



Newsletter – Monday 29th January 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 26.1.24:

Reception	88.3%
Class 1	94.0%
Class 2	94.0%
Class 3	95.2%
Class 4	92.1%
Class 5	96.0%
Class 6	90.0%
Overall	92.8%

Attendance Champions:
Class 5 - Congratulations

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

Dear parents/carers,

As we reflect on another week at our school, I'm filled with gratitude and pride. On January 25th, we underwent our SIAMS inspection, an important opportunity to affirm our commitment as a Church school. While I cannot yet share specific outcomes yet, I extend heartfelt thanks to the children, staff, parents, and governors for their support on the day and their continual contribution to our vibrant school community. The dedication never ceases to amaze me, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one.

In the spirit of moving forward and growth, I'm delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Katie Major as the permanent Year 4 class teacher and Miss Chloe Tolson as the Year 1 class teacher for the upcoming year. Both teachers will begin their journey with us after Easter, and we look forward to the enthusiasm and expertise they will bring.

As we closed last week, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of such a dynamic and supportive school community.

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Calendar



February

Mon 5th – Fri 9th

Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week

Mon 5th – F1 in Schools Regional Finals

Wed 7th – Police Cyber Protect Team – Y5/6

Wed 7th – Spring Disco

Thu 8th – Y5/6 Netball Competition

Fri 9th – School Closes

Key Dates
2023-24

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Values for Life

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

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



Romans 12:15 (NIV):

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

This verse highlights the concept of empathy by calling us to share in the emotions of others. It teaches us to connect with people in whatever situation they find themselves, whether they are experiencing joy or sorrow.

Global Citizenship Thread



This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Inclusive Ten Pin Bowling Competition

What an exciting morning some of our children had on Friday at the Wakefield Schools Ten Pin Bowling competition at Xscape. The children came away winners of the event and they were an absolute credit to school! We celebrated this in worship today. Well done everyone.



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Understanding Islam

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of hosting Maysoon, who conducted an enlightening workshop for Year 2 and a whole-school assembly titled 'Who is Muslim and What Do They Believe?' The morning was incredibly informative, enriching the children's and staff's understanding of Islam. We are grateful to Maysoon for generously donating an English translation of the Qur'an and a prayer mat to our school's resources collection.

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Play Opportunities

It is always wonderful to see our children enjoying the play opportunities on offer.

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Recent Letters – [Y5 National Coal Mining Museum Visit](#)

DON'T FORGET YOUR WELLIES!

Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies to keep in school so they can play on the field, no matter the weather!



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Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week

Next week we mark Children's Mental Health and Safer Internet Week as part of our personal development curriculum.

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' so we're encouraging children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways, such as with our wellbeing ambassador training, class activities and a special worship.

You can find support, resources and links on our website in the [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section.

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David and Goliath

Reception have been learning about special stories in the Bible. Last week they listened to the story of David and Goliath. They acted out the story and made catapults just like David used.



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Prophet Muhammad

In R.E, Year 2 have been learning that the Prophet Muhammad teaches Muslims that they should care for all animals. The children have written instructions in their English lessons and made bird feeders to care for our feathered friends.



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Courageous Advocacy

Exciting updates from our School Development Committee meeting! Governors reviewed curriculums, assessed pupil data and were moved by our Pupil Worship Group's presentation on Courageous Advocacy. Our young leaders are shining!



Growth in **MIND**

Speed = Distance / Time...

Almost ready for the F1 in Schools regionals! The teams have been calculating the speed of their prototype cars ready to make their enhancements before the big day.



Growth in **MIND**

Division

In Maths, the children in Year 3 have enjoyed investigating division with remainders.



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Class Worship

Thank you to Y5 who planned and led worship last Tuesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on their learning journey and appreciate moments of gratitude and pride they've experienced.



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New Book Release: "Advocates Arise: Tales of Defying Injustice" – Supporting Children in War Zones

I am excited to share some news with you all. A book titled "Advocates Arise: Tales of Defying Injustice," authored by myself, is now available on Amazon. This collection of fictional stories is not just a journey through inspiring tales but also a powerful tool for change.

About the Book:

"Advocates Arise" dives into the lives of young individuals who, inspired by their experiences at St. Cuthbert's School, rise to challenge global injustices. From battling the digital tide to championing mental well-being, and seeking educational equality, these stories unfold the extraordinary impact that empathetic and courageous actions can have.

A Cause Close to Our Hearts:

In line with our school's commitment to nurturing compassionate and socially responsible individuals, I am pleased to share that all royalties from the sale of this book will be donated to charities that support children affected by war. This includes **War Child**, which works tirelessly in conflict zones to provide safety, nourishment, shelter, and mental health aid to children, and **Children and War**, dedicated to helping young ones recover from trauma.

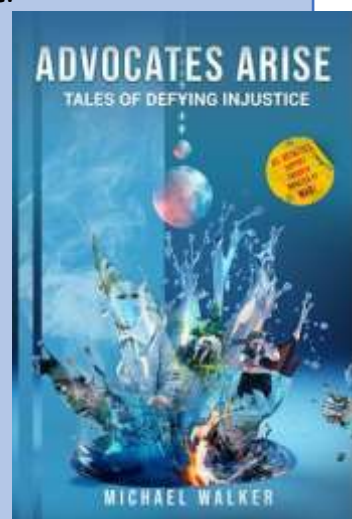
This cause is a personal passion of mine, and I believe strongly in the power of education and storytelling to not only raise awareness but also to instill a sense of responsibility and empathy in our children. It echoes our school's ethos of challenging injustices and empowering our pupils to be agents of positive change.

Your Support Makes a Difference:

By purchasing "Advocates Arise," you will not only be contributing to these vital charities but also bringing into your homes stories that inspire and educate. It's an opportunity to support children in recovering from the horrors of war and to provide them with hope and tools for a brighter future.

The book is available for purchase here: [\[Amazon Link\]](#)

Thank you for being part of this journey.



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

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



'What makes a good friend?'

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

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)





FUNKY FRIENDS DISCO

**The Howard School Association
is holding a Disco on**

Wednesday 7th February

Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2's):
2.30pm until 3.15pm

Key Stage 2 (Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6): 3.30pm until 4.30pm

Tickets are priced at £3.00 per child, which includes a chance of winning a prize and can be bought on the morning of the disco.