



Newsletter – Monday 20th January 2025

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 17/1/25

Reception	95.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	99.3%

Overall 97.3%

Attendance Champions:

Year 1

Well Done!

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 95.5%

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Values for Life

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



This week's focus will be:

IMPARTIAL:

“For God does not show favouritism.”

Romans 2:11

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE**



Dear parents/carers,

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since our SIAMS inspection, the first of two external inspections in 2024! Reflecting on the past 12 months, it's been wonderful to see how our school community has continued to thrive and grow. The SIAMS inspection confirmed that we are living out our foundation as a church school and was full of praise for what we achieve together. If you haven't read the report recently, it's well worth another look! [\[LINK\]](#)

Congratulations to Mrs Bryan, who was successful in a recent recruitment process and will soon be leaving us to take up a new post at another school. We wish her every success in her new role and thank her for her contributions to our school community.

Her departure creates an exciting and rare opportunity to join our team as a **Teaching Assistant with Lunchtime Responsibilities!**

Are you passionate about making a difference in children's lives? Do you want to help nurture and inspire the next generation?

If so, this could be the perfect role for you—or someone you know!

🔗 Find out more and apply here: [\[LINK\]](#)

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Calendar



January

Tue 21st – Big Me –

Action Aid Day

Wed 22nd – Y5

Class Worship

(Parents Invited – 9:15am)

Tue 28th – Y2 Class

Worship (Parents

Invited – 9:15am)

Tue 28th – Young

Voices

Fri 31st – Open

Afternoon (Parents

Invited – 2:45pm)

February

Mon 3rd – Fri 7th

Children's Mental

Health and Online

Safety Week

Mon 3rd – KS2 St.

Cuthberts Service

(Admission to first

Communion)

Fri 14th – School

Closes for February

Half Term

School Calendar

Document Link:

[Key Dates 2024-25](#)

Languages Day

Bonjour! Jambo! Hola! Nǐ hǎo! Ciao! Olá! Hola!

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On Friday, we celebrated Languages Day with a vibrant exploration of different countries, languages, and cultures. Each class focused on a specific country, diving into its traditions, language, and heritage through engaging activities.

Children came dressed in the colours of their class country's flag, adding to the atmosphere of celebration. To top it off, our kitchen staff prepared a delicious Hungarian Goulash, giving everyone a taste of authentic cuisine.

The countries explored were France, Tanzania, Spain, China, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. The day concluded with a special assembly where children proudly showcased their learning, sharing what they had discovered about the language and culture of their chosen country. It was a wonderful day of learning, discovery, and fun!



Attendance Information:

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Please refer to the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which has further information and will help support any decision to keep your child absent:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Local Issue

Safeguarding
Children and Young People's Plan survey

Wakefield's Families Together is currently promoting its Children and Young People's Plan survey to gather input for shaping the new Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028. Please find the details below.



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Pupil Leadership – Inspiring Justice

The School Council led a thought-provoking worship last week, exploring the value of justice. Inspired by their recent visit to the Houses of Parliament, they shared insights into fairness, democracy, and standing up for what is right. Their reflections showed how justice builds a community where everyone is valued, perfectly aligning with our vision of 'life in all its fullness.' They also confidently presented their ideas to our Governors—what an inspiring group of young leaders!



Florence Nightingale

Growth in MIND

Year 2 stepped back in time to explore the incredible life of Florence Nightingale. They learned how her compassion and dedication transformed nursing, leaving a lasting impact on the world. After a very busy morning, they improved the conditions at Scutari Hospital and, who knows, we may well have several future nurses on Big Me Day!



Reminder: BIG ME Day – Tomorrow!

Tomorrow (Tuesday, 21st January) is BIG ME Day! Children are invited to dress as their dream job as we explore themes of social justice and how careers can help tackle inequalities. The day will begin with a special worship session and feature exciting activities to inspire pupils to think big and contribute to a fairer society.

We can't wait to see their creative ideas and outfits! 🧸

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'SmokeFree' Workshops

Year 4, 5, and 6 enjoyed being agents of change as they worked with Dr. Stocks from Wakefield Council during their SmokeFree workshops. They listened attentively to research on why young people vape and the dangers associated with it. The children suggested ways to make vaping less appealing to younger generations and asked some very thoughtful and reflective questions.



Exploring Materials

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Year 5 have enjoyed exploring materials in Science, with a particular focus on dissolving. They have been making predictions, identifying variables, and explaining their findings with great enthusiasm!



Puppets

Growth in MIND

Over the last two weeks, Year 1 have shown great perseverance in making their puppets. Although it hasn't been easy, they have successfully designed, cut out, joined, and decorated them!



Musical Phonics

Growth in MIND

Nursery have been using musical instruments to support their Phonics learning. They had lots of discussions about how they might move to different sounds. When the triangle was played, the children tiptoed, saying it was a soft and quiet sound.



Penguin Life Cycle

Growth in MIND

Reception have been learning all about penguins! They have explored the life cycle of a penguin, created penguins using shapes, located where penguins can be found on the globe, and used their phonics skills to label the different parts of a penguin.



Well done to the children who took part in the Dodgeball match against Badsworth last week!



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Dinner Debate:

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

How can we treat everyone fairly, and why does it matter?

This question helps us think about treating others fairly, no matter who they are. It reflects the Others aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to build relationships based on fairness, kindness, and respect, showing that everyone is valued equally.

"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)

