



## Newsletter – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

Striving for 100%

### Attendance

Week Ending 21.6.24:

Reception	92.3%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	94.7%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	93.1%
Class 5	99.3%
Class 6	87.7%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>94.1%</b>

**Attendance Champions:  
Year 5 – Well Done!**

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

**Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.3%**

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term we are focusing upon the value of: **CREATIVITY**  
This week's focus will be: **INSPIRATION**

**Ecclesiastes 1:9**

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*



### Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school thread is **ASPIRATIONS**

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT \*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

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

*"If we found out animals could talk, would it change anything?"*

Dear parents/carers

Following the publication of our school's Ofsted report, I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone who took the time to share wonderful comments, cards, messages of thanks, and even a range of treats for the staff, which we all enjoyed – thank you.

One parent captured the essence of what we strive to achieve at our school in their card by quoting Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way they should go – even when they are old they will not depart from it." I thought this was incredibly thoughtful and a sentiment I personally agree with!

While attending training last week, I was reminded of the importance of belonging and making connections. This sense of belonging is strong within our school community and is fundamental to creating a positive culture, which in turn fosters motivation. I was so proud on Friday as we all came together to celebrate our wonderful school community and the positive culture we have developed together over the years – it was lovely to see.

### Sports Day and Family Fun Event

What a wonderful day we had on Friday! The children enjoyed their house sports competition in the morning competing in a variety of activities and in the afternoon, Year 5 opened up proceedings for our traditional sports day event by playing the djembe (African) drums. The weather was perfect and there were some fantastic events on offer! The day ended with our family fun event.

We hope that you all enjoyed the entertainment and refreshments and thank you so much for coming.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day's events with special mentions to Mr Barstow for planning the sporting activities, staff who helped with fundraising activities, the parents of the HSA who ran the Bouncy Castle and soft drinks stall and to all the vendors and stall holders who supported – thank you.

Photos are now available on our school website and social media channels.



### Ackworth Gala

Ackworth Parish Councils' annual gala took place on Saturday. If you attended, I hope that you had a great time. Neve acted as attendant to the Gala King and Queen this year and it is wonderful to hear that not only was she proud to take on this prestigious role and enjoy the experience, she was also a wonderful ambassador for our school – well done Neve!

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### Calendar



#### June

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Y4  
Class Worship  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Y2 RSPB  
Old Moor  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class  
Worship  
Thu 27<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6  
Rounders V  
Badsworth  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6  
Mini Olympics

#### July

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> – School  
Transition Day  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup>  
Northumberland  
Residential Y5  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> –  
Reception Class  
Worship  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Leeds  
Discovery Centre  
Visit  
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – School  
Transition Day  
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6  
Leavers Trip  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Reports  
Issued to Parents  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Governors  
Meeting  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Y6  
Summer  
Production  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y6  
Leavers Service at  
St. Cuthbert's  
(9:45am)  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – School  
Closes for the  
Summer Holidays

#### September

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> / Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
School Closed  
INSET Day  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> – School  
Opens for the  
2024/25 Academic  
Year

Reminder: School  
hours will change  
starting in  
September, with  
the day running  
from 8:50 am to  
3:20 pm. This does  
not affect Nursery  
session hours.



## DO YOU HAVE DRUG OR ALCOHOL WORRIES?

There are many organisations in Wakefield and nationally that can support you and your family when you need help, advice, or support with drugs and alcohol.



# WHERE TO GO FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT IN THE WAKEFIELD DISTRICT?

## INSPIRING FUTURES

The drug and alcohol service supports young people and adults under 25. The service offers non-judgmental, support and advice for those who feel they need help with their drug and/or alcohol use.

[www.turning-point.co.uk/services/inspiring-futures.html](http://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/inspiring-futures.html)



## INSPIRING FAMILIES

A specialist support service for families, young people and carers who are directly affected by a person's substance use. This can be individual support, part of the 5 Step Programme or the 'Steps to Cope' programme for 11-18 year olds.

[www.turning-point.co.uk/services/inspiring-futures.html](http://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/inspiring-futures.html)

## INSPIRING RECOVERY

Tailored support for adults aged 25 and over with their wellbeing and recovery from drug and alcohol difficulties - including mindfulness and help with physical and mental health. May also may provide clinical interventions.

[www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield-inspiring-recovery](http://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield-inspiring-recovery)

## SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

Supports young people through HYP Clinics in Wakefield schools and online through the Children's Health Services app. [hdftchildrenshealthservice.co.uk](http://hdftchildrenshealthservice.co.uk)

## WF-I-CAN

Online advice service for children and young people including useful information and advice about drugs and alcohol and where to go for help and support. [wf-i-can.co.uk](http://wf-i-can.co.uk)

## WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT:

**NHS Live Well** - Healthy living, exercise, quitting smoking and drinking less alcohol. [www.nhs.uk/live-well](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well)

**Healthier Families NHS** - Tips and activities to help the whole family stay healthy. [www.nhs.uk/healthier-families](http://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families)

**Alcohol Change** - Support if you're worried about yours or someone else alcohol use. [alcoholchange.org.uk](http://alcoholchange.org.uk)

**Frank** - For advice, support, and information about drugs. [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Self-help groups that meet across the Wakefield District. [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk)

**Nacoa** - For information, advice and support for anyone affected by a parent's drinking. [nacoa.org.uk](http://nacoa.org.uk)





### Tennis Competition

Well done to all of the Year 4 children who took part in the Ackworth Tennis Club Schools Competition. One of our teams were awarded overall winners!



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### The Big Strum

Year 3 took part in Wakefield Music Services 'Big Strum' at Wakefield Cathedral where they had the opportunity to celebrate their ukulele skills alongside other schools. This event comprised of a workshop/rehearsal in the morning followed by a performance in the afternoon. This was a fabulous opportunity for the children to perform as part of a large ensemble. The children were fantastic! Well done.



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### Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 1 had a fantastic day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park! They saw polar bears, zebras, giraffes, monkeys, and more. In an engaging workshop, they held a cockroach and an African snail, and touched snake skins, feathers, and camel fur. The zookeeper was impressed by their knowledge of animal groups!



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### Spanish Speaking Skills

Year 5 have been practising their speaking skills in Spanish, holding a conversation including information about what they were wearing! Muy bien!



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### Northumberland Residential

Year 5 will be attending our annual pilgrimage to Northumberland next week, which directly promotes the school's distinctiveness as a Church of England school. They will be following in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert, making meaningful links, connections, and experiences that promote the Christian vision and values. I know that they are really looking forward to this experience!!!

[Northumberland Residential – Final Details](#)

### Sun Safety

Year 2 have had a visit from our school nurse to find out how to keep safe in the sun.



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### Commotion in the Ocean

Reception are enjoying the book Commotion in the Ocean and have had fun exploring the provision areas. We have seen some fantastic creations - wonderful submarines in the box modelling and loose parts and interesting sea creatures in the playdough.

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### National Handwriting Day

We marked National Handwriting Day last week and the children in Year 2 were proud to present their beautifully presented tiger poems.

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### Violin

A beautiful violin performance from two of our Year 4's in class. Amazing effort!

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### Photo Editing

Year 4 have been looking at photo editing. They have had to crop, resize, rotate and change the perception of a picture by adding extra features or altering the colours through filters. Great discussions about the ethics of photo editing too!

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BODY



### Buddy Reading

The children in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying their buddy reading sessions. There is some lively competition as each class is determined to win our reading trophy on Friday!

Growth in MIND



### Sports Day Montage...



*Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated*

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

