

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'

Friday 18th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who attended Sports Day and an especially big thank you to Miss Woodhouse who organised the days. The children all had a fantastic time and it was lovely to see everyone included and participating. And the best bit....it all happened without any accidents or injuries!

Upper Key Stage 2 Production

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's performance, a fantastic, if not slightly scary in places, production! It's not easy getting up on stage to act, sing and dance but everyone shone throughout. Thank you to the Upper Key Stage 2 staff for pulling it all together so expertly.

Transition Day

The children have all loved being in their new classes today and meeting their new teacher. A key part of the day was learning our new morning routine, which involves a meet and greet, journalling and mindfulness. This is part of our new PSHE scheme "One Life," which focuses on mental, physical and social fitness. More details to follow in September.



After School Club

You may start booking for our wrap around for next year via Arbor from the 25th July. Breakfast Club will be open for booking from 13:30 and 14:30 for ASC. You may only book if there are funds in your top up accounts.

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From September late collections will be charged the difference between the two sessions. For example if you paid until 4pm but are late you will be charged £6 and if you have paid until 5pm but are late you will be charged £2.90.

Playground Equipment

Please note we do not allow children to play with our outdoor equipment before and after school, if an accident should occur we would not be liable and may not be around to assist in an emergency, it would be your responsibility. Parents and carers would also be liable for any damage to property that occurs during these hours. We are aware of equipment that has been damaged in our Reception area and this is especially maddening as it directly affects your children's learning and development. Please be mindful of this when allowing your children to use the equipment.

Change of Email Address

Please note that our office email has now changed to:

ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk

Please do not use the old email address as your mail will bounce back!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st July	Reception Celebration event (details on Class Dojo)
Monday 21st - 23rd July	Y6 Residential
Thursday 24th July	Summer Fair 3:30pm
Friday 25th July	Last day of term
Monday 1st September	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd September	School reopens for all
Monday 20th October	School Photographs

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	98%
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Year 1 – Miss Wilson	98%
Year 1/2 – Miss Volland	96%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	97%
Year 3 – Miss Holding	98%
Year 3/4 - Miss Binns	★ 100% ★
Year 4 – Miss Richardson	94%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	90%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	95%

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Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bartle
Acting Headteacher



"Return to school support"

Do you have worries about your child's return to school in September?

Would you like strategies on what you could do to try to help your child?

Would you like to speak to somebody and get advice on what could be done to help?

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above, then the "Return to school support" service is available for parents and carers throughout the school summer holidays.

We have Educational Improvement Teachers (EITs) available to take your call to listen to your worries and provide support, signposting and impartial advice.

The EITs are available to take your telephone call on the following dates:

Tuesday 5 th August, 2025	10am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 12 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 19 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 26 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September, 2025	
Tuesday 9 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 16 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 23 rd September, 2025	



Please call the Educational Psychology Service on **01924 307403** and ask to speak to an EIT.

All applications for free school meals are now completed electronically online where you will usually get an instant decision.



To Apply:

Scan the barcode with your phone and it should take you straight to the free school meals online application.

Alternatively search “Free School Meals Wakefield Council” and click on the top result. [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

You can also apply by going through your account on the Parent Portal.

Please ensure all details are correct as this can delay the application process.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please be aware that the following benefits do not qualify for Income Related Free School Meals:

- Contributions based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Contributions based Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Child Benefit

Universal free school meals

All Children Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to get free school meals if they’re in a government funded School.

But if you are on benefits or low income, it is beneficial to apply for income related free school meals, as you may also be eligible for other schemes that could be running and your school receives extra funding.

You can contact free school meals fsm@wakefield.gov.uk 01924 305061

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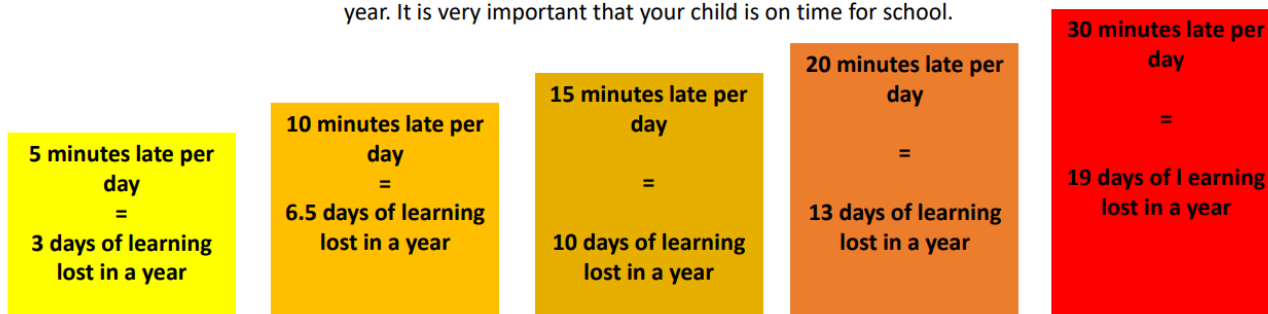
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



Every school day counts, arriving a few minutes late a day can mean days of learning is lost over the school year. It is very important that your child is on time for school.



L code = Late arrival after classroom doors close at 9am

U code = Late arrival after registers close at 9.10am (Unauthorised absence)

An accumulation of 10 U codes over a 10 week period can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for Irregular Attendance

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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.