



Newsletter – Monday 20th May 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 17.5.24:

Reception	88.0%
Class 1	98.7%
Class 2	86.7%
Class 3	97.9%
Class 4	98.6%
Class 5	95.0%
Class 6	99.3%
Overall	94.9%



**Attendance Champions:
Year 6 – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.6%

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Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **COURAGE**
This week's focus will be:
COURAGE



Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."



Global Citizenship Thread

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

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*****Dinner Debate*****

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

'What makes you, YOU?'

Dear parents/carers

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We are super proud of Year 6 and how they persevered throughout last week. They had a wonderful time celebrating after their last SATs test and deservedly so!

The attitude that the children have displayed towards the assessments has been outstanding. Throughout the week, the children demonstrated great stamina and resilience, and we are sure that everybody has tried their absolute best. We look forward to sharing the results with the children and their parents and carers in July. We hope the results will reflect all the hard work that the children, staff and you as parents and carers, have put in over the past few years.

West Yorkshire Police Visit

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Year 5 and 6 have further strengthened their understanding of local issues through a visit from our link police officers with a focus on knife crime. The officers were impressed with their prior knowledge!

The officers also visited Year 1 and 2 to congratulate all of the children who submitted their PC Bobby bear art work. They selected a winner from each class. Well done!



Challenging Injustice – Courageous Advocates

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Our children never cease to amaze me with their development into agents of change, willing to challenge injustices in the world. During a recent Year 4 Science lesson on endangered species, some of our pupils were horrified by their research into golden tigers. This prompted them to further explore the issue, conducting additional research and investigating initiatives aimed at saving the tigers. They have also raised awareness within the school community by speaking to their peers and teachers, creating Scratch projects, and designing posters. They are now preparing to lead an assembly on the topic. Well done, and best of luck with your cause!



Calendar



May

Fri 24th – School Closes (Spring Bank)

June

Mon 3rd – School Closed to Pupils (INSET Day)

Tue 4th – School Reopens for Summer 2

Fri 7th – Class Photos

Wed 12th – Father's Day Gift Sale

Thu 13th – Y3/4 Orienteering V Badsworth

Mon 17th – Y1 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Tue 18th – Y3 The Big Strum

Thu 20th – Y3/4 Tri Golf Festival

Fri 21st – Sports Day

Mon 24th – Y4 Class Worship

Tue 25th – Y2 RSPB Old Moor

Tue 25th – Y1 Class Worship

Thu 27th – Y5/6 Rounders V Badsworth

July

Wed 3rd – Fri 5th Northumberland Residential Y5

Tue 9th – Reception Class Worship

REMINDER: INSET days for the 2024-25 academic year are now confirmed. School will be closed to children on the following days:

Mon 2nd Sept, Tue 3rd Sept, Mon 2nd June, Mon 21st July and Tue 22nd Jul.



Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended the open afternoon on Friday. We hope that you found it a valuable opportunity to visit and speak with your child about their learning in their classroom environment. You can find more information about our curriculum, policies, and procedures on our website. Below are some useful links.

[Curriculum Brochure](#)

[Curriculum Rationale](#)

[Whole School Threads](#)

[Delivering the Curriculum Policy](#)

[Subject Essentials](#)

[50 things to do before leaving Howard.](#)

And much more...



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"Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility"



Are you worried about your own or another child's safety?

Speak to one of these members of staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:
Mr Michael Walker

The **Deputy DSLs** are: **Mrs Sarah McConnell, Mrs Jayne Albaya and Mrs Katie Tordoff.**

The **Safeguarding Governor** is: **Mrs Rebecca Fisher**

You can find safeguarding information including policies, signposts and resources on our dedicated website page: [LINK](#)

Anyone can make a referral.

If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, please call 999. If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call: 0345 8503 503.

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Support us in Talking PANTS...

What are the PANTS rules?



We use 'Talk PANTS' which helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Please support us in these conversations with your children at home to reiterate key messages:

[NSPCC Talk PANTS](#)



Code Club

Another fantastic Code Club to end the term - lots of collaboration and teamwork on display. Inspired by a recent science lesson, Year 4 were keen to use their coding skills to highlight the plight of endangered species.



Snails

Reception have been learning about snails. They have enjoyed sharing books, painting snails, labelling the different parts of a snail and had lots of fun holding their snail race. Sammy the snail left a wonderful trail for the children to observe.



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Golf

Year 4 have been learning about golfing techniques in their PE lessons. Last week, they worked on their drive!



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Local Area

Year 1 had an exciting afternoon on Thursday walking around our local area to help enhance their geographical knowledge. The children were identifying human and physical features. They saw a farm, a shop, the farmers field, a car park and the playground. They also posted the letters they have written to the King!



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Butterfly News

Rainbow, Elsa, Dinosaur, Balloon and Daisy began to emerge from their cocoons on Wednesday. The Nursery children have been fascinated by them! They will keep them for a few days to enjoy seeing them up close before releasing them outside.



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Magnetic

In science, Year 3 have been investigating the strength of different magnets. They then completed an online activity to consolidate what they'd learnt. Great work, physicists!



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ACKWORTH GALA
Saturday 22nd June 2024
12pm - 4pm

* Live Music * Community Stalls * Live Acts *
* Food Stalls * Climbing Wall * Inflatables *

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)

