



# Newsletter – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

Striving for 100%

### Attendance

Week Ending 5.7.24:

Reception	96.7%
Class 1	92.7%
Class 2	95.3%
Class 3	99.3%
Class 4	94.5%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	97.3%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.3%</b>

**Attendance Champions:  
Year 3 – Well Done!**

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

**Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.3%**

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term we are focusing upon the value of: **CREATIVITY**

This week's focus will be:

#### ARTISTRY



1 Peter 4:10

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*



#### Global Citizenship Thread

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

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

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

*'If you could be anywhere right now, where would you be?'*

### Dear parents/carers

Last week, Year 5 undertook their annual pilgrimage to Northumberland, which directly promotes our school's distinctiveness as a Church of England school. The children followed in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert, making meaningful connections and experiences that reflect the Christian vision and values of our school. The planning for this self-led, unique residential takes a lot of hard work, but the children's enthusiasm and knowledge made it all worthwhile! Planning for next year's trip has already begun!



A huge thank you to the staff who supported this residential. It couldn't happen without your commitment and dedication to our children.

It was wonderful to see the children engaging in transition activities last week. This included some of our Year 6 pupils visiting their secondary schools, new parents visiting, and all the children in school spending time with their new teachers. These transition opportunities often mark a time of great excitement for families and children. The quicker they settle into their new environment, the more confident they become in developing independence and enjoyment of their learning. Activities will continue this week.

### Experience Wakefield Summer Planner

Experience Wakefield (Wakefield Councils Tourism Team), are passionate about the amazing things for families to do across the district. With the cost of living rising all the time, they appreciate that the summer holidays can be a costly time for families. To combat this, they've produced their Summer Planner – it's got suggestion for something to do every single day of the holidays, with the majority being completely free, and where things are not free, they have ensured they are very low-cost.

You can find the online version of the planner by following this link [expwake.co/Summer](http://expwake.co/Summer) (along with some additional suggestions of things to do through the summer holidays).

### Calendar



#### July

- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class Worship
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Leeds Discovery Centre Visit
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – School Transition Day
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Trip
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Reports Issued to Parents
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Governors Meeting
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Summer Production
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Service at St. Cuthbert's (9:45am)
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for the Summer Holidays

- September
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> / Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> – School Closed INSET Day
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> – School Opens for the 2024/25 Academic Year

Reminder: School hours will change starting in September, with the day running from 8:50 am to 3:20 pm. This does not affect Nursery session hours.



### Democracy

Year 3 explored the British Value of democracy on Thursday, reading the manifestos of the main parties, before casting their votes at the ballot box.



Recent Letters – [Key Stage 2 Music Tuition](#) / [School Meal Price Review](#)

### Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT





### Safeguarding Update Digital Wellbeing

- Do you know a child or young person that uses platforms such as YouTube & TikTok?  
Keep them safe:
  - Set parental controls
  - Chat about online safety
- Be interested in their online activity & who they are talking to

Visit <http://wakefieldscp.org.uk/children-young-people/staying-safe-online/> for online safety tips!



Growth in MIND,  
BODY

### Forest School - Habitats

Year 2 have been investigating habitats within our school grounds as part of their Forest School lesson.



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BODY, SPIRIT

### Somebody Swallowed Stanley

Reception have shared the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. They talked about the importance of always putting our rubbish in the bin so that the animals in the ocean don't get hurt. They made posters to remind others what to do.



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BODY

### Athletic Skills

Year 1 have enjoyed their PE lesson where they focused on techniques needed to develop their athletic skills such as; control while running and co-ordination by using cones in activities to help develop this. Well done everyone!



### Northumberland Residential 2024

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A little bit of magic at Alnwick Castle/Hogwarts kicked off the journey for Year 5 on Wednesday before they followed in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert. They passed their broomstick flying training and enjoyed visiting Harry Potter filming locations!



On the first evening, the children set sail on their sunset cruise, exploring the Farne Islands where St. Cuthbert became a hermit, living on one of the islands for about eight years. Now preserved as bird sanctuaries, the Farne Islands offered the children a chance to look for physical remains from Cuthbert's time as well as wildlife such as seals and puffins.



The next day, very early due to the safe tide crossing times, the children travelled to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. They walked part of the Pilgrim's Way. The road was not constructed until 1954, and until then, the vertical poles were the only indicators of the safe route between the mainland and island. The sight of the poles stretching across the sand and mud is one of the most iconic views in Northumberland. Walking the route away from the road and following in the footsteps of our medieval ancestors was a wonderful experience and turned out to be a tough challenge, which everyone achieved – well done!



Before exploring Holy Island, the children accomplished another challenge: reaching St. Cuthbert Island. As the tide rises, it becomes completely separated from Holy Island. The legend is that St. Cuthbert used to escape here when he wanted to retreat away from the monks in the abbey. The children were invited to share in the school prayer.



After visiting Holy Island, enjoying an ice cream, and recovering from the day's exertions, the children visited Bamburgh beach for some fun on the sand and in the sea.



Our final day took the children to the awe-inspiring Durham Cathedral, the perfect way to round off their Northumberland residential. The children explored the history and importance of Durham Cathedral, St. Cuthbert's legacy, and his final resting place. They also completed drama activities related to stories of St. Cuthbert.



There are many photos available on our Facebook page.

**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)



# Electric Scooters

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

**Current law**  
You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on a private land.

**Why is this?**  
E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

**What happens if I'm stopped by the Police**  
The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

**E-scooter trials**  
The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

**Further information**  
Further details can be found on the following government website:  
Powered transporters - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

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