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Friday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performances

Our Key Stage 2 children were absolutely amazing in our Christmas Performances this week. We are so proud of them all, thank you to everyone who braved the rain and came to watch. We have raised £3275 over Christmas so thank you to everyone who has dug deep and donated, bought a raffle ticket or drunk a hot chocolate, we really do appreciate it so very much.

Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners -

Red - Millie B 1/2B
Purple - Nicolas 6L
Green - Ellis B 3B
Blue - Lyanny 5/6L
Gold - Dylan 6W
Silver - Jacob Nurs
Pink - Bailey Rec
Morrisons - Phoebe D

Thank you

Today we welcomed Mrs Mason back to school, she has had a lovely first day back in school but is now very much looking forward to a two week holiday!
Thank you so much for all your support and kind words over the last 9 months, I really have appreciated you all but I am delighted to be handing the reins back!

Aspens

Thank you to everyone for ordering dinners this week. From January we will be ringing parents/carers if you haven't ordered a dinner and you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch so please keep it up.

Menus will be posted on class dojo on a Sunday afternoon as a reminder.

After School Clubs

Our teacher led after school clubs for next half term are as follows. Places will be open for booking on Arbor on Friday 9th January 2025.

Day	Year Group/Key Stage	Club	Start date
Tuesday	KS1	Art Club (Miss Wilson)	13th January 2026
Thursday	KS2	Book Club (Miss Ayling)	13th January 2026
Thursday	KS2	Young Voices (GB & TL)	8th January 2026

The **Elite** after school clubs this half term are;

Ball Games for Year 2, Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday
Multi Skills for Reception and Year 1 on Wednesday
Gymnastics and Dance for Key Stage 2 on Thursday.

They are available to book on Arbor now.

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	98%
Reception – Mr Smith	95%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	94%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	80%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	91%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	90%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	90%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	100%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	94%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	94%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	99%

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year - See you all on Monday 5th January 2026!

Miss Bartle
Deputy Headteacher

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WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS

Activities are FREE for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals



Healthy Meal Provided



22ND – 24TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY

TRIPS

SPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

**FAMILY
SESSIONS**

GAMES

**AND MUCH
MORE!**

Find and book FREE activities by
visiting:
[www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/c
ommunity-support/happy-healthy-
holidays](http://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays)
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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.

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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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.

