

# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 12th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Phase Newsletters

Newsletters for each phase will be shared on class dojo, providing an insight into what is being taught this term.

## After School Clubs

Our offer this year for after school clubs is as follows. Places will be open for booking on arbor at the start of each new half term. **Please await further details as to when the Young Voices Club will begin this half term.**

Autumn 1	Young Voices Key Stage 2						
Autumn 2	Young Voices Key Stage 2		Sewing Key Stage 2	Dance Key Stage 2			
Spring 1	Young Voices Key Stage 2	Yoga Key Stage 1	Sewing Key Stage 2		Art Key Stage 1		
Spring 2					Art Key Stage 1	Science Key Stage 1	Football Key Stage 2
Summer 1		Yoga Key Stage 1		Dance Key Stage 2		Science Key Stage 1	Makaton Choir Key Stage 2

These clubs are run by staff in school until 4pm and there is no charge for them. They are in addition to the clubs led by Elite and our wraparound clubs. Please note that they may be subject to change, however we will endeavour to stick to this timetable.

Elite clubs are as follows:

Basketball and Dodgeball for Key Stage 1, Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday

Football and Rugby for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday

Gymnastics and Dance for Reception and Key Stage 1 on Thursday.

They are available to book on Arbor now.

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## **Speed Limit Around School**

The council are reducing the speed limit along the main road on the estate (Pastures Way), and the side roads around this to 20mph. This is fantastic news for our community ensuring all our children who walk to school will be kept that bit safer. We would love a zebra crossing on Pastures Drive and welcome all our families to share their feelings with the council over this! Thank you to all our families who have already done so. Pupil leaders are being elected in school next week and I am sure this will feature on their agenda when they meet.

## **Christmas “Cauliflower” Cards**

Children are busy designing their Christmas cards (yes already!). Order forms will be sent home on 26th September and should be returned to school by October 3rd. We cannot accept any orders after this date as the company producing our Christmas cards needs to collect them from us.

## **Open Evening**

We will be welcoming new families into school on Monday 17th November at 4pm. This event is aimed at families looking to join our school in September 2026. Please spread the word to any friends and neighbours. There will be a short presentation on our school, about our curriculum and values, as well as a tour of the school. There will also be opportunities to meet some key members of staff also.

## **After School Club**

Wraparound care is bookable on Arbor. You may only book if there are funds in your top up accounts. Please remember that the latest you can book for Breakfast club is 7am on the morning of the session and 12:15pm for After School Club. We cannot take any bookings or offer refunds after these times.

In a change to policy, late collections at After School Club will be charged the difference between the two sessions. For example if you paid until 4pm but are late you will be charged an additional £6 and if you have paid until 5pm but are late you will be charged an additional £2.90.

## **School Milk**

Milk is FREE to Nursery pupils and is ordered by school. For children in reception to Year 6 – whilst your child is under 5 years of age school will automatically order milk for them. When your child turns 5 you will have to start paying for milk if your child would still like it. Children in receipt of FSM who would like milk at school must inform the office – no need to register with Cool Milk.

You can register for milk by clicking on this link:

<https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

## **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

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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.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th September	Cauliflower Cards sent home
Friday 3rd October	Cards MUST be returned by this date
Monday 20th October	School Photographs
Monday 20th October and Tuesday 21st October	Family Consultations
Wednesday 22nd October	Reception showcase for parents/ carers (in class, PM) See dojo for more information
Thursday 23rd October	Nursery Pumpkin Event parents/ carer See dojo for more information
Friday 24th October	Key Stage 2 Eden Camp Trip

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	92%
Reception – Mr Smith	89%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	94%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	97%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	94%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbons	98%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	★ 100% ★
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	97%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	99%

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bartle

Acting Headteacher

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## **Community Family Litter Pick**

**Sunday 14th September**

RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park, Astley Lane, LS26 8AL

Meet outside The Little Owl Cafe just before 10am

Help us to keep St Aidan's free from litter & a great place for nature.

Sessions last until 12pm. All equipment provided.

Accompanied children welcome.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outside.

This is a FREE event.

Find out more

[rspb.org.uk/staidans](https://rspb.org.uk/staidans)

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654



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## **Free School Meals**

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**

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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.

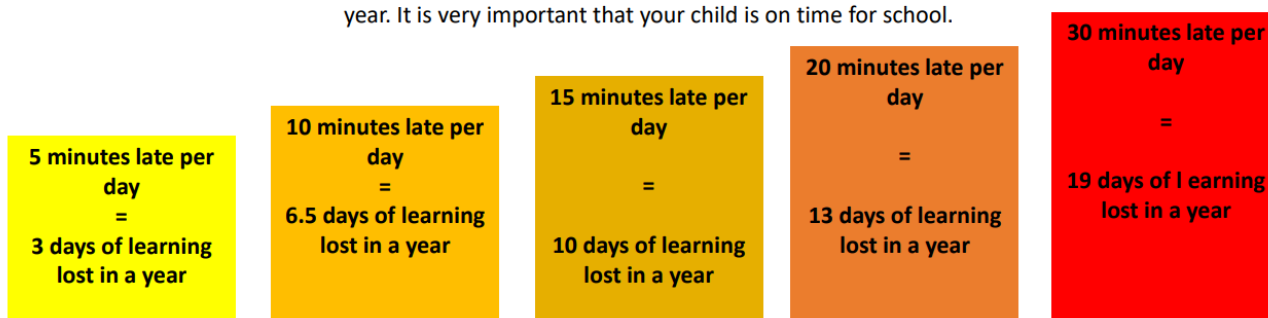
You can contact free school meals [fsm@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@wakefield.gov.uk) 01924 305061



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

