



Newsletter – Monday 15th April 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 12.4.24:

Reception	95.3%
Class 1	97.3%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	96.9%
Class 5	99.3%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	97.2%

Attendance Champions:
Year 5 - Congratulations

Our school attendance expectation is 97%. Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Dear parents/carers

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Can you believe Easter has been and gone already? It was a very busy first week back in school and great to see the children settle so quickly back into their learning with great enthusiasm.

I would like to bring some delightful news to your attention this week. Mrs Bloomer has shared the wonderful news that she is expecting her second child. Please join me in extending our warmest wishes to her during this exciting time.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Joshua Edwards has been appointed to the role of Caretaker following a positive recruitment process. Mr Edwards demonstrated excellent transferable skills and showed himself to be a valuable addition to our team.

Furthermore, it is fantastic to welcome back Mrs Thompson in her new role after her maternity leave. We are also thrilled to welcome Miss Tolson and Miss Major during their first week teaching at our school.

Calendar



April

Tue 16th – Y2 Rhyddings Farm Visit
Fri 19th – Y6 Tag Rugby Competition
Mon 22nd – School Nurse Pre-5 Screening
Tue 23rd – Y4 Class Worship (Postponed)
Wed 24th – RE Workshops R-Y5
Thu 25th – Y3 First Aid Training & KS2 Refresher Assembly
Fri 26th – Tag Rugby (Howard V Badsworth)

May

Wed 1st – Y4 Parents Meetings
Thu 9th – Y3/4 Cricket Competition
Mon 13th – Thu 16th – KS2 SATs
Fri 17th – Open Afternoon
Fri 24th – School Closes (Spring Bank)

Key Dates 2023-24

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Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **COURAGE**

This week's focus will be: **STEADFASTNESS**



1 Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."



Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **RESILIENCE**

What are we learning this half term?

You can find out here: [LINK](#)

At Ackworth Howard we believe in nurturing our pupils through their personal development journey to achieve readiness to become global citizens, equipped with the tools for life long living and learning.

We aim to achieve this through interweaving core Christian values; thought-provoking and philosophical questions around local and global issues; dedicated time during class and whole school worship to develop as Global Citizens; a rich Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and effective Religious Education lessons.

Each half term we focus on a core Christian value - this half term it is 'COURAGE'. This goes hand in hand with our Global Citizenship thread of 'RESILIENCE', which is further complemented by our PSHE unit 'No Way Through,' isn't True! - Knowing there is a way through every situation no matter how impossible it may seem.

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Activism

Year 6 completed their art projects on Activism last week. In this unit they looked at the work of activist artists who use the media of print to send their messages for global change. Children thought about their own concerns and after drafting and editing used print techniques to produce a poster.



Recent Letters – [Summer Lunch Menu](#) / [After School Activity Clubs \(SUM\)](#)

Sunflower and Pumpkin Planting with Brackenhill Allotments Association

This year we are combining our two planting events and holding a drop in on Saturday 20th April between 10am and 2pm at Brackenhill Allotments.

There's no need to book and all are welcome!



You will have a choice of seeds to plant and take home for your gardens, plus there will be crafts and refreshments throughout the event.

Seeds will still be available from the village notice boards which will be distributed towards the end of April/ beginning of May.

	Summer 1 – Resilience
EYFS	What do I need to do next?
Y1/2	How do we recognise problems?
Y3/4	What strategies do we use to solve problems?
Y5/6	Can I understand how to apply problem solving strategies in various situations no matter how impossible they may seem?



"Pupils know more, remember more and can do more."



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Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Since the pandemic, ensuring strong attendance has been a top priority for us. We've been working hard to elevate the importance of attendance in line with Wakefield and National strategies, implementing various initiatives to address this issue.

One exciting initiative starting this half term is the "Potato Head Challenge." You may have noticed signs on classroom doors. This challenge encourages classes to earn a body part or accessory of a Potato Head for each week their attendance exceeds our target of 97%. At the end of the term, the class with the highest accumulation will be rewarded with a special treat. It's a fun way to motivate our children and promote regular attendance.

We also want to emphasise the importance of discussing attendance with your child at home. Daily conversations about the value of attending school regularly can help reinforce its importance.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring strong attendance at our school.

Please refer to the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which has further information and will help support any decision to keep your child absent:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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County Lines Session

The children and staff found last week's workshop fascinating, and it certainly bolstered their understanding and awareness. We can't wait until this week's topic!

As many of us are seeing on social media, there are numerous young people in and around our community who are going missing, some on a regular basis. We want our children to be able to identify risks and red flags and have the knowledge to keep themselves safe.

Liz delivered our County Lines Session to Years 5 and 6 aimed at creating awareness and understanding of child exploitation. **'The children showed fantastic understanding throughout the session and were engaged, respectful, and a pleasure to work with!'**

Share the News...

We currently have two posts advertised on the Wakefield Council's recruitment website.

Nursery Teacher (Maternity Cover)
- [Recruitment Link](#)

Cleaner - Recruitment Link



Dinner Debate

This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

'Why is service to others such an important value?'



Biscuits

Growth in **MIND**

In preparation for creating and following their own biscuit recipes, Class 4 spent their DT lesson last week evaluating the taste of existing biscuit products. They had to consider the taste, texture, appearance, packaging and who the target audience might be.



Google Earth



Growth in **MIND**

Class 5 have been working hard to develop their geographical skills by exploring Google Earth and using lines of longitude and latitude to locate Mountains in the UK and globally.



Plants

Growth in **MIND**

As part of their work on plants in science last week, the children in Class 2 have been carefully observing plants and finding which parts we can eat.



Mad About Minibeasts



Growth in **MIND**

Reception are enjoying the book 'Mad About Minibeasts', They chose their favourite minibeast and carefully painted a picture of it thinking about the colours, size and detail they needed to add. Well done everyone. Your paintings are fantastic.



Wild Birds

Growth in **MIND**

Class 1 have been looking at pictures and videos of wild birds during their first art lesson of their new unit of work. They used different materials and techniques to recreate their own version of a bird they liked. Well done everyone!



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Howard Family Celebration Worship *Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another*

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Blake (Rec), Gyven (Y1), Ethan (Y2), Finley (Y3), Phoebe (Y4), Fraser (Y5), Lydia (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Genevieve (Rec), Amber (Y1), George (Y2), Ivy (Y3), Oscar (Y4), Finley (Y5), Teddy (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Thea (Rec), Sienna (Y1), Julia (Y2), Lily (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Charlie (Y5), Ewan (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing /
Poppy H – For always showing respect to her peers and adults – well done!
- Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Julia M – For her enthusiasm and always following our three school rules.
- Reading Class Champions:
• Year 1



Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

