

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 21st November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas

Tickets for our Christmas Discos will be available to purchase on Arbor from Monday 1st December and will close on Friday 5th at 4pm. Tickets will cost £4. There will be absolutely no exceptions beyond this time to purchase a ticket due to health and safety and staffing purposes. Therefore, if you have not booked by 4pm on the 5th December, your child will not be able to attend the discos.

On the last day of term we will be holding a hot chocolate and PJs film afternoon. Children may come to school in their pyjamas/loungewear and will enjoy a cosy day with film, hot chocolate and biscuits in the afternoon. We would welcome a £1 donation towards this, however it is not compulsory. This is now open on Arbor.

Here is a run down of all our Christmas events:



Easy Fundraising

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ackton-pastures-primary-academy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

If you sign up during November school automatically gets £2 from each person. Please feel free to share the link with family members. Every little helps! Please see the poster below with QR Code and further instructions.

Safe Driving

A report was made this morning regarding a vehicle travelling at excessive speed near the turning circle on Cutsyke Avenue. This dangerous driving could have led to a serious accident involving our children. Please be mindful of our children when dropping your child off at school. It is always better to be a little late and arrive safely.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th December	Christmas Fair - 2pm start
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity - 2pm start EYFS and KS1 Christmas Disco after school 3-30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity - 9.30am start KS2 Christmas Disco after school - 3-30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity - 9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 12th December	Reindeer Run Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Nursery Nativity 9.30am Please see Nursery class dojo for more details.
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 9.15am and 2.15pm

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	95%
Reception – Mr Smith	95%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	99%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	96%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	95%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	98%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	95%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	98%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	98%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	96%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	97%

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bartle
Acting Headteacher

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Just search for:

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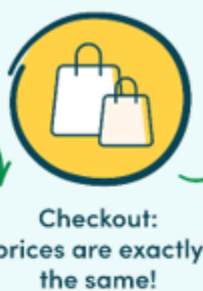
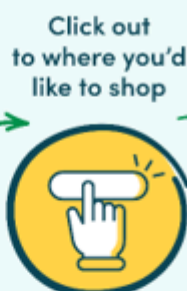
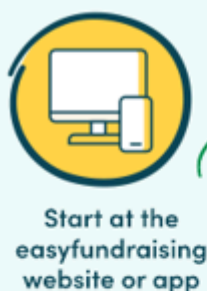


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Light Up 2025

Start the festive season in style as we light up the Wakefield District this November!

Bring your family and friends to **Light Up Wakefield** to experience a **light trail** like no other. For 3 days you can see more installations than ever before across Wakefield City Centre! Start your adventure at the Event Hub in [WX Wakefield Exchange](#) and pick up a free trail map to locate all the art installations appearing across the city. Unleash your imagination at ‘Let’s Draw’ where you can create designs for an ever-changing digital mural. Let the Norse mythology inspired ‘Ship of the Gods’ take your breath away. Step into the ‘Rhythm of Rhubarb’ a surreal, otherworldly landscape where giant rhubarb stalks will pulse, ripple and glow. Journey through dreamscapes with ‘Rever’, a vivid symphony of radiance and sound. All this and so much more awaits you!

Enjoy the best of what the autumnal season has to offer with cosy, community-centred **Christmas Light Switch On’s** in **Castleford**, **Ossett** and **Pontefract**. As the sun sets you can enjoy festive markets where traders will be offering a wide range of goodies and see entertaining live performances taking place on the main stage. There will also be delicious street food and drink, fun fringe activities from our partners before the pièce de résistance – the official switch-on and illumination of our town centres!

[Light Up Wakefield](#) Friday 21 – Sunday 23 November, Times Vary, Wakefield City Centre
[Light Up Castleford](#) Tuesday 25 November, 12pm-6pm, Castleford Town Centre,
[Light Up Ossett](#) Saturday 29 November, 12pm-7pm, Ossett Town Centre,
[Light Up Pontefract](#) Sunday 30 November, 12pm-6pm, Pontefract Town Centre

For more information about each event, including travel and accessibility information, please visit: [Light Up 2025 | Experience Wakefield](#)



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.

5 minutes late per day
=
3 days of learning lost in a year

10 minutes late per day
=
6.5 days of learning lost in a year

15 minutes late per day
=
10 days of learning lost in a year

20 minutes late per day
=
13 days of learning lost in a year

30 minutes late per day
=
19 days of learning lost in a year

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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Children and Young People

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.

ONE LIFE

PHYSICAL FITNESS | SOCIAL FITNESS | MENTAL FITNESS

Our Morning Routine explained:



Safe Touch:

Each morning children choose a safe touch to meet and greet their teacher (high five, hand shake or hug) and this is proven to help children feel valued, create a sense of belonging as well as releasing oxytocin, the loving hormone.



Thought Splat/Journaling:

After we have taken the register, we all complete a thought splat in our journals which helps us to write down any thoughts that might be stopping us from being present and our best selves. We want children to know that 'we are not our thoughts' and that not all thoughts are facts. Our minds are powerful and we must choose to pay attention to the positives thoughts because our thoughts affect our emotions which affects how we behave and 'show up' in our lives. We tick and cross our thoughts so we can make space to learn !



Mindful Minute:

Once we have cleared some space in our busy minds, we then pay attention to our bodies and think about our nervous system. We are teaching the children that we have two main 'modes' and we want our children to be in parasympathetic mode which means calm, regulated and when we preserve energy to concentrate and learn. We can't learn when we are in state of high alert (fight, flight or freeze) so we practise breath work to ensure that our nervous system is calm.



Affirmations:

Once the children are calm, we set our intentions for the day. We choose positive I am statements so our minds are being filled with goodness. I am loved. I am safe. I am enough. We are what we think!



Wise Words:

We end our morning routine with some wise words which help us to grow personally and reflect on inspiring quotes and messages. We want to feed our children with goodness so they know better, so they can do better in their ONE LIFE!