



Newsletter – Tuesday 7th May 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 3.5.24:

Reception	96.0%
Class 1	99.0%
Class 2	94.7%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	96.2%
Class 5	97.7%
Class 6	97.3%

Overall **96.8%**

**Attendance Champions:
Class 1 – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.6%

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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:

FEARLESS



Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



Global Citizenship Thread

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

Dinner Debate

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

'What does it mean to show courage?'

Dear parents/carers

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend thanks to the May Day Bank Holiday. It's certainly a treat to see the sun beginning to shine more often!

I wanted to start this week by extending a warm welcome to Mr. Edwards, our new caretaker who has recently joined our team. We're thrilled to have him on board! Additionally, we'd like to send our best wishes to Mr. Bundy as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

Here's to a fantastic week ahead!

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Year 6 SATs

Next week is national SATs week as children in Year 6 across England take their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. We are very proud of the way that the children have continued their positive learning attitudes and shown resilience this year. It has been lovely to see them flourish as they have moved through school and they should be very proud of what they have achieved. They are a credit to the school... Good luck to you all!!!

Ofcom's 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes'

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has recently been released with some very thought-provoking findings. [LINK](#)



Attendance

Attendance has been impressively strong in recent weeks, and we're grateful for your ongoing commitment to ensuring your child's attendance in school. We have noticed a small number of pupils who are absent more frequently than others for reasons that may not warrant it. If you need guidance on when to keep your child home, the NHS website offers valuable support. [LINK](#)

Every day your child spends in school is crucial to their educational journey, and your support in prioritising their attendance is invaluable.

As a reminder, the government is placing increased emphasis on attendance improvement in schools. The new National Framework for Penalty Notices, effective August 19th 2024, introduces important changes outlined in the linked poster ([LINK](#)). We encourage everyone to review this information as it will impact a number of our families.

Thank you for partnering with us to help your child reach their full potential.

Calendar



May

Tue 7th – Reception / Y2 St. Cuthbert's Visit

Thu 9th – Y3/4 Cricket Competition

Mon 13th –

Thu 16th – KS2 SATs

Fri 17th – Open Afternoon

Fri 24th – School Closes (Spring Bank)

June

Mon 3rd – School Closed to Pupils (INSET Day)

Tue 4th – School Reopens for Summer 2

Fri 7th – Class Photos

Wed 12th – Father's Day Gift Sale

Thu 13th – Y3/4 Orienteering V Badsworth

Tue 18th – Y3 The Big Strum

Thu 20th – Y3/4 Tri Golf Festival

Fri 21st – Sports Day

Mon 24th – Y4 Class Worship (**Rescheduled**)

Tue 25th – Y2 RSPB Old Moor

Tue 25th – Y1 Class Worship

Thu 27th – Y5/6 Rounders V Badsworth

[Key Dates 2023-24](#)



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Local Support – Victims of Domestic Abuse

We can support people to access coordinated, professional advice and help. Talk to us confidentially if needed.

You can also contact the Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service (WDDAS) for support: www.wakefield.gov.uk/domesticabuse 0800 915 156

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Digital Wellbeing

Year 5 and 6 recently participated in a workshop that was jam-packed with information for them to understand how they can support and help their digital wellbeing.

They looked at Gaming Consoles, PEGI ratings, and appropriate amounts of screen time. Mobile Phones and the 3 C's - Contacts, Content, and Conduct. They discussed keeping yourself safe online - especially Social Media, cyberbullying, and the issues that arise with group chats. They finished off developing an understanding about online grooming and signs to look out for, giving them knowledge of how and where to report any issues that may occur.

It was a great session with both classes engaging really well with some fabulous questions that helped to consolidate what they were learning about.



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Water Safety - Be Water Wise This Summer

Water safety is important throughout the year, but more so as the weather starts to get warmer and more children are tempted to swim/play in open water sites. Drowning accidents are especially high in the summer months and over the last few years, there has been too many tragedies that could have been avoided. Please click the link to find out more and share this important message to everyone. [LINK](#)



Experiencing Creatures

Nursery and Reception had lots of fun on Thursday! Michala brought lots of different creatures for the children to handle. They learnt about where they can be found, the types of food they eat, the names of the different body parts and how to handle them carefully.



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Minibeasts

In Nursery, the children have been engaged in various activities, from exploring their spider web tray and using tweezers to find the first letter of their name, to carefully following each step to draw their own bumble bee.

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The Very Busy Spider

Reception have enjoyed reading the text 'The Very Busy Spider'. They have learnt lots of facts about spiders and they have developed their fine motor and scissor skills by creating their own spider in the creative area.

Micro:Bit

Year 4 have used the micro:bit to practise the process of selection. They programmed the micro:bit to display an emoji of their choosing when A was pressed. Great effort, Y4!

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Expressive Painting

Year 2 have been using their previous knowledge of primary colours to make secondary colours during their expressive painting art lesson!

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Forces

In science, Year 3 have been learning about forces. On Friday they investigated magnetic and non-magnetic objects around school. They were amazed to discover there was something magnetic inside our walls!

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Fractions

Children in Year 1 have been looking at Fractions of an object or shape. They decorated their own pizza and then cut it into quarters to share equally with 3 of their friends. Well done!

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Parents Consultation Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 4 parent consultation meetings last week. It was great to have such a huge turnout. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to Miss Major, please contact school to make an appointment.

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)

