

# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real joy to be back in school this week. I have had the pleasure of visiting every class and watching all the fantastic teaching and learning happening in our school. I have been so impressed with our whole school community, the atmosphere in this school really is so special. Thank you for welcoming me back so warmly.

## **Miss Bartle**

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Miss Bartle will be reducing her time in school with us. She has been asked by our Trust to support in another school from Monday 19th January. You will still see Miss Bartle in school one day a week as she continues to develop the amazing work happening in our SEND provision, the Hive. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well and in saying an enormous thank you for all the incredible work she has done here at Ackton.

## **Healthy Eating**

Please can we remind parents who send packed lunches to school to ensure that meals are healthy and balanced. It is important that our children are able to fuel their minds for their afternoon learning and we are seeing lots of children suffering from an afternoon sugar spike and crash after eating lots of chocolatey snacks in their lunch box. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## **Great Athletes**

Today, we revealed the Great Athlete that will be visiting us on the 27th January in our school assembly!

Jenny Wallwork will be running a fun fitness circuit, followed by an inspirational assembly and questions and answer session.

The children will be bringing home a sponsorship form today, so make sure to check their bags for this!

There are even some fun games on the back of the forms – don't forget to enter the Great Athletes competition by emailing a photo of the completed sponsorship form to [hello@greatathletes.org](mailto:hello@greatathletes.org).

If you would like to sponsor your child, you can bring in cash with the sponsorship form, or you can donate online by following this link and searching for the school name:

<https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>.

## **Mr Parsons needs you!**

Mr Parsons is embarking upon a big project to replace the carpet in six of our classrooms over the February half term break and is looking for volunteers to help him move furniture, pull up old flooring and help lay new carpet tiles. If you think you can help, please contact the school office on [ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk](mailto:ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk).

## Aspens

A BIG thank you to all our parents who have supported us in ordering your children's meals in advance. Today all children's meals were ordered in advance which is a huge success! The 15th January is a special census meal, please can we ask that you log on and check your menu choices as the option was changed recently.

## 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 wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Mason  
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/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays)  
or scan the QR Code



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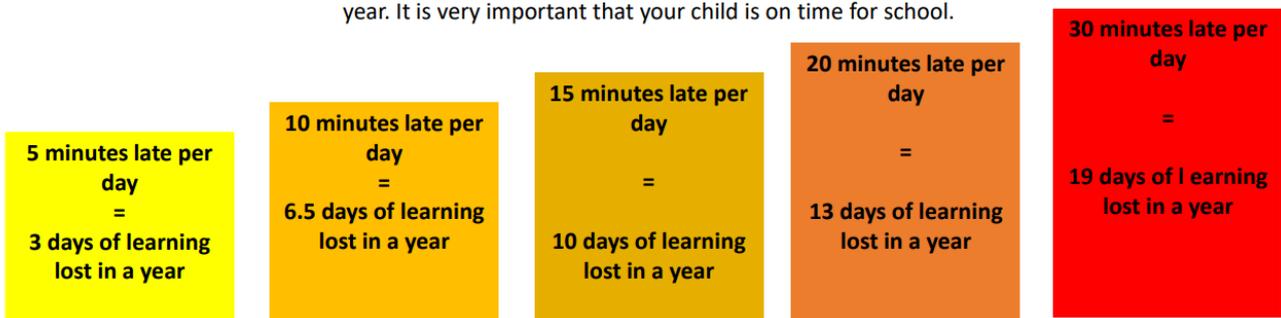


# Attendance Matters

## 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 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.

