



Newsletter – Monday 14th October 2024

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 11.10.24:

Reception	82.7%
Year 1	71.7%
Year 2	84.0%
Year 3	84.5%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	79.0%
Overall	83.5%

Attendance Champions:

Year 5

Well Done!

Our school attendance expectation is **97%**.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 94.3%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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



This week’s focus will be:

BLESSING

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

Psalms 127:3

Global Citizenship Thread

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

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



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

‘Do animals have feelings?’

Dear parents/carers

Last week was a challenging one for our school, as illness spread quickly among both pupils and staff. To minimise the impact, we implemented several precautionary measures, including reducing the mixing of classes, encouraging more frequent handwashing, improving ventilation, and increasing cleaning on frequently touched surfaces. I also liaised with infection control to ensure the situation was logged and closely monitored.

After an improving picture towards the end of last week, we’re hopeful that this week will see things return to normal and that everyone remains safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay and Learn Session – Reading

We are excited to be running our upcoming 'Stay and Learn' sessions focused on reading. These sessions are designed to give parents an insight into how reading is taught throughout the school, helping you to feel more confident in supporting your children at home. You can view the letter sent to parents [\[here\]](#).

Monday 14th October

Year 5 and 6: 2:30pm–3:15pm

Tuesday 15th October

Year 2: 2:30pm–3:15pm

Wednesday 16th October

Year 1: 9:15am-10am

Year 3 and 4: 2:30pm-3:15pm

Thursday 17th October

Nursery and Reception: 9:15am-10am

Harvest Festival

We remain in a period of thankfulness in school as part of our harvest celebrations. Each class is currently learning about the harvest and singing harvest songs as part of our collective worship routines. Our Harvest Worship (Reception to Year 6) will take place at 9:15am on Friday and parents are welcome to join us for this.

We will be working with Pontefract Community Kitchen again this year supporting them to provide help to people in crisis in the local area. Donations of tinned food and essential store cupboard staples etc. can be dropped off at school prior to the 18th October – thank you.

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Calendar



- October**
- Mon 14th –** Y5&6 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm–3:15pm)
- Tue 15th –** Finance Committee (Governors) / Y2 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm–3:15pm)
- Wed 16th –** Y1 Stay and Learn Session (9:15am-10am) / Y3&4 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm–3:15pm)
- Thu 17th –** N&R Stay and Learn Session (9:15am – 10am)
- Fri 18th –** Harvest Festival Worship (Reception to Y6) / Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation / Year 3&4 Football V Badsworth
- Mon 21st –** Owl Experience Writing Day
- Tue 22nd –** Fire Service Safety Workshop (Y5&6)
- Wed 23rd –** Spooky Disco
- Fri 25th –** Open Afternoon / School Closes for Half Term

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



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



Drug and alcohol support



For yourself, or a family member:

Inspiring Futures, Families and Recovery Services.

Visit Turning Point, whether you're a young person under 25 or a family member affected by substance use.

www.turning-point.co.uk/services/inspiring-futures

For children and young people:

Online advice: wf-i-can.co.uk

Download the 0-19 app:

hdfchildrenshealthservice.co.uk



SCAN ME



Find the support and advice you need.

Not sure who to contact for information, advice and support? Visit the Wakefield Families Together website for a list of services available.



Cross Country Championships

Fantastic performances from the children in the Five Towns Cross Country Championships on Friday afternoon with one child qualifying for the West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships taking place at Temple Newsam in March. Well done everyone!



Autumn Treasures

Nursery have been collecting autumn treasures to bring into school to share with their friends. They have had these out in their provision for the children to investigate!



Scientific Enquiry

Year 5 have shown excellent understanding of air resistance and on factors that will affect the rate of a parachute falling. Super scientific enquiry!



The Lost Son

Year 2 have been exploring what the story of the Lost Son teaches Christians about God. In RE, they have also been reflecting on how Christians express their apologies.



Pattern

As part of their maths unit on pattern, Reception have enjoyed using the leaf stamps and coloured paints to make repeating patterns. They think their Autumn patterns are very colourful.



Circuits

Year 4 have been applying their knowledge of circuits to create their own switches. They knew that the circuit needed to be complete and that they should use a conductive material to keep the electricity flowing when it was connected.



Connections

Year 3 have been learning about how computers are connected. They learnt how digital files can be stored on a server. Computers can access these through a network switch. Some computers need a wire, while others don't!



YOUR CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO THE HOWARD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S

Spooky Disco

Wednesday 23rd October

KEY STAGE 1 - NURSERY, RECEPTION, Y1, Y2
2:30 - 3:20

KEY STAGE 2 - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
3:30 - 4:30

TICKETS ARE £3.00 PER CHILD. PLEASE SEND ANY MONIES IN A LABELLED ENVELOPE ON THE MORNING OF THE DISCO, THIS WILL BE COLLECTED BY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. ALL PURCHASED TICKETS WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR SPOOKY PRIZE DRAW!

KEY STAGE 1 WILL RECEIVE A DRINK AND PACKET OF SWEETS
KEY STAGE 2 WILL HAVE ACCESS TO PURCHASE POP, CRISPS, CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS FROM THE TUCK SHOP.

Fancy Dress is optional and entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Kids Fun Club

Don't forget to check out our X page ([LINK](#)) for regular updates and highlights from our classrooms! We share a range of exciting news, showcasing our curriculum, activities, and the wonderful experiences our children have each day.



Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

