



Newsletter – Monday 17th March 2025

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week ending 14/3/25

Reception	97.5%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	99.3%

Overall **96.5%**

Attendance Champions:

Year 3

Well Done!

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

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 95.8%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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

This week's focus will be:

♥ **GRACIOUS:**

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." – Psalm 103:8

Being gracious means showing kindness and patience, even when things don't go our way.

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Comic Relief Noses

Official Comic Relief Noses are now on sale in school. These are £2 each – For 2025 to celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief, favourite Red Noses from each decade – from the 80's, 90's, Noughties and 2010's are back!

Dear parents/carers

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Parents' Meetings this week. During these, colleagues from our NHS Futures in Mind Mental Health Support Team will be in attendance. They plan to arrive around 3:30pm and would love the opportunity to introduce themselves to parents and share more about the services they offer.

For more information, please scan the QR code. They will also have an information stand set up at the school entrance.

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day

This year's theme is 'Do Something Funny for Money'. To support this fantastic cause, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in something funny in exchange for a suggested £1 donation. This could be anything from wacky hairstyles and silly socks to dressing up in a fun outfit!

Your generosity will help support important projects making a real difference to children and families in need. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Staffing Update

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Simmons will be leaving her role as Kitchen Manager at Easter. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work, commitment, and the positive impact she has had on our school. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Governors Meetings

Last week, our governing body's finance committee met to review key areas, including financial benchmarking, budget monitoring, spending proposals, and staffing updates. Recent upgrades to school electrics and perimeter fencing are now complete, with chimney repairs scheduled for Easter to ensure the long-term safety of our original school building.

"Eat Them to Defeat Them" Campaign

We're excited to be taking part in **EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM** – a campaign transforming the way children eat by making vegetables fun! Over the last three weeks of this half-term, we'll be running special **veg-themed days**, encouraging everyone to try and enjoy a variety of vegetables.

Each week, we'll shine a spotlight on a different vegetable, with activities and resources provided to make it an exciting experience for the children.

Here's our **veg line-up**:

- 🥕 Wednesday 19th March – Carrots
- 🌶️ Thursday 27th March – Red Peppers
- 🌽 Friday 28th March – Sweetcorn
- 🥦 Wednesday 2nd April – Broccoli
- 🥒 Friday 4th April – Peas

Let's encourage everyone to **eat them to defeat them** and develop healthy eating habits in a fun and engaging way!

Recent Letters: [Structure and Pricing Review](#) / [Communication Procedures](#)

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT



Calendar



March

Mon 17th & Wed 19th –

Parents Meetings

Tue 18th – Governors Meeting

Fri 21st – Comic Relief

Thu 20th – EYFS Mobile Farm Visit

Wed 26th – Mother's Day Gift Sale

April

1st – First Aid Training Y3 (KS2 Refresher)

4th – Y3/4 Easter Production (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am)

4th - Easter Bonnet Parades and the Great Egg Race

2:30pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.

2:45pm – The Great Egg Race.

4th – School Closes for Easter

School Calendar Document Link:

[Key Dates 2024-25](#)



WF-I CAN

This week, I would like to share a valuable resource with you—Wakey CAN (Children and Adolescent Network), a dedicated website for children and young people in Wakefield. It provides a range of support, resources, and information in an interactive and engaging way.

Children can start by selecting their age group on the homepage. Once they do, an AI chatbot will appear in the bottom right corner, allowing them to ask questions and receive support. For example, they might type, "I'm feeling sad, can you give me some tips to help?" The Search function also enables them to explore all relevant pages based on their key words, ensuring they don't miss any helpful information.

You can visit Wakey CAN together with your child by following this link: <https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.



Who Lives in Our House?

During their HeartSmart session, Nursery discussed where they live and who lives in their house. They drew pictures of their families and shared them with friends. Boris says: We all need people who love us and who we can love!



The Little Red Hen

Reception enjoyed reading The Little Red Hen and learning how bread is made. They practised their fine motor skills by carefully spreading butter and jam on toast using knives.



Classifying Invertebrates

Year 4 explored invertebrate classification in Science. They created classification criteria, used them to sort different invertebrates, and then investigated which ones they could find in the forest.



Budding Scientists and Engineers

Year 1 have been excited to see their broad beans growing stems and leaves as they observe their progress. In DT, they have been exploring how to make sturdy structures while designing their own windmills.



Pontefract Community Kitchen

On Thursday we had the humbling experience of visiting Pontefract Community Kitchen and meeting the incredible volunteers who dedicate their time to helping those in need. From street packs for the homeless to crisis packs for struggling families, and home-cooked meals for those who need them most, their work is truly inspiring.

It was eye-opening for our children to see first-hand where donations go and how they make a real difference. They also had the chance to lend a hand and shared their experiences with everyone else in school on Friday.

York St. John's University Partnership

As in previous years, we are working with teacher training students from York St. John's University. They are gaining valuable experience during their teaching placements, and it's great to see them developing their skills. We wish them the best of luck in their journey to becoming teachers.



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Howard Family Celebration Worship Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Emmy (Rec), Arthur (Y1), Bobby (Y2), Mia (Y3), Lincoln (Y4), Sophia (Y5), Emily (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Wilf (Rec), Harvey (Y1), Rose (Y2), Theo (Y3), Ivy (Y4), Ruby (Y5), Ernie (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Biba (Rec), Jessica (Y1), Sienna (Y2), Production Auditionees (Y3/Y4), Isaac (Y5), Lydia (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:
Jenson A – For being a supportive and caring member of our school community.
Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Kaleb G – For using the play resources in creative ways and engaging others.



Share the News...

We currently have two posts advertised on the Wakefield Council's recruitment website.

Teacher [Recruitment Link](#)
Kitchen Manager [Recruitment Link](#)



"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)

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Dinner Debate:

Linked to our Christian value of graciousness and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World & Beauty and Beyond)

How can we show kindness even when it's not expected?

This question helps us think about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. It reflects the Self and Others aspects of spiritual development by encouraging us to be thoughtful, patient, and generous-hearted, even when we don't have to be.

