



Newsletter – Monday 13th May 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 10.5.24:

Reception	100%
Class 1	97.1%
Class 2	98.8%
Class 3	99.1%
Class 4	99.1%
Class 5	95.8%
Class 6	98.3%
Overall	98.3%

**Attendance Champions:
Reception – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.7%

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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:

VALIANT



1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."



Global Citizenship Thread

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

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Dinner Debate

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

"Would it be a good thing or a bad thing if we could hear people's thoughts?"

Dear parents/carers

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BODY, SPIRIT

I would like to pass on my thanks for all those making a valued contribution to the school's Section 5 (Full) Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Many of you took the time to speak to the inspectors, complete the online feedback and send written information.

The Ofsted Section 5 process requires a degree of quality assurance steps that can take up to 28 days. Until such a time I am bound to confidentiality regarding the outcome.

For now, all I can tell you is that the inspection was extremely thorough, analytical and comprehensive in its application. Our children, governors, and staff showcased the hard work and dedication that has gone into driving school improvement over the last four years. As a result, the inspection process and initial feedback were positive.

Once the full report and official outcome are finalised and provided by Ofsted, I will ensure that copies are distributed to all stakeholders.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere gratitude to my exceptional staff and the wonderful children who continue to amaze me each day. Their unwavering commitment to our school community fills me with pride.

Thank you again for your cooperation and patience during this process. Together, we will continue to educate 'for life in all its fullness.'

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Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Vaping

Children in Years 5 and 6 undertook their fifth and final session with Liz from Squaring Up on Thursday.

Their final focus was drugs, alcohol, smoking and vaping. All prevalent topical issues that our children come across as they are growing up.

They looked at myths and facts and talked about the effects the above can have on our bodies. They discussed the law behind each issue and were able to have some really good conversations from questions asked.

It is really important we educate our children and give them the knowledge and facts to be able to identify the risks of what they will come across as they are growing up and transitioning to secondary school.

Well done Year 5 and 6 for your enthusiastic engagement over the past few weeks.

Calendar



May

Mon 13th –
Thu 16th – KS2 SATs
Fri 17th – Open Afternoon (Parents can view children's work from 2:45pm)
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
Tue 25th – Y2 RSPB Old Moor
Tue 25th – Y1 Class Worship
Thu 27th – Y5/6 Rounders V Badsworth

[Key Dates 2023-24](#)



Good Luck

Good luck to all of our Year 6 children who take part in the national statutory assessment tests this week. 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...

Coolest Projects

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We are very proud of one of our pupils who took part in the Coolest Projects event in Bradford on Saturday, showcasing his projects amongst some of the best young coders in the country.

We are also very proud of Mr Nunn, who after his success with our school's Code Club and his recent experience as a speaker at the Code Club conference, was invited to be on the judging panel for the event.

Children and staff flourishing together! Well done.



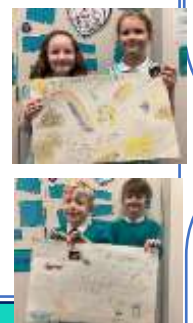
St. Cuthbert's Church

Reception and Year 2 enjoyed their recent visit to St Cuthbert's Church as part of their RE units of work about special, sacred places.



Digital Posters

In DT, Year 3 have designed and created posters to be displayed next to Ancient Egyptian exhibits in the British Museum. They coded and attached a microbit which can be clicked by visitors to access extra information, or answer a quiz question.



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Parental Controls – Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online.

Please review and check you have all the privacy settings just right to keep your child safe. [The Internet Matters website](https://www.internetmatters.org/) is a useful starting point where you can select from a range of devices, games consoles, internet providers and social media apps to get a step by step guide for parents on how to check the settings are right for your child.

You can find a number of resource and guidance links on our website but if you need further support, please contact school for advice.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/online-safety>



Recounting Routes

Growth in MIND

Following their visit to Church, Reception enjoyed making and drawing maps to show the route they had taken. They made a list of things they had seen on their route and the children were able to say which were human or physical features.



Conscience Alley

Growth in MIND

In English, Year 2 undertook a 'conscience alley', where they had to persuade Mrs Thompson to either go into the tunnel or not... I wonder what she decided?



Local Woodland Fieldwork

Growth in MIND

Year 4 considered the uses of our local woodland in geography. They completed fieldwork where they planned their route, assessed the risks of it, created a questionnaire and completed a tally chart to find the most common use of our woodland. They will interpret their results this week.



Caterpillar Cocoon

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Our Nursery caterpillars have made their cocoons and they have been carefully placed into their butterfly net ready for when they emerge. The children have enjoyed taking a closer look using the magnifying glasses and describing the butterfly lifecycle.



Forest School

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Amazing forest school session for year 5 with them showcasing their prior knowledge on rope knots, plant identification, weaving and whittling before using various tools to create Hapa Zome!



Howard Family Celebration Worship
Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Mayzi (Rec), Maisie (Y1), Isaac (Y2), The Whole Class (Y3), Millie (Y4), Imogen (Y5), Che (Y6)
- Living our Christian values: Canada (Rec), Joshua (Y1), George (Y2), Lily (Y3), Etta (Y4), Aiden (Y5), Matilda (Y6)
- Living our school vision: Rose (Rec), Alfie (Y1), Daisy (Y2), Thomas (Y3), Toby (Y4), Madison (Y5), Jessica (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing / Florence and Madison – For showing commitment and having significant impact in their role of Safety Monitor.
- Golden (Play) Welly Award: All of the lunchtime dancers who had the biggest smiles on their faces!
- Reading Class Champions:
 - Year 5



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)

