



Newsletter – Monday 7th October 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 4.10.24:

Reception	98.5%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	97.3%
Overall	94.9%

Attendance Champions:
Reception
Well Done!

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

Cumulative (2024-25) total so far – 96.6%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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



This week's focus will be: **GRATITUDE**

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Global Citizenship Thread

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

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT ***Dinner Debate***

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

'What does it mean to have a healthy mind, and how can we help ourselves and others achieve and maintain it?'

Dear parents/carers

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

I hope you've all been managing to battle through the deluge of rain that has fallen so heavily lately and that you've had a good week despite the weather! It's been wonderful to see how resilient our children have been, still finding joy in their play and learning activities, no matter the conditions. This really tied into our value of response last week, showing how they adapt and thrive in every situation.

Last week was also a fantastic opportunity to showcase our 'outstanding' personal development offer to other schools. We shared our approaches, walked through the journey our children take during their time here, and toured the school to see the impact of this work first-hand. Parents can find more details about our personal development initiatives in the [school brochure](#), which highlights the many ways we support your children to grow, both academically and personally.

Harvest Festival

We are currently in a period of thankfulness in school as part of our harvest celebrations. Each class is currently learning about the harvest and singing harvest songs as part of our collective worship routines. Our Harvest Worship (Reception to Year 6) will take place at 9:15am on Friday 18th October and parents are welcome to join us for this.

We will be working with Pontefract Community Kitchen again this year supporting them to provide help to people in crisis in the local area. Donations of tinned food and essential store cupboard staples etc. can be dropped off at school prior to the 18th October – thank you.

Autumn-Big Clean Up

The School Council recently reached out to Ackworth Parish Council, requesting equipment to help us participate in their Autumn-Big Clean Up initiative. Throughout last week, several classes engaged in litter picking both within the school grounds and the wider community. In addition to litter picking, the local community has been involved in tasks such as planter maintenance and bulb planting. Well done to all involved! This wonderful act of social responsibility shows how small actions can have a significant impact locally.



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Calendar



October

- Mon 14th** – Y5&6 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm-3:15pm)
- Tue 15th** - Finance Committee (Governors) / Y2 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm-3:15pm)
- Wed 16th** – Y1 Stay and Learn Session (9:15am-10am) / Y3&4 Stay and Learn Session (2:30pm-3:15pm)
- Thu 17th** – Year 3&4 Football V Badsworth / N&R Stay and Learn Session (9:15am – 10am)
- Fri 18th** – Harvest Festival Worship (Reception to Y6) / Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation
- Mon 21st** – Owl Experience Writing Day
- Tue 22nd** – Fire Service Safety Workshop (Y5&6)
- Wed 23rd** – Spooky Disco
- Fri 25th** - Open Afternoon / School Closes for Half Term

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



Children will benefit more from play times in school with a pair of wellies and waterproof coat/jacket – thank you.

Recent Letters – [Northumberland Residential 2025](#) / [Stay and Learn Session](#) – [Reading Focus](#)



Growth in MIND, BODY

Support us in Talking PANTS...



We use 'Talk PANTS' which helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Please support us in these conversations with your children at home to reiterate key messages:

[NSPCC Talk PANTS](#)

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Stone Age Homes

Year 3 have had a fantastic time in the makerspace, constructing the Stone Age homes they designed last week. They also learned new skills, including sawing and using a hot glue gun!



Don't forget to check out our X page ([LINK](#)) for regular updates and highlights from our classrooms! We share a range of exciting news, showcasing our curriculum, activities, and the wonderful experiences our children have each day.

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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: Esme (Rec), Oliver (Y1), Jack (Y2), Julia (Y3), Bowen (Y4), Phoebe (Y5), Emilie (Y6)
- Living our Christian Values: Clara-May (Rec), Oscar (Y1), Millie (Y2), George (Y3), George (Y4), Toby (Y5), Ben (Y6)
- Living our School Vision: Lottie (Rec), Arthur (Y1), Eden (Y2), Jessica (Y3), Noah (Y4), Greta (Y5), Layla (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing: Charlie and Ernie (Y6) – For showing compassion and care.
- Golden (Play) Welly Award: Arianna (Y6) – Being supportive to a younger pupil.



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WOW Wall

WOW Wall in Nursery is getting very full! The children are enjoying sharing all their amazing achievements outside of school!

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Weather Reporting

Year 4 have been marking the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn on a map and comparing the weather in these locations with the weather in the UK. They prepared weather reports on their chosen locations and presented them to the class!



Year 6 Highlights

It was a busy week in Year 6: in maths, they learned about long multiplication; in art, they used tone to create owl images; in RE, they explored the types of questions science could answer and those left to the Bible; in science, they studied the adaptations of plants and animals.



Potato Heads

Growth in MIND

Reception have been developing their fine motor skills by manipulating plasticine to create features for their potato heads. The children took great care when twisting, rolling and pinching the plasticine. We think their creations are wonderful!



Reminder – Parent Code of Conduct

We have been made aware of a number of concerns regarding interactions on WhatsApp. As a reminder, WhatsApp is considered a form of social media, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our [Parent Code of Conduct](#). We kindly ask that parents ensure that their behaviour on social media reflects the same standards expected on the school premises. Please be especially mindful of the language used.

Under no circumstances should staff members or pupils be discussed in a way that identifies them. If we become aware of further concerns, we may need to take additional action. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding on this matter. Thank you.

Have you seen our new online courses page?

Online support and guidance for parents and carers throughout the parenting journey.



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)

