



Newsletter – Monday 25th November 2024

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 22.11.24:

Reception	97.3%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	86.9%
Year 6	99.3%
Overall	95.3%

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:

UNSELFISH

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Philippians 2:4

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:

'What makes you happy?'

Dear parents/carers,

It's certainly been chilly lately, but hasn't it been lovely to see the snow adding a touch of magic to our school grounds? It was wonderful to see the Early Years children particularly enjoying the snow and ice, using their senses to describe what they could feel. They also had great fun investigating who could throw a snowball the furthest!

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent meetings last week. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout. 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.

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BODY, SPIRIT

Calendar



November

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](#)



We are excited to share a new project launching in early 2025! This initiative will provide wonderful opportunities to develop the mind, body, and spirit, especially through hands-on STEM experiences.

With the support of the Howard School Association (HSA), we will build a polytunnel to house a fascinating collection of plants from around the world:

- In the *jungle biome*, pupils will explore how plants with large foliage adapt to thrive in humid, rainy climates.
- In the *desert biome*, they'll discover prickly, spiky plants that survive with minimal water.
- They'll also learn how *carnivorous plants* catch insects to grow in nutrient-poor soils.

Each class will grow their own plants and vegetables, using coding skills to programme automated watering systems.

This exciting project aims to inspire curiosity and responsibility towards the natural world, nurturing our children's spiritual, intellectual, and physical development. It will play a significant role in our curriculum developments moving forward!

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



Local Issue

Domestic Abuse – 16 Days of Action



Today marks the start of the Domestic Abuse 16 Days of Action campaign, an essential initiative aimed at raising awareness and encouraging conversations around the critical issue of domestic abuse, both nationally and locally.

As part of our commitment to supporting this campaign, I wanted to share with you the updated Wakefield Council webpage, which includes important support tools, how to report abuse, frequently asked questions, and a range of helpful resources. One such tool is the #SilentSolution – a service for those in immediate danger who feel it may be unsafe to speak. By using this, individuals can discreetly alert the police to their situation. You can learn more about how to use this system on the website.

Let's keep this important issue in our thoughts over the next few weeks. **Please take the time to explore the resources, share information, and talk to others.** Together, we can raise awareness and continue to support those affected by domestic abuse.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter.

Domestic Abuse - [LINK](#)

Fossils

Growth in MIND

Year 3 were thrilled to get hands-on with real fossils after learning how they are formed in science. They enjoyed investigating and identifying the living things these fossils might once have been!



Howard Family Celebration Worship

Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Hunter (Rec), Albie (Y1), Jaxon (Y2), Lillie-Mae (Y3), Noah (Y4), Ruby (Y5), All of Year (Y6)
 - Living our Christian Values: Martha (Rec), Canada (Y1), Isabelle (Y2), Mia (Y3), Isabelle (Y4), Millie (Y5), Frankie (Y6)
 - Living our School Vision: Mollie (Rec), Jessica (Y1), Gyven (Y2), Eleanor (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Grace (Y5), Oliver (Y6)
 - Living our school vision and flourishing: Alice S – For showing compassion and care.
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award: Jaxon H – For showing tolerance to others.

Nowhere Emporium

Growth in MIND

Year 5 enjoyed wonderful writing opportunities last week, creating their own magical wonder rooms inspired by The Nowhere Emporium. Their imaginations truly shone through!



Open Response Task

Growth in MIND

Last week, Year 6 concluded their science topic on evolution and inheritance. They showcased their understanding through an open-ended response task, demonstrating impressive knowledge and insight!



Guatemalan Dolls

Growth in MIND

Last week, Year 1 had fun exploring toys and games played by children around the world. They even created their own Guatemalan worry dolls! They have also been using their computer and mouse skills to create self-portraits.



Bowling Competition



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

A group of our pupils represented the school brilliantly at the inclusive Wakefield Ten Pin Bowling School Games competition. They bowled fantastically and secured an impressive second place!



Balance Bikes

Growth in MIND, BODY

Reception had a fantastic morning on the balance bikes! After learning about safety, including wearing helmets and understanding stop and go signs, the children practiced mounting and dismounting safely. They had so much fun pushing and gliding on the bikes!



Julius Caesar

Growth in MIND

Year 4 have been delving into the life of Julius Caesar, showcasing fantastic questioning and retention skills to explore his successes, failures, and fascinating history. They proudly presented detailed fact files filled with the information they gathered.



"Thank you to everyone that donated Christmas Jumpers and Nativity outfits for our first Swap Shop! It was lovely to see so many go to new homes. We're going to run this every year, and we'll be happy to take in any jumpers when the festive season has passed. We'll hold on to them for next year. We hope to see you all at the mini Christmas Fair on 6th December!"

The Howard School Association (HSA)

"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)

