



Newsletter – Monday 28th April 2025

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 25.4.25

Reception	100%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	99.2%
Overall	97.3%

Attendance Champions:
Reception
Well Done!

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 95.9%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT
Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **WISDOM**

This week's focus will be:

DISCERNMENT:

"Test everything. Hold on to the good." – 1 Thessalonians 5:21

This reminds us to carefully consider situations, looking beyond the surface to understand the truth and make wise choices.

Global Citizenship Thread

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

Bikeability Reminder

Y5 children have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability Cycle Training. This course is designed to equip children with the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the road. To enable your child to take part, please complete the online consent form by Friday. Thank you!

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/root-hear-yep>

Dear parents/carers

Last Monday, our worship focused on the value of wisdom, where we discussed the importance of making good decisions not just for ourselves, but for others and the world around us. What better timing for such a reflection, as we take a wise step towards a more sustainable future with the installation of solar panels at Ackworth Howard!

On Thursday, Solar for Schools visited our Key Stage 2 School Councillors (our mini project managers!) for an exciting workshop. The children learned about solar power, how panels work, how to fit them, and even carried out an experiment to see how they generate energy!

We are thrilled to announce that Ackworth Howard is the 200th school to join the Solar for Schools Community Benefit Society and the first in Wakefield – double celebrations! We are part of a £2m investment from Solar for Schools to power classrooms across the district, helping to stop an estimated 75 tonnes of greenhouse gases a year from polluting local communities. The installation of 120 panels will be completed early this week, and we can't wait to share more with you as we continue this exciting journey towards sustainability. Keep an eye out for our feature in the local press!

What are we Learning
([Document Link](#))



At Ackworth Howard we believe in nurturing our pupils through their personal development journey to achieve readiness to become global citizens, equipped with the tools for life long living and learning.

Each half term we focus on a core Christian value - this half term it is 'WISDOM'. This goes hand in hand with our Global Citizenship thread of 'RESILIENCE', which is further complemented by our PSHE unit 'NO WAY THROUGH ISN'T TRUE.' - Knowing there is a way through every situation no matter how impossible it may seem.

INSET Days 2025-2026

Please note the confirmed INSET days for the next academic year (correcting the error in the 17th March newsletter):

- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Monday 5th January
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 20th July

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School Calendar



May 2025

Friday 2nd May – Concert for Peace Rehearsal
School Choir to walk to church in the afternoon.

Friday 9th May – Concert for Peace
School Choir to walk to church in the afternoon. Parents of choir children invited – 1:45pm start.

Week Beginning Monday 12th May
Year 6 SATs
Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 16th May – Open Afternoon
Parents invited – 3:00pm.

Tuesday 20th May – Year 4 Class Worship
Parents invited – 9:15am (**This is a date change**).

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

Recent Letters: [Summer Lunch Menu](#) / [Y5 Bikeability Training](#)



Healthy Relationships



Happy family relationships help us all feel secure and loved. As parents and carers, we often juggle many responsibilities while trying to maintain positive relationships. However, sometimes challenges arise, which can affect everyone. Wakefield Families Together has created a Healthy Relationships leaflet offering advice, tips, and support to help nurture and sustain positive relationships within families. You can access this here - [LINK](#)

Growth in MIND

Exploring Architecture

Year 5 are enjoying their art unit 'Architecture Dream Big or Small,' creating wonderful sketches of inspiring homes as part of their exploration of architecture.



Growth in MIND, BODY

Conscience Alley and Drama

Year 4 have been preparing for their retelling of The Princess and the Pea. They used conscience alley to explore different perspectives, including what the King and Queen might say to the prince versus his friend's advice, while getting into character.



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Howard Family Celebration Worship Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Bonnie (Rec), Mayzi (Y1), Sofia (Y2), Isabelle (Y3), Corey (Y4), Neriah (Y5), Arianna (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:
Ebrima (Rec), Joey (Y1), George (Y2), Daisy (Y3), George (Y4), Zach (Y5), Oliver (Y6)
- Living our school vision:
Elena and Maria (Rec), Geneveve (Y1), Alfie (Y2), Freddie (Y3), Carter (Y4), Yassin (Y5), George (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:
Caitlin W – For showing selflessness and kindness as a server.
Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Phoebe M – For checking in with others in their play and with their wellbeing.

Growth in MIND

Exploring Public Information Design

In DT, Year 3 explored public information design, learning about its importance in helping us navigate the world. They then identified real-life examples around school and evaluated their effectiveness, connecting design to everyday life.

Growth in MIND

Slider Mechanisms and Geography

Year 1 have enjoyed learning how to create slider mechanisms in DT. They also explored human geographical features, creating and labelling pictures that incorporate key features.

Growth in MIND, BODY

Minibeast Creations

Reception have been busy getting creative by painting, crafting, and modelling their own minibeasts using recycled materials!

Growth in MIND

Sequencing the Hungry Caterpillar

In Maths, Nursery have been exploring sequencing, doing a fantastic job recalling and ordering the events from The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Growth in MIND, BODY

Net and Ball Skills

Year 2 have been learning and practising their defending and throwing skills in their Net and Ball lesson.

Growth in MIND

TinkerCAD

Year 6 have started their new computing unit. This half-term they will be using the software 'TinkerCAD' to explore making 3D models. Today they explored the software from different perspectives.

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Dinner Debate:

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

How can we tell what the right thing to do is?

This question helps us think about how we can make good choices by stopping, thinking carefully, and listening to our hearts. It reflects the Self and Others aspects of spiritual development by encouraging us to use careful thinking and kindness to decide the best way to help and care for others.

"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)