

# Scouts

## 5<sup>th</sup> Skipton Scout Group

### GSL REPORT

WOW! What a busy half term, we've awarded a massive 173 badges across the sections. Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part in the district swimming gala, they were a pleasure to support. The District football event details are on OSM, can you please confirm if your child can play or not.

We would like to welcome Michael Perry to the group. Having retired Michael has time on his hands and he is joining us as an occasional helper, within the cub section. However, Miranda is stepping down as cub assistant leader at Easter and we would like to thank her for the time she spent as a leader. She will continue within the group as an occasional helper. This leaves a gap in the cub leadership team, please let me know if you know anyone who wants to 'Make a Difference', full training and support will be given. This doesn't need to be weekly; as the saying goes many hands make light work, so anything you are able to offer will be amazing. In the meantime, there will be a parent rota for cubs. Perhaps you could give the four-week challenge a go? Volunteer for just four weeks and be amazed at the difference you'll make.

**Week One.** See what we get up to up **Week Two.** Start to help out **Week Three.** Get a little more involved.

**Week 4.** You'll know if scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible roles, either supporting young people in their weekly meetings or behind the scenes. Any help would be appreciated, and you will find it truly amazing and rewarding.

Catherine Walton-Brown \_ GSL

### Section updates: Squirrels

In 2026 we still aim to open a Squirrel section at the 5th, but to be able to do so we need enough Volunteer leaders. This section is for the youngest members of the scout movement, aged 4-6 years & we have a list of children ready to start. If you feel that you or anyone else who you know may be able to help on a Monday night 4:45-5:45pm, please speak to Catherine. Full training and support will be given.

### Beavers

We welcomed James, Daniel, Ivor and Adam into beavers. A busy half term, 2 weeks cooking to achieve the chef badge; the beavers all shared the wide variety of hobbies they're involved in and brought along a great selection of collections. We have worked on our teamwork skills.



### Chocolate Bingo Family Fundraising evening

We will be holding a fun filled Chocolate Bingo Night for all the family & friends. As always we are asking for donations, so if you can help please send Easter eggs to the section meetings after half term, that would be appreciated. Donations of baking are also required on the night.



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Beavers-Cubs-Scouts**

# CHOCOLATE BINGO

**Thursday 26th March 2026  
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**At The Dump, The Ginnel, Newmarket Street, Skipton**

**£2 Per Book or**  **3 Books for £5**  
10 games per book

**Refreshments available**

**Proceeds to 5th Skipton Scout Group's funds for scouting equipment**

5th Skipton—Parish Church Scout Group's Registered Charity Number 924810



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## Scouts

Last half term, the Scouts worked towards their chef and metrologist badges. Next half term we will be doing pioneering and a night hike. In the Summer Term we have four camps to look forward to.

Let's hope the sun shines like last year



## Cubs

We welcomed Flora and Isaac to cubs. The cubs have worked on lots of outstanding badge criteria this half term. They made delicious pizzas and mug cakes. We practiced our navigation skills ready for getting out as the weather improves. We reminded ourselves how to tie various knots and lashings. We started to think about our role as global citizens and the need to recycle, reuse and compost before sending to landfill sites. Term concluded with the cubs sharing their hobbies and collections, they are a talented bunch.



A day was spent at the HQ sorting out all the tents ready for the forthcoming camping season

## Some future Group Events

Please see OSM for further details

07.03.2026- District football- further details are on OSM.

25.03.2026 – Trustees Meeting.

26.03.2026- Family Easter Chocolate Bingo at the Dump 6-8pm. All welcome to this fundraising event.

26.03.2026 – Term Ends

W/C 13.04.2026 Section meetings start again

17 to 19.04.2026 – Scout Troop Camp.

26.04.2026- St George's Day Parade and Service

15.5.26-17.5.26- Group Camp at Low Wood, please see OSM for further details

3.6.26-Group AGM

23.10.26-25.10.26- Group indoor sleepover at Hebden Hey, Hebden Bridge

## Second Hand Uniforms

We would like to offer members the opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniform items. Please pass clean and if possible, badge free uniform items to your section leader. All proceeds from these sales will be reinvested into scouting at 5th Skipton.