



Newsletter – Monday 26th February 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 23.2.24:

Reception	98.7%
Class 1	98.0%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	94.3%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	97.6%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 2 - Congratulations**

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

Dear parents/carers

It feels like we're moving towards spring, and I've noticed that the daylight hours have increased slightly on the drive home recently. Let's hope this continues and with less rain!



As we enter the season of Lent together, let's take a moment for reflection. Lent is not just about giving up, but also about becoming – becoming better versions of ourselves, removing obstacles to a fuller life.

In the weeks ahead, as we navigate through the highs and lows, may this Lenten journey provide each of us with renewed strength and courage.

Wishing you a reflective and fulfilling Lent.

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Calendar



February

- Tue 27th – NHS Y4 Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
- Wed 28th – KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
- Thu 29th – Y3/4 Dodgeball V Badsworth
- Mon 4th – Y5/6 Fire Safety Talk
- Wed 6th – Mother's Day Gift Sale
- Thu 7th – World Book Day
- Fri 8th – Y5/6 School Games Football
- Mon 11th – Wed 13th – Y5 Bikeability
- Mon 11th / Wed 13th – Parents Evening
- Tue 12th – F1 in Schools National Finals
- Fri 15th – Comic Relief

[Key Dates 2023-24](#)

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Values for Life

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

This week's focus will be:

ACCOUNTABILITY



Romans 14:12:

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."

This verse emphasises that our accountability extends to God. It conveys the idea that our faithfulness in handling smaller tasks is indicative of how reliable we can be when entrusted with more significant responsibilities.



Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

World Book Day 2024

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We're excited to celebrate World Book Day at Ackworth Howard School on Thursday, March 7th! Here's what's in store:

Book Trail in School:

- Children can participate in a book trail (suggested donation 50p), and funds raised will support the updating of our reading resources.
- Exciting prizes for KS1 and KS2 - a £5 book voucher to use at the book fair!

Dress Up Fun:

- Children (and staff - I already have my costume!) are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character or even as a word (like "hilarious").
- Prizes available - vouchers for the book fair.

Book Fair:

- The book fair will be open throughout the week starting Monday, March 4th.
- Open Mon-Thu after school, and parents are invited during specific mornings to browse and 'stay and read' in the hall with their children from 9 am.
- Schedule: Mon - EYFS, Tue - Y3&4, Wed - Y1&2, Thu - Y5&6.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We're looking for parents interested in volunteering their time during the week to read stories to classes or groups. Your participation is most welcome! Please let us know if you're interested.

Let's make this World Book Day a fantastic celebration of the joy of reading!

WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

What are we learning in Spring 2?



You can find out now on our website - [LINK](#)

Recent Letters – [Parents Meetings](#)



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ANDY'S MAN CLUB



Event Details:

- Speaker: Jacob Sharratt
- Date and Time: Monday, March 11th, 9 am–10 am
- Location: School Hall
- Audience: Over 18s only (Due to content)

About ANDYSMANCLUB:

ANDYSMANCLUB aims to support #ThatOneMan in his time of need, ensuring he sees that his tomorrow can be better than his today. They remain committed to their goal, providing judgment-free spaces and fostering a supportive community.

Presentation Format:

The presentation, lasting 45 minutes with additional time for Q&A, is an opportunity to learn about ANDYSMANCLUB – who they are, what they do, and why they are here. This event is open to both men and women.

We would love to see you all there...

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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: **Jacob (Rec), Thomas (Y1), Lucy (Y2), Seb (Y3), Grace (Y4), Isaac (Y5), Layla (Y6)**
 - Living our Christian values: **Ollie (Rec), Lyla (Y1), Boston (Y2), Thomas (Y3), Phoebe (Y4), Charlie (Y5), Joe (Y6)**
 - Living our school vision: **Isla (Rec), Amber (Y1), Edward (Y2), Lincoln (Y3), Zachary (Y4), Imogen (Y5), Neve (Y6)**
 - Living our school vision and flourishing: **Neve P – Demonstrating a consistent and exceptional commitment to learning.**
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award: **Sylvie K – Showcasing responsibility in a number of areas.**
 - Reading Class Champions: **Year 2**

*****Dinner Debate*****

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

Why do you think it's exciting that a special spaceship has landed on the moon recently? What do you think the astronauts might discover, and why is space exploration important?



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Cross Country Finals

In a remarkable achievement, a couple of our talented pupils not only qualified but showcased their exceptional running prowess at the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsam. During worship, we were captivated by their tales, particularly the energetic start amidst a field of over 200 participants! It's fantastic to witness our young athletes embracing challenges and representing our school with such enthusiasm. A big congratulations to these budding sports stars!



Wakefield Music Hub

Year 3 have enjoyed their first ukulele lesson with Mr Wells from Wakefield Music Hub. They learnt to play the song 'My dog has flees' and could identify different notes.



Year 5 were also excited for their first samba drumming lesson, they've enjoyed learning new skills and having the opportunity to play their instrument!



Gardening

Reception have been gardening and they have worked as a team to make their outside area colourful with pretty spring flowers. They have learnt about what plants need to grow.



Composition of Number 5

In Nursery, the children having been learning about composition of number 5. In provision, they have been using Numicon pieces to make 5 in different ways with the Sammy the Snail templates.



Keeping Healthy

Year 2 have been thinking about how they can keep their bodies healthy and investigated how exercise affects their bodies in science.



The Easter Story

In Year 1, their exploration of the Easter Story in RE has captivated the children's curiosity. They've immersed themselves in the narrative, displaying a keen understanding, and relished sequencing the events in pairs. Their enthusiasm for learning is truly inspiring.



States of Matter

In Science, Year 4 delved into the fascinating world of states of matter. Engaging in a hands-on investigation, they explored the processes of melting ice, observing condensation and evaporation. A delightful and educational experience enjoyed by all!

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)

