



## Newsletter – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

Striving for 100%

### Attendance

Week Ending 2.5.25

Reception	97.5%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	98.3%
Overall	96.6%

### Attendance Champions:

Year 2

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:

**JUDGEMENT:**

**"Do not judge, or you too will be judged."** – Matthew 7:1

*This reminds us to approach others with fairness and understanding, taking care not to judge hastily but to consider all sides before making decisions.*

### Global Citizenship Thread

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

### Year 6 SAT's

Next week is SAT's week for Year 6. We're proud of the children's resilience and positive learning attitudes. It's been wonderful to see them flourish, and they should be proud of their achievements. Good luck to all – you are a credit to the school!

### Dear parents/carers

*It's been wonderful to enjoy some sunshine recently, giving us all a chance to reflect on how lovely our school grounds are, especially in the warm weather. Last week, we celebrated achieving our second platinum OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) award during worship. The children shared their thoughts on what they love most about play at school and reflected on how far we've come. They unanimously agreed: we have the best playtimes!*

*A big thank you to everyone who supports and promotes play in our school. Research consistently backs its positive impact on both children and staff, and most importantly, it provides children with the opportunity to lead and choose their own play. Well done to all involved, including the generous donations from parents and local businesses.*

### VE Day 80th Anniversary

*As we approach the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday, we will be marking this important day in school with the national two-minute silence to show our respect. Our school choir will also be taking part in the Concert for Peace at St. Cuthbert's on Friday 9th May at 1:45pm, alongside other local schools. Parents of choir children are welcome to attend. In addition, there are several local activities taking place, including the Beacon Lighting at Carr Bridge Playing Field.*

### St. Cuthbert's Church Visit

Reception and Year 2 had a wonderful visit to St Cuthbert's Church last week! Year 2 explored the church and learned about its significance to our community, while Reception had the opportunity to discover its special features as part of their RE unit. A lovely experience for both classes!



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### School Calendar



May 2025

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Early Years Minibeast Workshop

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5/6 Cricket Vs Badsworth

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

**Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 SATs

Year 5 Bikeability

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Open Afternoon  
Parents invited – 3:00pm.

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School Closes for Half Term

June

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – **INSET Day (School Closed)**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – School Reopens for Summer 2

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

Recent Letters: [KS2 Countryside Live](#) / [Early Years Minibeast Workshop](#)





### Safeguarding – Water Safety

As we move into the summer months, we would like to remind all families about the importance of water safety, particularly as children may be tempted to swim or play in open water. Tragically, a recent incident in Nottingham where a 16-year-old boy lost his life after getting into difficulty in the water serves as a sobering reminder of the dangers.

Drowning accidents are unfortunately more common in the summer months, and we urge you to talk to your children about the risks associated with open water. Please take a moment to read this important [link to water safety advice](#) and review the poster below for some key facts on child drownings.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.



### Butterfly Life Cycle

Growth in MIND

Reception have been learning about the butterfly life cycle, enjoying The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They used phonics to list the foods the caterpillar ate and practised their scissor and painting skills.



### Plant Reproduction

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SPIRIT

Year 5 applied their knowledge of plant reproduction by taking cuttings from our willow trees to clone plants. It's wonderful to see the school grounds being used so creatively in the curriculum.



### Tennis Tournament

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BODY, SPIRIT

Year 3 showcased their tennis skills in a tournament last week. Excellent sportsmanship and impressive forehands were on display. Thanks to Ackworth School for hosting!



### Positional Language

Growth in MIND

In Maths, Nursery explored positional language using Minibeasts to describe locations with terms like 'in', 'out', 'under', and 'next to'.



### Digestive System

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BODY

Year 4 explored the digestive system and creatively explained its functions, showing great understanding!



### Halves and Sharing

Growth in MIND

Year 2 have been investigating halving numbers and exploring which numbers can be shared equally between two groups.



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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:  
Leo (Rec), Charlotte (Y1), Sienna (Y2), Elsie (Y3), Zachary (Y4), Enson (Y5), Charlie (Y6)
- Living our Christian values:  
Lottie (Rec), Albie (Y1), Isabelle (Y2), Erin (Y3), Isabelle (Y4), Grace (Y5), Max (Y6)
- Living our school vision:  
Albin (Rec), Elodie (Y1), Bobby (Y2), Julia (Y3), Millie (Y4), Daisy (Y5), Lydia (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing:  
Imogen M – Always embodies our school vision.  
Golden (Play) Welly Award:  
William H – Sensible play during OPAL



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### Dinner Debate:

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

*How can we judge fairly and kindly?*

*This question helps us think about how we respond to others and the choices they make. It reminds us to pause before making decisions, to be kind and fair, and to think about how we would feel in their place.*

**"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)

