



Newsletter – Monday 18th November 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 15.11.24:

Reception	90.0%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	89.3%
Year 6	100%

Overall **95.6%**

**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 – 94.7%

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:

ACCEPTING

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Romans 15:7

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:

'Why do we need security settings on our devices?'

Dear parents/carers

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

What a wonderful week it was for showcasing the impact of our pupil leadership on the school community! During **Anti-bullying Week**, our ambassadors led whole-school worship, sharing key messages about respect and how to address bullying. They launched our 'Anti-bullying Sign' competition, with winners receiving a special prize and their designs displayed around the school. The ambassadors also introduced 'The Buddy Box,' where children can share their worries, and ambassadors will personally reply with advice or suggest speaking to a trusted adult.

It was fantastic to see so many children start the week by wearing odd socks, and continue engaging in activities shared during Friday's worship. A big thank you to the Young Voices group for their special song, linked to Anti-bullying Week.

We have also selected new Wellbeing Ambassadors, who have trained with the Wakefield Health team and completed challenges to create a school pledge. They will work alongside the Anti-bullying Ambassadors to promote positive mental health and support their peers.

Last Tuesday, we held our first full **Governors' meeting** of the academic year. The meeting covered procedural matters and included discussions on key topics such as the Headteacher's report, performance management, safeguarding, SEND, and other important issues. We also approved updated policies, which are now accessible via the provided links.

[Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy](#)
[SEND Policy](#) [SEN Information Report](#) [Accessibility Plan](#)

Governor Recruitment

We are seeking a committed and enthusiastic individual to join our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor following a recent resignation. This important role supports our mission to deliver our school vision and ensure the best outcomes for all.

The position is open to members of both the school community and the wider local area. While the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) prefers candidates with strong ties to a Christian church, we value diversity and welcome expressions of interest from individuals of other faiths or no faith, provided they are committed to upholding the school's Christian ethos.

You can find out more here – [LINK](#)

If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, please email admin@howard.wakefield.sch.uk with information about yourself and why you would like to join us.

I would like to thank Sam Pocock, on behalf of the school community, for his dedicated service as Foundation Governor. His commitment to our school has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Recent Letters: [Pantomime – Snow White](#)

Calendar



November

Mon 18th / Wed 20th – Parents Meetings
Fri 29th – 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
Fri 6th – Children's Christmas Fair
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](#)



Children in Need took place on Friday, and our fundraising initiative was a great success! The children showed their support by wearing bright colours, which looked fantastic. Thanks to everyone's generous contributions, we have raised almost £200 for Children in Need through this compassionate effort. Well done, everyone!



Online Safety Curriculum

Growth in MIND,
BODY

We are committed to fostering a safe and positive online environment for our pupils. Our online safety curriculum is seamlessly integrated into our teaching, progressing alongside your child's understanding and use of the internet.

Our approach ensures that online safety is not only a core component of our curriculum but also responsive to specific issues that may arise. In instances where targeted guidance is needed, we conduct additional sessions to address these concerns effectively.

For detailed insights into our online safety curriculum and its progression, you can refer to our Computing progression documents, accessible on our school website. Together, we can empower our children to navigate the digital world responsibly and confidently.

[Curriculum Documentation](#)
[Online Safety](#)



Newby Hall (PGL) Residential

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Year 6 had an amazing time at their Newby Hall (PGL) residential visit last week, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The children took part in exciting activities such as archery, big swing, team-building exercises, fencing, zip lines, laser tag, and even a silent disco! You can see more photos of their adventures on our social media pages. A huge thank you to Mr. Barstow, Mrs. McLoughlin, and Mrs. Devine for their dedication and support throughout the trip.



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Remembrance

School took part in a moment of silence, and Year 5 were excellent role models representing our school while attending the service at the War Memorial in Ackworth last Monday. They were respectful and courteous, laying their contributions after the moving service. Let's not forget.



Great Fire of London

Growth in MIND,
BODY

Year 2 have been investigating how houses were built in 1666 to understand why the Great Fire of London spread so rapidly. Taking their learning outdoors, they used Forest School to deepen their knowledge, exploring how the fire might have started and spread from Pudding Lane. This hands-on approach brought history to life in an engaging and memorable way!



Shape Spotters

Growth in MIND

Reception have had an exciting week of learning! They explored the properties of circles and triangles, then became 'shape spotters' as they searched the school for these shapes, finding plenty along the way.



The children have also been learning about Diwali. They created beautiful diya lamps, Rangoli patterns, and cards, and even learnt some traditional Diwali dances. They celebrated with stunning floral decorations made by the Sunshine group. What a wonderful way to bring learning and celebrations together!



Scientific Investigations

Growth in MIND

Year 5 have been busy testing the properties of different materials, investigating magnetism, permeability, hardness, and flexibility. Fantastic investigative work Year 5!



Anti-Bullying Week Activities

Growth in MIND,

BODY, SPIRIT

The children have been busy marking Anti-Bullying Week with brilliant class activities. They created Scratch animations offering advice, decorated odd socks, and discussed kindness through stories. Others made respect pledges, sorted kind and unkind actions, and contributed to a 'Choose Respect' tree. A live lesson on respect also inspired thoughtful ideas on showing kindness and understanding to others. Great work, everyone!



"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)





Children's Christmas Fair

DECEMBER 6TH
2:45PM TO 4:30PM

THIS YEAR THE HSA HAVE ORGANISED OUR VERY OWN CHRISTMAS FAIR. ALL STALLS WILL BE RUN BY OURSELVES WITH THE CHILDRENS INTERESTS IN MIND. THERE WILL BE GAMES, SWEET TREATS, REINDEER FOOD, ACCESSORIES AND SO MUCH MORE.

CASH WOULD BE PREFERRED HOWEVER WE CAN NOW OFFER CARD PAYMENT TOO!



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

After previous years success and fabulous contributions, we are once again running a Christmas Hamper Raffle. We would greatly appreciate your help in contributing a small present that will fit into the hamper basket.

Suggested donations could be new Christmas themed items, activities, games, confectionery and sweet treats.

Please bring any donations into school by Wednesday
4th December.

Once the hamper baskets are full, they will be put on display and raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the HSA Mini Christmas Fair and the various Christmas events to be held in school during December.

We thank you in advance for all your help in this fundraiser and look forward to seeing your wonderful donations.

