



Newsletter – Monday 31st March 2025

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week ending 28/3/25

Reception	97.5%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	99.3%
Overall	97.0%

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 – 95.8%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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



This week's focus will be:

♥ **CHARITY:**

"Love your neighbour as yourself." – Mark 12:31

Helping others, especially those in need, is a way of showing God's love in action.

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**



Mother's Day

We hope all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and carers had a wonderful Mother's Day yesterday, filled with love, laughter, and a little time for yourself!

Dear parents/carers

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

We have achieved the Platinum Award for play provision for the second time following our re-assessment on Wednesday—and we couldn't be prouder!

We remain committed to enhancing play opportunities, supporting children's personal development, and promoting well-being.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey—staff, parents, local businesses, and those who have supported us with donations. Above all, thank you to our children for their fantastic ideas and enthusiasm!

The impact on health, well-being, resilience, core skills, physical strength, and overall happiness has been incredible to see.

Staffing Update

After many years of dedicated and humble service, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Linda Simmons on Friday and wish her all the best for the future.

Following a successful recruitment process last week, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jenny Barker, an experienced chef, will be joining us as Kitchen Manager after Easter. We have also appointed Miss Natalie Munday as a permanent class teacher from September—congratulations to both!

Additionally, Miss Chloe Tolson will remain in Nursery for the rest of the academic year.

First Aid Training – Key Stage 2

As part of our personal development programme, we are committed to providing first aid training for our children. This year, Year 3 will take part in their training tomorrow, as in previous years, while the rest of Key Stage 2 will receive an update and refresher during an assembly. I'm sure the children will not only enjoy the session but also gain valuable and important skills.

Futures in Mind

Last week, colleagues from our NHS Futures in Mind Mental Health Support Team delivered a parent workshop, building on the previous Sleep information session. This session focused on Managing Big Emotions, and I hope those who attended found it useful.

Following the session, please find below the links included in the presentation:

- [All advice films | ThisMayHelp](#)
- [Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)
- [For families | Anna Freud](#)
- [Children's Reading Well booklists | Books | Reading Well \(readingwell.org.uk\)](#)

Calendar



April

Tue 1st – First Aid Training Y3 (KS2 Refresher)

Fri 4th – Y3/4 Easter Production (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am)

Fri 4th - Easter Bonnet Parades and the Great Egg Race

2:30pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.

2:45pm – The Great Egg Race.

Fri 4th – School Closes for Easter

Tue 22nd – School Reopens for Summer 1

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



Recent Letters: [After School Activity Clubs](#)



Safeguarding Vaping Alert

We have been made aware of a vape called Purple Haze, which has been used by a child just outside of West Yorkshire and resulted in them requiring hospital care.

This vape does not have any obvious signage indicating illicit content, but its name—Purple Haze—is commonly associated with drug-related substances.

West Yorkshire Police have asked us to share this information to raise awareness among parents and staff about the potential risks of this product.



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Beanstalk Challenge & Capacity Explorations

Nursery have been inspired by Jasper's Beanstalk, using cubes to build the tallest beanstalk they could! In maths, they explored capacity, discussing how empty, full, and half-full containers hold different amounts.



Bridge Builders

Year 5 have been busy in the Makerspace, starting construction on their bridges for the mayor as part of their design technology unit.



Balance & Fitness

Year 4 have been developing their balance skills in PE, creating sequences of hops, leaps, and jumps through obstacles while mastering take-off and landing techniques.



Easter Performance

Year 3 and 4 have been rehearsing hard for their Easter performance and can't wait to share it with parents and carers at St. Cuthbert's Church on Friday!

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Dinner Debate:

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

How can we help others who need it?

This question helps us think about how giving our time, kindness, or resources can make a difference. It reflects the Others and World aspects of spiritual development by encouraging us to be caring, generous, and willing to support those who need our help.

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Growth in MIND,

BODY, SPIRIT

Thank you to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for leading Thursday's worship on mental health as part of our Health and Wellbeing global citizenship thread. A special well done to the brave Year 5 girls who performed a song at the end!

Growth in MIND,

BODY

Detectives & Aerial Views

Year 2 arrived to find their classroom had become a crime scene on Friday! They investigated the evidence and completed case files to identify the culprit. In geography, they explored aerial views, building structures to show their classroom from a bird's-eye perspective.

Windmill Engineers

Growth in MIND

Year 1 have worked with creativity and dedication to complete their windmills, carefully assembling and stabilising their structures.

Growth in MIND,

BODY, SPIRIT

Easter Garden & Soup Tasting

Reception have been learning about the Easter Story and created an Easter garden to remember key events. They also read Oliver's Vegetables, then chopped and prepared ingredients to make their own vegetable soup, using their senses to describe the taste.

Growth in MIND

Nets & Shapes

Year 6 have been investigating nets in maths, connecting edges to form cubes and drawing nets for pyramids and prisms.

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: Lottie (Rec), Rose (Y1), Jaxon (Y2), Arthur (Y3), Bradley (Y4), Toby (Y5), Florence (Y6)
- Living our Christian values: Holly (Rec), Oliver (Y1), Ruben (Y2), Daisy (Y3), Lily (Y4), Poppy (Y5), George (Y6)
- Living our school vision: Clara-May (Rec), Sara (Y1), Joshua (Y2), Lillie-Mae (Y3), Raven (Y4), Ava and Hattie (Y5), Aiden (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing: Phoebe M – For being an incredibly selfless person, always putting others first and offering help with a heart full of compassion. Golden (Play) Welly Award: Matilda W – For compassionate and conscientious care of others.



"Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated."

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

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- * Have-a-go Circus *

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