



Newsletter – Tuesday 4th June 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Summer 1:

Reception	95.3%
Class 1	97.3%
Class 2	92.8%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	97.0%
Class 5	97.0%
Class 6	97.2%

Overall **96.2%**

**Attendance Champions:
Year 1 – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.6%

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Values for Life

This half term we are focusing upon the value of: **CREATIVITY**
The first week's focus will be:

CREATIVITY



Genesis 1:27

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them."



Global Citizenship Thread

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

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Dinner Debate

This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

'Is it important to stand out from the crowd?'



Dear parents/carers

Welcome to the final term of the academic year. This year seems to have flown by!

As we move into another busy half term, I want to thank you for all your support of your child's education. I also want to express my gratitude to our entire staff team and Governing Body, who work tirelessly to provide the best educational and pastoral support for our children.

Staffing Update

I am now in a position to confirm the teaching arrangements for next year:

- Nursery – Miss Chloe Tolson
- Reception – Mrs Katie Tordoff
- Year 1 – Miss Natalie Munday
- Year 2 – Mrs Jayne Albaya / Mrs Holly Thompson
- Year 3 – Mr Craig Nunn
- Year 4 – Miss Katie Major
- Year 5 – Mrs Sarah McConnell
- Year 6 – Mr Daniel Barstow

Children in school will be provided with an opportunity to spend time with their new class teachers on Tuesday 2nd July and Thursday 11th July.

We are excited to share that Mrs Bloomer will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of the next academic year. We wish her all the best during this special time!

Statutory Assessments

The Year 4 statutory Multiplication Check will be taking place during this week and so it is important that children attend school each day. You can find out more about this here: [Information for Parents: 2024 Multiplications Check](#)

The Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 will be completed during next week, again it is important that children are in school in order to take part. You can find out more about this here: [Information for Parents: Phonics Screening Check 2024](#)



Pupil Leadership

During our recent Governors committee meeting, our Safety Monitors had the opportunity to develop their presenting skills when they shared the importance of their role in supporting our behaviour routines and the impact they have had. Well done!

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Calendar



June

- Tue 4th – School Reopens for Summer 2
- Fri 7th – Class Photos
- Wed 12th – Father's Day Gift Sale
- Thu 13th – Y3/4 Orienteering V Badsworth
- Mon 17th – Y1 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
- Tue 18th – Y3 The Big Strum
- Thu 20th – Y3/4 Tri Golf Festival
- Fri 21st – Sports Day
- Mon 24th – Y4 Class Worship
- Tue 25th – Y2 RSPB Old Moor
- Tue 25th – Y1 Class Worship
- Thu 27th – Y5/6 Rounders V Badsworth

July

- Tue 2nd – School Transition Day
- Wed 3rd – Fri 5th Northumberland Residential Y5
- Tue 9th – Reception Class Worship
- Thu 11th – School Transition Day
- Fri 12th – Reports Issued to Parents
- Wed 17th – Y6 Summer Production
- Fri 19th – Y6 Leavers Service at St. Cuthbert's (9:45am)



Recent Letters – [Northumberland Residential – Final Details](#) / [Year 6 Summer 2 Information](#)

Virtual parent/carer information sessions

Learn more about how you can support your child's wellbeing and mental health through childhood, the teenage years and beyond. Join the **CAMHS Future in Mind** mental health support team for our virtual information sessions.



Wellbeing Superstars – suitable for parents/ carers of children and young people of all ages

Thursday 25th July 12pm-1:30pm or
Thursday 08th August 12pm-1.30pm

Learn about common childhood worries, how to support the early warning signs that your child may be struggling and gain strategies and tips on how you can support your child's wellbeing.



Sleep Success – suitable for parents/carers of children and young people of all ages

Thursday 1st August 12pm-1:30pm

Learn all about children's sleep and the amazing benefits of sleeping well for your child now and as they get older. Learn helpful practical strategies to ensure that your child (and you) gets a better night's sleep.



Scan the QR code to register your interest and an invite will be sent including the joining link



With **all of us** in mind.



Attendance Really Does Matter... Summer 1 Statistics

Attendance has seen a significant improvement during the academic year with absence rates and the levels of persistent absence significantly below the national level. Thank you for your support with this.

- 70% of children (147) achieved above 97% attendance!!!
- 50% of children (104) achieved 100% attendance!!!
- 6% of children (13) are now categorised as persistently absent as their attendance is below 90%. This is being monitored by school and the local authority.
- A number of sessions were marked as children arriving late during the half term. School starts at 8:50am.

Potato Head Challenge

You may have noticed the Potato Heads on classroom doors during the last half term. This challenge encourages classes to earn a body part or accessory to build their own Potato Head each week their attendance exceeds our target of 97%. At the end of the term, the classes with the highest accumulation are rewarded with a treat. It's a fun way to motivate our children and promote regular attendance, and they really enjoyed putting together their creations!



Explorers

Children in Year 5 have been busy gathering information to complete their information reports about South American animals, linked to previous Geography learning and inspired by their class novel 'The Explorer.'



Special Places

In RE, Reception have continued their learning about which places are special and why. They have been learning about mosques and some of the features that we might find inside a mosque.



Working Scientifically

Year 6 planned an investigation on the conditions mould grows best in. They worked out how to make the tests fair and maintain variable control. Some excellent reasoned predictions were made!



London

Year 1 have been learning about different London landmarks in their English lessons. They have incorporated their new skill of collaging in Art and created a collage of the word London using images of London landmarks.



Animales y plantas

In Year 4, the children have been preparing sentences to describe the plants and animals that live in different habitats around the world in Spanish. Incredible effort!



Howard Family Celebration Worship Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Rose (Rec), Alfie (Y1), Lillie-Mae (Y2), Corey (Y3), Erin (Y4), Ernie (Y5), All of Year 6
- Living our Christian values: Albie (Rec), Neve (Y1), Arthur (Y2), Ivy (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Arianna (Y5), Lucie (Y6)
- Living our school vision: Jessica (Rec), Seb (Y1), Edward (Y2), Reuben (Y3), The Golden Tiger Advocates (Y4), Lewis (Y5), Martha (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing / Golden (Play) Welly Award: Oliver (Y5) – For always striving to be the best he can be, following advice and showing humility – in work and play!
- Reading Class Champions:
 - Year 5



Agents of Change

Our 'agents of change' delivered an inspiring worship. The attention of both children and staff has been raised to the critical issue of Golden Tigers on the endangered species list. Well done to our young advocates for their passion and dedication to making a difference!



Inspiring Art

In their Art lessons, Year 2 have been using a variety of tools and acrylic paint to create gestural mark making inspired by Howard Hodgkin, Van Gogh & Chris French!

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Share the News...

We currently have a post advertised on the Wakefield Council's recruitment website.

Cleaner [Recruitment Link](#)



Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

