



Newsletter – Monday 17th March 2025

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week ending 21/3/25

Reception	94.3%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	96.7%
Overall	95.5%

Attendance Champions:

Year 4

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:

 **SELFLESS:**

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition... rather, in humility value others above yourselves." – Philippians 2:3

Putting others first and thinking about their needs is an important way to show love and care.

Global Citizenship Thread

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

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the recent book fair in school. Your contributions make a significant impact, as the school has received a magnificent commission of £595.88 which will be used to enhance our reading provision

Dear parents/carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent meetings last week. It was fantastic to see such a great turn out. If you weren't able to attend but would like to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

During last week, colleagues from our NHS Futures in Mind Mental Health Support Team were in attendance and it was wonderful to hear a number of parents found this useful. For more information about the team, please scan the QR code.

Following on from the Sleep parent information session, our second session focussing on Managing Big Emotions will take place this Wednesday 26th March at 2pm in the school hall. All welcome.

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day

On Friday, we supported Comic Relief by inviting children to come to school dressed in something funny in exchange for a suggested £1 donation, as well as through the sale of red noses. We saw everything from colourful hairstyles to wacky outfits – and everything in between!



As a community, we raised an incredible £507.10. Your generosity will help support vital projects that make a real difference to children and families in need. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Governors Meetings

Last week, we held our March governing body meeting, covering procedural matters and key discussions, including the Headteacher's report. We also approved the INSET days for the next academic year:

INSET Days 2025-26:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 13th April 2026
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

This ensures dedicated time for staff training and development.

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Calendar



March
Wed 26th –
Mother's Day
Gift Sale

April
Tue 1st – First
Aid Training Y3
(KS2 Refresher)
Fri 4th – Y3/4
Easter
Production (St.
Cuthbert's
9:45am)
Fri 4th – Easter
Bonnet Parades
and the Great
Egg Race
2:30pm – Easter
Bonnet Parade.
2:45pm – The
Great Egg Race.
Fri 4th – School
Closes for
Easter
Tue 22nd –
School Reopens
for Summer 1

School Calendar
Document Link:
[Key Dates 2024-25](#)

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Farmyard Friends Visit

Nursery and Reception had some very special visitors. Lizzie from Strutt Farm brought along Dolly and Hulk the lambs, as well as three newly hatched chicks, for the children to meet.

The children had the chance to handle and stroke the animals, bottle-feed the lambs, and learn about farm life. Lizzie explained how she cares for the animals, what they eat, and why sheep are sheared. They also explored different types of eggs and discovered which animals they come from, such as chickens and ducks.

They had a wonderful time and would like to thank Lizzie for this amazing hands-on experience!



"Eat Them to Defeat Them" Campaign

We're excited to continue our support of **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!

Slingshot Car Designs

Growth in **MIND**

Year 4 designed and built slingshot mechanism cars, creating stable chassis and wheel axles before adding their own creative car bodies. Fantastic design skills!



Trees and Thankfulness

Growth in **MIND**,

BODY

Year 1 have been identifying deciduous and evergreen trees. They also played a 'Guess Who' gratitude game, sharing thoughtful reasons why they appreciate their classmates.



Djembe Drumming

Growth in **MIND**,

BODY, SPIRIT

Year 5 are loving their Djembe drumming lessons with Mr Wells from Wakefield Music Hub! They have been exploring rhythm, technique, and how drumming can bring people together through music.



Plant Investigations & Storytelling

Year 2 have been investigating plant growth under different conditions, closely observing changes since planting two weeks ago. They have also planned and shared their own stories inspired by Little Red Reading Hood—great teamwork!



Watercolour Daffodils

Growth in **MIND**

Reception used watercolour pencils for the first time, carefully observing and painting detailed daffodils. We are so proud of their beautiful artwork!



Nowruz Celebrations

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Reception and Year 3 explored the traditions of the Persian New Year, Nowruz, learning about the symbolic Haft-Sin table and how this special festival is celebrated.



Exploring Mass & Weight

Growth in **MIND**

Nursery have been learning about mass and weight in Maths, using balance scales to compare objects and practising new vocabulary to describe their findings.



Fitness and Coordination

Growth in **MIND**,

BODY

As part of our Global Citizens theme on health and well-being, KS2 have been focusing on fitness in PE. On Friday, Year 6 worked on their coordination skills through skipping exercises.



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Dinner Debate:

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

How can we put others before ourselves?

This question helps us think about how caring for others can make the world a kinder place. It reflects the Self and Others aspects of spiritual development by encouraging us to be thoughtful, generous, and willing to help, even when it means putting someone else's needs first.

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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:
Penny (Rec), Genevieve (Y1), Neve (Y2), Daisy (Y3), Lottie (Y4), Ernie (Y5), Imogen (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Anya (Rec), Eva (Y1), Hollie (Y2), Julia (Y3), Corey (Y4), Poppy (Y5), Jenson (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Martha (Rec), Blake (Y1), Gyven (Y2), Huw (Y3), Clara (Y4), Elizabeth (Y5), Arianna (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:
Emily F – For being a courageous advocate whilst considering injustice in the wider world.
Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Lotte B – For being a kind and inclusive friend.



"Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated."

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)