



Newsletter – Monday 16th September 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 13.9.24:

Reception	100%
Class 1	98.7%
Class 2	98.7%
Class 3	94.7%
Class 4	96.3%
Class 5	97.5%
Class 6	100%
Overall	98.0%

Attendance Champions:
Reception and Year 6
Well Done!

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

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Values for Life

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



Next week's focus will be:
APPRECIATION

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

Global Citizenship Thread

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

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Dinner Debate

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

'What will school be like in the future?'

Dear parents/carers

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BODY, SPIRIT

I am delighted to share some wonderful news about our recent donation of unwanted wellies, which has made a significant impact in our community. It's heart-warming to see how a simple act of reuse can help others while promoting environmental consciousness. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen! [\(Article LINK\)](#)

I'm also very much looking forward to our upcoming Howard Heritage Day. A special thank you to those who have taken the time to complete the Living History survey so far—it has been fascinating to read your memories of primary school life from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s! Finally, don't forget our Macmillan Coffee Morning is just around the corner. I look forward to us gathering as a school community to support such a great cause.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. We know that many people have been affected by cancer including those in our school family and therefore we are pleased to be able to once again hold our own coffee morning in school.

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us at the following times:

9:00am – Nursery/Reception

9:30am – Year 1/Year 2

10:00am – Year 3/Year 4

10:30am – Year 5/Year 6



If you have more than one child in school, please attend at your youngest child's time and any older siblings can join at that time too at your request.

It would be great if you could help us; you can do this in a number of ways. You could donate some bought cakes which are pre-packaged (These can be brought into school from Wednesday 25th September), you could bake some cakes or biscuits and send them in on the Friday morning in a named container, you could come along on the morning to support us in action and enjoy a coffee and a treat or you could simply send a donation into school to support this great cause.

Suggested donations on the day:

£2 – Hot Drink and a Biscuit

£3.50 – Hot Drink and Cake/Bun

All donations will be going to Macmillan after the day and we will update you with how much we have raised as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support, if you have any questions at all, please let us know.

Calendar



September

Fri 20th – School Heritage Day (191 Years)

Tue 24th – School Development Committee (Governors)

Thu 26th – Celebration of Movement Day

Fri 27th – Macmillan coffee Morning

October

Fri 4th – Individual School Photos

Tue 15th – Finance Committee (Governors)

Fri 18th – Harvest Festival / Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation

Wed 23rd – Spooky Disco

Fri 25th – Open Afternoon / School Closes for Half Term

School Calendar Document Link:

[Key Dates 2024-25](#)

Recent Letters – [Flu Immunisation](#) / [West Yorkshire Playhouse R-Y2](#) / [School Heritage Day](#)



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



Important Updates / Information

Important Updates – Things to Know...

School Gate Parking Initiative - Wakefield Councils Road Safety Team will again be visiting to undertake the school gate parking initiative.

As with previous years they will be visiting school on two occasions to monitor parking outside school, this may also be attended by police and civic enforcement if available.

This week you will receive a parking promise letter. A paper version will be sent via school, to enable you to return the participation slip.

Heritage Day Friday 20th September - We're excited to celebrate our school's rich 191-year history with this year's theme, "The Howard School's Living History," inspired by a letter from the great-great granddaughter of a pupil from 1849. To make the day special, we invite you to share your own memories of school life—whether from your own experiences, or those of parents and grandparents. These stories will inspire our children's artwork and writing, with a display available during our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September.

You can submit your stories digitally through the [Microsoft Forms link](#). Children are welcome to dress in any historical school uniform or their current one. Historical documents will also be on display in the hall from 8:50am to 9:10am.



Network Connections

Growth in MIND

In their computing lesson, Year 4 explored how networks are created as part of their internet topic. They used string to visually illustrate how networks connect people and devices around the world!



Caterpillar Curiosity

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While exploring their outdoor provision, Nursery children discovered a caterpillar! They had a wonderful discussion about its size, habitat, and what colour butterfly it might turn into. The children were thrilled to gently hold the caterpillar and observe it up close.



Elevating Sentences

Growth in MIND

Year 2 have been honing their editing skills in English by adding adjectives and extra details to enhance their sentences!



Developing the Mind!

Growth in MIND

Year 1 have been busy this week! In PE, they practiced controlling the ball, while in DT, they learned about fruits and their seeds. In maths, they all worked hard to begin recognising and reading number words up to ten, with some even practicing up to twenty!



Netball Skills

Growth in MIND

Year 5 enjoyed their first netball session last week, focusing on developing their passing and teamwork skills. Well done!



Growth in BODY

Futures in Mind

Year 4 enjoyed their first Mood Booster session with Futures in Mind, where they explored different strategies for managing sadness and building their emotional resilience toolkit!



The Colour Monster

Reception have enjoyed sharing the books *The Colour Monster* and *The Colour Monster Goes to School*. Using the books and puppets, they talked about their different feelings.

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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: Anya (Rec), Thea (Y1), Bobby (Y2), Theo (Y3), Lily (Y4), Bella (Y5), George (Y6)
 - Living our Christian values: Penny (Rec), Isla (Y1), Jackson (Y2), Lillie-Mae (Y3), Reuben (Y4), Sylvie-Rose (Y5), Florence (Y6)
 - Living our school vision: Wren (Rec), Jack (Y1), Rose (Y2), Mark (Y3), Alex (Y4), Alice (Y5), Lydia (Y6)
 - Living our school vision and flourishing: Sam (Y6) – He has demonstrated maturity, consideration for others, and care in his role as server.
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award: Jax (Y5) – For being helpful, enjoying playing in the sand, and tidying up afterwards.



Change of Circumstances

Please remember to inform the school office if you have recently changed your address/contact number or if your child's medical records need updating. Thank you.



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)

