



Newsletter – Monday 1st July 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 28.6.24:

Reception	94.7%
Class 1	94.7%
Class 2	94.7%
Class 3	97.2%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	96.3%
Overall	95.8%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 5 – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.3%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term we are focusing upon the value of: **CREATIVITY**

This week's focus will be:

ARTISTRY



1 Peter 4:10

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."



Global Citizenship Thread

Next half term our whole school Thread is **ASPIRATIONS**

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT ***Dinner Debate***

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

'Is language the most important form of communication?'

Dear parents/carers

The summer has well and truly arrived with the recent high temperatures, hopefully this will continue!

Ofsted

The Ofsted report has now been published on the Ofsted website. We have had a lovely write up about it in the [Pontefract and Castleford Express](#). This should be in print next week.



New to Ackworth Howard Parents Meeting

It was lovely to welcome our new families to the school last week as part of a number of transition activities. We hope they had a good and informative morning and we look forward to welcoming them and their children into the Howard School family.



Class Worship

Last week, we had the pleasure of experiencing two wonderful class worships.

Thank you to Year 4 for leading their class worship on Monday. They shared their learning from this half term in a very creative and entertaining way.

Year 1 led their class worship on Tuesday and it was fantastic! The children did a wonderful job sharing some of their recent learning and favourite songs with confidence and clear voices, of which they should be very proud.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We hope you enjoyed being part of our worship.



Recent Letters – [Key Stage 2 Music Tuition from September](#)

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Calendar



July
Tue 2nd – School Transition Day
Wed 3rd – Fri 5th Northumberland Residential Y5
Tue 9th – Reception Class Worship
Tue 9th – Y3 Leeds Discovery Centre Visit
Thu 11th – School Transition Day
Thu 11th – Y6 Leavers Trip
Fri 12th – Reports Issued to Parents
Tue 16th – Governors Meeting
Wed 17th – Y6 Summer Production
Fri 19th – Y6 Leavers Service at St. Cuthbert's (9:45am)
Fri 19th – School Closes for the Summer Holidays

September
Mon 2nd / Tue 3rd – School Closed INSET Day
Wed 4th – School Opens for the 2024/25 Academic Year

Reminder: School hours will change starting in September, with the day running from 8:50 am to 3:20 pm. This does not affect Nursery session hours.





**Future in Mind Mental Health Support Team
Summer Family Newsletter**



Futures in Mind have produced a family summer newsletter that we thought would be useful to share. It includes signposting for support and activities over the summer break.

You can find this newsletter by following this link:
<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/fim-mhst-family-newsletter-summer-2024.pdf>

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Courageous Advocacy in the Community

Something we are passionate about at our school is empowering pupils to take the lead in advocating for change on issues they care about. It has been wonderful to hear about some of the action's children have been taking at home.

An amazing achievement from Emie: she participated in Canter for Cancer with her horse Nemo and raised over £300!



After an adventure exploring the local woods, Poppy noticed a litter problem. She returned with her litter picker to collect as much as she could. Well done for making a positive impact on our local environment!



If your child has been an advocate for change, please let us know. We love hearing about these examples of positive citizenship and living our values. Well done, girls!

Data Collection

Growth in MIND

Year 2 created their own tally chart and table to research and collect data to find out the most popular sweet. It was a tough contest but Cadbury's Dairy Milk was their winner!



Mini Olympics

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It has been a busy week for sport. On Friday we had another group of year 6 children at the Five Town Partnership Mini Olympics Competition. Well done to all who competed in the series of individual and team athletics events!



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RSPB Old Moor

What a fantastic day the children in Year 2 had investing habitats at RSPB Old Moor. They all went home to think about how they could make a difference and help to protect our natural world and it was wonderful to hear their ideas in school.



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Rounders V Badsworth School

BODY, SPIRIT

Well done to the Year 6s in their rounders match v Badsworth on Wednesday. It was a very competitive and close affair with Howard running out narrow winners. Fantastic throwing, catching and hitting skills on display.



Technology

Growth in MIND

Year 1 really enjoyed their computing lesson about technology. The children completed an activity where they categorised different objects. Well done everyone!



The Gingerbread Man



Growth in MIND

In Nursery, the children are reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. Linking to their maths learning, the children have enjoyed ordering numbers 1 to 5 independently using the gingerbread cards. Well done.



Electrical Circuits

Growth in MIND

Year 6 have been investigating electrical circuits. Designing, making and drawing them accurately with symbols. They learnt about the direction of the current, as well as positive and negative terminals in cells and batteries.



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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:
 - Joey (Rec), All Class 1, Daisy (Y2), Alex (Y3), Ernie (Y4), Ernie (Y5), Neive (Y6)
 - Living our Christian values:
 - Arnie (Rec), Vivienne (Y1), Jessica (Y2), Reuben (Y3), Grace (Y4), Emily (Y5), Jess (Y6)
 - Living our school vision:
 - Jenson (Rec), Jaxon (Y1), Lucy (Y2), Isabelle (Y3), Emilia (Y4), Jasmine (Y5), Layla (Y6)
 - Living our school vision and flourishing:
 - Poppy (Y3) – For thinking about her local environment and taking action!
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award:
 - Ben (Y5) – For showing leadership and working to solve a problem with an understanding of compromise.



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)



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust