



NEWSLETTER

5.5.26



Educating for 'life in all its fullness.'

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you were able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend with your families.

Last week, we welcomed colleagues from our All Saints' Partnership for a peer review focused on Religious Education. Alongside two headteachers from partner schools and our diocesan advisor, we spent the day reviewing our curriculum, visiting lessons and speaking with pupils. It was pleasing to see our provision recognised as strong, with particular strengths in teacher subject knowledge and the confidence and articulation of our pupils when discussing their learning. The review also identified clear next steps, which we look forward to developing further.

We were also delighted to welcome Richard from Solar for Schools, who worked with children across the school as part of our ongoing sustainability work. The day began with an engaging whole-school worship, where pupils explored themes such as energy use, the greenhouse effect and our responsibility to care for the world. Through practical activities and real-life examples, children developed a deeper understanding of how solar panels work and the impact of renewable energy — including how the energy we generate at school can be shared with the wider community.

Richard also led workshops with Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6, where pupils investigated different forms of energy and considered how we can make more sustainable choices in our daily lives. It was inspiring to see such enthusiasm and curiosity, and these experiences continue to support our aim of developing informed, responsible future citizens.



Attendance

Week Ending 1 st May	
Reception	91.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	97.1%
Overall	96.2%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 2, Well Done!**

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

Values for Life

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

This week's focus will be:

RESOLUTE:

"Be strong and brave... God will be with you." – Joshua 1:9

This reminds us to be brave and keep going, even when we feel unsure.

Global Citizenship Thread

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

Forest School – Outdoor Learning

We are passionate about outdoor learning and provide weekly Forest School sessions for Key Stage 2. Last week, children built and danced around a maypole, exploring seasonal traditions while developing teamwork, cooperation and mutual respect.



School Calendar

May

6th – Year 4 Class Worship (Parents Invited – 9:15am) ***Date Change***

Week Beginning 11th – Y6 SATs Week

Week Beginning 11th – Y5 Bikeability 18th – Class Photos

22nd – Open Afternoon ***Date Change***

22nd – School Closes for Half Term

22nd – Road Safety Workshop (Y6 High School Transition)

22nd – Road Safety Workshop (Y4/Y5 Scooter Safety)

June

1st – **INSET Day (School Closed)**

2nd – School Reopens for Summer 2

2nd – Y4 Mood Booster Session

3rd – RE Workshops (R, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5)

[2025-2026 Key Dates Calendar](#)



Recent Letters:

[Y5 Bikeability Cycle Training](#)



The HSA are excited to offer school portrait tea towels for just £4 each!

Pre Orders and payment to be received by 13th May 2026.

No late orders can be accepted.
Tea towels expected to arrive at the start of July

To pre-order please complete and return the slip sent home.
Cash and Bank Transfers accepted.



If you do not wish for your child's self portrait and first name to be included, please inform the school before 13th May 2026

Active and Creative Learning

Reception have been developing their coordination and control on balance bikes. They have also enjoyed using a range of materials to design and build their own churches, carefully including features such as towers, crosses and stained glass windows.



History: World War I

Year 5 are enjoying their history learning on World War I, demonstrating strong enquiry skills. They have brought in artefacts from home and created detailed mind maps exploring life in the trenches.



Author Visit – Caring for Our Planet

We were delighted to welcome local author and illustrator Elliot Barr, who shared his book *Greenboy and the Plastic Planet*. Pupils explored the importance of protecting our environment through this engaging session.



Geography: Mountains

Year 4 showed excellent effort in geography as they investigated how mountains are formed, developing their understanding through focused and enthusiastic learning.



Exploring Space

Nursery have been learning all about space, using their imagination to draw what they would take on a trip beyond Earth. They also created their own colourful planets using pipettes, water and paint, developing both creativity and fine motor skills.



Helping Your Child Shine: Understanding Autism and Behaviour

5 WEEK COURSE

What You'll Learn:

- What is autism?
- The impact of autism on your child and the family.
- How to support individuals with autism.
- Importance of self-care for parents/carers.
- How to support positive behaviour.
- Sources of relevant help and information.

Date:

Mondays - 8th June - 6th July

Time:

9.30am - 11.30am

Venue:

Pomfret Family Hub
Rookhill Rd, Pontefract WF8 2DE

Course Overview

This 5-week course offers a deeper understanding and practical strategies for parents to support their autistic children.

Important Information



2 hours a week over 5 weeks



FREE for parents/carers

To book a place on this course:

Call: 01924 303302

Email: manygates@wakefield.gov.uk



wakefield.council

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

The following children have been recognised for their:

Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Amelia (Rec), Eliza (Y1), Joey (Y2), Joshua (Y3), Isaac (Y4), Lily (Y5), Phoebe (Y6)

Living our Christian values:
Florence (Rec), Clara (Y1), Oscar (Y2), Millie (Y3), Elsie (Y4), Seb (Y5), Neriah (Y6)

Living our school vision:
Alice (Rec), Wren (Y1), Oliver (Y2), Gyven (Y3), Evie (Y4), George (Y5), Elizabeth (Y6)

Living our school vision and flourishing:
Oliver (Y2) – For being a positive hard working role model in our school.

Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Otis (Rec) – For being a kind, caring and friendly member of our school.



Developing a Culture of Talk - Big Questions

Linked to our Christian value of **RESOLUTE** and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World & Beauty, and Beyond)

✿ What helps us keep trying and not give up when something is hard?

Resolute means being strong in our choices and not giving up. It helps us keep trying, do what is right and stay focused, even when something feels difficult.

You might talk about what being resolute looks like — trying again, sticking with something, making good choices, asking for help and encouraging others to keep going.

