



## Newsletter – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

Striving for 100%

### Attendance

Week Ending 27.6.25

Reception	92.5%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	97.3%
Overall	96.5%

Attendance Champions:  
Year 3  
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: **HOPE**

This week's focus will be:

**OPTIMISM:**

**"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." – Psalm 31:24**

*This reminds us to look for the good in every situation, believing that even when things are hard, brighter days are ahead.*

### Global Citizenship Thread

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

### Rounders Match

Well done to our Rounders Team who played brilliantly against Badsworth. It was a close match with excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship from both sides. A great effort from all involved!



### Dear parents/carers

*It's hard to believe we're into the final few weeks of the school year – what a busy and exciting time it's been! From enriching activities and special events to memorable opportunities for our pupils, there's been so much to celebrate.*

*This week, our Year 5 children head off on their Northumberland residential, while our Year 6 pupils begin the countdown to their leavers' events and the next stage of their journey. Across school, transition activities are underway, giving children valuable time to meet their new teachers and look ahead with confidence.*

*Please note there will be no newsletter next Monday, 7th July.*

### Tanzania Partnership – Project Funded!

I am delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity and your children's support through our recent non-uniform day, 'Splat the Headteacher', and previous fundraising efforts, we have now raised enough to fund the start-up costs of our new partnership project with Mshikamano Primary School in Tanzania.

The Sweater Knitting Machine Project will teach vocational skills, support food provision, and create sustainable income for the school. We can't wait to see the impact it will have on the children's futures. Thank you for making this possible! You can find out more about the project on our website: [LINK](#)

### New to Ackworth Howard Parents Meeting

It was lovely to welcome our new families to the school recently as part of our transition activities. We hope they found the morning both welcoming and informative, and we look forward to welcoming their children into the Howard School family.

Tomorrow, Miss Munday and Mrs Tordoff will be leading a session for current Reception children and their families to explain the changes as children transition from Early Years to Year 1. The meeting will begin at 3:30pm in the hall, and you are welcome to attend with your child after collection.

### Let's Talk History

We're incredibly proud of our school's representative who took part in the Let's Talk History oracy competition on Tuesday evening, organised by Wakefield Council and hosted by the National Coal Mining Museum.

Each school celebrated a local champion — and Emily delivered a powerful and passionate speech about Rachel Howard, a true heroine with a special place in our school's history.

Judges praised the content, delivery, humour and creativity on show, and our representative impressed with persuasive techniques and the ability to provoke real emotion.

A huge well done — your voice and confidence inspired us all!

Recent Letters: [Northumberland / Y2 Lotherton Hall Visit](#)  
[/ Current Year 4 - Efficacy Trial of the Rehearsal Room Writing Programme](#)

### School Calendar



June

July 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Whole School Transition Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> – New to Year 1 Parents Meeting (Current Reception Parents - 3:30pm)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Northumberland Residential
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Lotherton Hall Visit
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class Worship (Parents Invited 9:15am)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Transition Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Reports Issued
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Governors Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Summer Production (4:30pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Service (9:45am)



**Happy Healthy Holidays**

Wakefield Council's Happy Healthy Holidays summer programme is now live for bookings! Running from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> August, this free scheme offers exciting activities and healthy meals for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 who receive income-related free school meals. It's a great way to keep active, have fun, and stay healthy during the holidays. [LINK](#)

**Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon**

We are incredibly proud of Year 5 and 6 who took part in the Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon at Silcoates School last week.

The event involved a swim, cycle and run – and every child completed the course with determination and a smile! They did this with a positive attitude while supported each other all the way to the finish line.

Each participant received a medal and a goodie bag to celebrate their amazing effort.

**Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

Year 1 had a fantastic time exploring Yorkshire Wildlife Park! They saw an amazing range of animals including polar bears, zebras, giraffes, cheetahs and more.

They also took part in a fun and informative workshop! They had the chance to hold a cockroach and African land snail, and touch snake skins, feathers and camel fur. A brilliant day of discovery and learning!

**Bringing World Faiths to Life**

Children across school have taken part in engaging RE workshops, exploring a range of world faiths through hands-on activities and discussion. From sacred spaces in Reception to modern Muslim and Hindu identities in Years 4 and 5, each session helped deepen understanding and appreciation of different beliefs. A fantastic way to promote empathy, respect, and cultural awareness across our community.

**Exploring The Gingerbread Man**

Nursery have been busy exploring The Gingerbread Man through storytelling, role play, play dough, crafting, and number fun. A wonderful mix of creativity and early literacy!

**Butterfly Watch**

After a long rest in their chrysalides, Colin, Curly, and Cookie have emerged as beautiful butterflies. Reception have loved observing the lifecycle and learning about change and growth.

**Setting the Scene**

Year 2 worked brilliantly together to gather vivid vocabulary to describe the African savanna. They've created some excellent story settings full of

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

**Dinner Debate:**

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

**What good things might happen tomorrow?**

*This question helps children think positively about the future, even when today has been tricky. It reflects the Self and Beyond aspects of spiritual development by encouraging children to believe that better days are coming, to keep hoping, and to look for small joys along the way.*

*You might want to share something you're looking forward to—or talk about a time when something turned out better than you expected.*

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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:  
Franky (Rec), Arnie (Y1), Joshua (Y2), Lucy (Y3), Reuben (Y4), Isla (Y5), Oliver (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:  
Hunter (Rec), Thea (Y1), Jackson (Y2), Mark (Y3), Ollie (Y4), Ava (Y5), George (Y6)
- Living our school vision:  
Penny (Rec), Jenson (Y1), Jack (Y2), Theo (Y3), Corey (Y4), Hallie (Y5), Max D (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:  
Emily (Y6) – Fantastic oracy at the Let's Talk History competition.  
Golden (Play) Welly Award:  
Jenson (Y6) – For offering the value of service and being a great role model.



**"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)