



Newsletter – Monday 11th November 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 8.11.24:

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	99.3%

Overall **95.1%**

Attendance Champions:
Year 6
Well Done!

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

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 94.6%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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



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

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**

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

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

'What values are most important in our world?'

Dear parents/carers

At 11 o'clock on the 11th of November 1918, the guns of the First World War fell silent. Over 100 years later, we continue to mark this significant moment in history and pay our respects to the brave members of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Today, we will have meaningful discussions with the children about the importance of remembrance and how we have been commemorating this in school. Year 5 will be walking to the war memorial to pay their respects.

It is a very busy week this week...

*Today marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**, with this year's theme being 'Choose Respect.' Children will utilise a range of resources to address the issue of face-to-face bullying and bullying that takes place online. We will complete activities designed to encourage pupils to think about how we can 'Choose Respect' instead of bullying and how we can model this behaviour. We kick off the week today with 'Odd Socks Day,' a fun and meaningful way to start our collective efforts.*

Here is a link to this year's parents' page, which includes useful information about the theme and a leaflet. The leaflet will also be printed and added to the Howard Family Library. [LINK](#)

*The **Book Fair** will be leaving us today. Thank you to everyone who has supported this. Your contributions make a significant impact, as the school will receive a commission from each sale. These funds will be put to good use in acquiring new books for school, benefiting all our children.*

*Year 6 will visit **Newby Hall (PGL)** for their residential this week. We can't wait to follow their adventures shared on our Facebook and X pages, and most importantly, to see the joy on the children's faces! A big thank you to Mr. Barstow, Mrs. McLoughlin, and Mrs. Devine for their participation.*

***Children in Need** takes place on Friday. Children can support this event by wearing bright colours; a suggested donation of £1 is appreciated. Thank you!*

Wakefield Council are now accepting applications for school places in Reception for the 2025/26 academic year. If you know of any child eligible, parents need to be applying for a place before the closing date on 15th January 2025. Parents can [apply online](#)

APPLY

What are we learning?
We believe in nurturing our pupils through their personal development journey to achieve readiness to become global citizens, equipped with the tools for life long living and learning.

LINK: [What are we learning this half term...](#)

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Calendar



November
Mon 11th – Fri 15th – Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 12th – Governors Meeting
Wed 13th – Fri 15th – PGL Y6 Residential
Fri 15th – Children in Need
Mon 18th / Wed 20th – Parents Meetings
Thu 21st – Y3&4 Dodgeball V Badsworth
Fri 29th – KS2 School Council London Visit

December
Mon 2nd – Pantomime (Snow White)
Tue 3rd – Y6 Class Worship
Wed 4th – Reception, Y1 & Y2 West Yorkshire Playhouse Visit
Tue 10th – Y3 Class Worship
Thu 12th – Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Fri 13th – Ackworth Schools Community Christmas Service (School Choir)
Tue 17th – Christmas Productions (N+R 9:30am / Y1+2 2pm)
Wed 18th – Christmas Productions (Y1+2 9:30am / N+R 2pm)
Fri 20th – KS2 Carol Concert (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am – KS2 Parents Welcome)

School Calendar Document Link: [Key Dates 2024-25](#)



Event for parents: Play every day!



On Wednesday 13 November, Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) are holding a short webinar for parents to talk about the power of play and help them make play part of every day for their child.

At the event, OPAL Director Michael Follett will explore some of the key benefits of play, look at how playwork theory can support parents, and share his top tips for play at home.

This event is part of OPAL's commitment to making play part of every child's life and is fundraising to support Project Play, a wonderful organisation that provides safe spaces to play for displaced children in Northern France.

This webinar is free to attend, but participants are encouraged to make a suggested donation of £10 to Project Play's fundraiser, which is being match funded by OPAL CIC.

Event Link – [Play Every Day](#)
Project Play Link – [Project Play](#)
Donation Page – [Play Every Day Fundraiser](#)



Discovery

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Year 1 had a fantastic time exploring the season's changes on an autumn walk in Science, spotting fallen leaves, squirrels, and even a few minibeasts! In Maths, they've been learning how to write number sentences and understand addition fact families, making for an exciting week of discovery both indoors and out.



Exploration

Growth in MIND

Reception have been developing their understanding of the world through art and history. They learned about the artist Jackson Pollock and used his 'drip painting' technique to create wonderful pictures. They have also explored key historical events, learning about Remembrance Day and why some people wear poppies.



Autumn

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Nursery have been busy exploring autumn! They read We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger and enjoyed playing with the different fallen leaves in their outdoor area. Over the half-term break, they also created a variety of autumnal posters, which were shared with their friends and are now proudly on display in the classroom!



Outdoor Adventures

Growth in MIND,
BODY

In PE, Year 4 has started a unit on Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA), where they are developing their teamwork skills. Last week, they played a leapfrog game and eventually placed trust in their partners to instruct them on how to move the cones successfully with their eyes closed!



BODMAS

Growth in MIND

Year 6 took on the challenge of learning BODMAS through an exciting active maths lesson! Using movement and hands-on activities they explored the order of operations and sharpened their problem-solving skills in a fun, energetic way.



Football

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BODY, SPIRIT

On Friday, our Year 5/6 mixed football team faced off against Badsworth in an exciting, hard-fought match! The team played with incredible skill, resilience, and teamwork from start to finish! ⚽



Open Response Task

Growth in MIND

Year 5 showcased their excellent understanding of forces in their open-response tasks last week, demonstrating superb presentation and incorporating typography. Well done Year 5!



"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow, we gave our today."

John Maxwell Edmonds

Howard Family Celebration Worship

Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Holly (Rec), Henry (Y1), Masie (Y2), Freddie (Y3), Viktoria (Y4), Neriah (Y5), Imogen (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Maria (Rec), Oliver (Y1), Gyven (Y2), Isabelle (Y3), Reuben (Y4), Emilia (Y5), Max (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Emmy (Rec), Eva (Y1), Phoebe (Y2), Elsie (Y3), Cameron (Y4), Isla (Y5), Jenson (Y6)

"Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated."

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



★ Christmas Swap Shop

WITH CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CLASS NATIVITIES FAST APPROACHING, THE HSA ARE ORGANISING A CHRISTMAS SWAP SHOP. WE ARE ASKING PARENTS TO DONATE CHILDRENS PRELOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND NATIVITY OUTFITS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ITEMS ARE IN A GOOD CLEAN CONDITION WHEN HANDED OVER.

THE HSA WILL BE OUT IN THE PLAYGROUND COLLECTING THEM ALL NEXT WEEK AT DROP-OFF AND PICK UP TIMES.

ON THURSDAY THE 21ST AND FRIDAY THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER AT PICK UP TIMES, WE WILL BE BACK OUT IN THE PLAYGROUND WITH ALL THE DONATED ITEMS. PLEASE COME AND HAVE A BROWSE THROUGH THEM AND TAKE ANY THAT YOU MAY LIKE. THIS WILL BE COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE.

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN AND TAKE WHAT YOU NEED.

ANY LEFT OVER ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED.

Thank you



Christingle Services

St Cuthbert's Church Ackworth
(by the Brown Cow)

Sunday 8th December 4pm and 6pm
All Welcome



We will collect for the Children's Society
during the service

Ackworth Parish Council



Christmas Events 2024



SANTA DAY 2024

Saturday 7th Sunday 8th December

11am - 2pm



- * Santa's Grotto
- * Refreshments and activities in the Library
- * Children's Crafts Fair
- * Free Craft Activity
- * Magician



ACKWORTH'S
CHRISTMAS
LIGHT
SWITCH-ON
2024

Friday 29th
November
6pm

Adjacent to
All Saints
Church
on
Wakefield Road



Please join us after the switch-on in All Saints Church for a warm drink and a mince pie.