



Newsletter – Monday 27th January 2025

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 24/1/25

Reception	97.6%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	100%

Overall **97.9%**

**Attendance Champions:
Year 3&6
Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2024-25) 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: **JUSTICE**



This week’s focus will be: **OPENNESS:**

*“Speak the truth in love.”
Ephesians 4:15*

Global Citizenship Thread

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

A huge shoutout to our Year 6 team for their incredible performance in last week’s dodgeball match against Badsworth! Howard came out on top with a 6-3 victory! The team showed amazing teamwork, skill, and determination, dodging, throwing, and catching with great precision. Well done to everyone involved – we are proud of you!



Dear parents/carers,

We are excited to announce that we will be marking **Children’s Mental Health and Online Safety Week** from **Monday 3rd to Friday 9th February**. We will be using **Place2Be’s** resources, which have partnered with **Here4You** to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

Here4You is supported by **The Walt Disney Company**, and through the characters of **Pixar’s Inside Out and Inside Out 2**, the resources encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how understanding themselves can help them **build resilience, grow, and develop**.

Our **Well-being Ambassadors** will lead a whole-school **worship** on the Monday to launch the week, sharing their understanding of the **five ways to well-being**.

Throughout the week, we will use some of the **Inside Out 2** characters to help us explore our theme: **“Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.”**

On **Friday 9th**, we invite children to **wear non-uniform and ‘Express Yourself!’** As the theme is *“Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,”* we want to encourage our pupils to be proud of who they are and wear clothes that make them feel happy and/or express their personality.

We will also focus on **online safety**, with celebrations and learning based on the theme: **“Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online.”**

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Calendar



January

- 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. Cuthbert’s Service (Admission to first Communion)
- Wed 12th** – School Disco
- Fri 14th** – Y4 School Nursing Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
- Fri 14th** – School Closes for February Half Term

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

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Big Me Day

On Tuesday, our school was buzzing with inspiration and excitement as we celebrated our Big Me Day, part of our Global Citizenship focus on Social Justice.

Children arrived dressed as their dream jobs, representing aspirational careers like surgeons, police officers, builders, teachers, architects, archaeologists, footballers, racing drivers, farmers, astronauts, and so many more!

Through engaging activities and discussions, the children explored how careers can help tackle inequalities and make a positive difference in the world. From worship to hands-on tasks, they reflected on how they can contribute to a fairer society.

A huge thank you to everyone who made today such a fantastic celebration of aspirations and social responsibility!



Recent Letters / Updates:

[Year 6 Science and RE Letter](#)

Please join us at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, 29th January, for a parent information session on sleep, and again at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, 5th February, for a session on managing big emotions. We look forward to seeing



Local Issue

Safeguarding
Online Safety Week

The UK Safer Internet Centre has created an advice page to support parents and carers. It addresses how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. ([LINK](#))

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Class Worship

A big thank you to Year 5 for leading our worship on Wednesday and giving us a wonderful glimpse into life in their class! They shared examples of their learning across a range of subjects, from exploring the ancient kingdom of Benin in History to tackling tricky fractions in Maths. We were treated to a fantastic performance showcasing their Music work, along with some impressive Spanish speaking and their Geography studies on South America. The pupils also demonstrated their creativity through Art and DT projects, including electrical greeting cards. Thank you as well to the adults who joined us from home – your support made the occasion even more special. Year 5 truly inspired us with their enthusiasm and knowledge – well done!



Science in Action

Year 6 got hands-on investigating shadows! Using torches, they explored how shadows change in colour, shape, and size. They discovered how the distance of the torch, different materials (translucent vs opaque), and object size all affect the shadows formed. A fantastic example of science in action!



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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:
Chloe (Rec), Blake (Y1), William (Y2), Freddie (Y3), Cameron (Y4), Emie (Y5), Ernie (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Liam (Rec), Rose (Y1), Phoebe (Y2), Evie (Y3), Isabelle (Y4), Etta (Y5), Florence (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Constance (Rec), Isaac (Y1), Masie (Y2), Edison (Y3), Bowen (Y4), Poppy (Y5), Jasmine (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:
Poppy H - Fantastic leader and wonderfully polite.
Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Y5&6 children for showing great sportsmanship!

The Abominables

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Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying their new class novel, The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson. They are demonstrating excellent prediction and inference skills while also developing their reading fluency.



Actions and Consequences

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In their Heart Smart session, Nursery have been thinking about the Scrapman's actions towards Boris and how they might make him feel. The children sorted different actions into kind and unkind categories.



Boris says: "It's great to tell others how special they are!"

As Scientists

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Reception have been scientists, trying to freeze their elephants solid! The children came up with some great suggestions on how to do this. They prepared their testing pots and placed them in different areas around the setting. They have also been learning about mass, using the bucket balance to explore which items are heavier or lighter. They have even been experimenting with making the scales balance!



Marvellous Medicines

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The children in Year 2 have been working hard, thinking of exciting noun phrases to describe the ingredients for their 'Marvellous Medicines'! They have been using adventurous vocabulary to make their descriptions as vivid as possible, carefully selecting adjectives to create powerful imagery. Their imaginative ideas have brought their magical mixtures to life!



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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 being open to new ideas and people help us grow?

This question encourages us to think about how being open to different ideas, experiences, and people can help us learn and grow. It reflects the Self aspect of spiritual development by helping us develop a positive attitude towards change, learning from others, and embracing new opportunities.

"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)