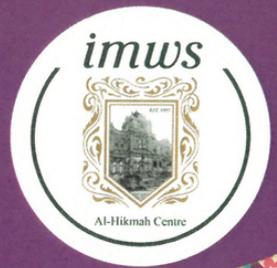
Volunteer: shelleyjunuors@parkrun.com

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Family Community Event

EVERYONE WELCOME



Saturday 25th November 12pm - 5pm

at the Al-Hikmah Centre, Track Road, Batley WF17 7AA

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**Dewsbury
Town Hall**

**Wednesday 29
Nov 2023**

12-7pm

Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND? The Kirklees SEND Local Offer is coming to life with a FREE live event!

Come along and chat face to face with providers of a range of activities and services who support children and young people with SEND.

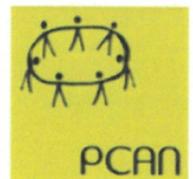
There will be three 45 minute workshops on the following:

- **Working together to support successful transitions (between education stages and when leaving education)**
- **How mainstream schools support SEND and what families can expect from school.**
- **Exploring parenting approaches**

Paid parking available in Dewsbury town centre. There is a cafe on site.

To find out more and book a place on the workshops, please visit the Kirklees Local Offer website or scan the QR code.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about SEND and see what support is available.



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We look forward to welcoming you on the day!



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