

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy Newsletter

16th January 2026



This Week at Ackton

It has been another fantastic week within school. The children have really been living up to their daily affirmation of 'I am a bright light' because the positivity and pride as you walk around school is really evident. Well done everyone!

Cold Weather

We have had some really cold and frosty mornings this week and Mr Parsons has been doing an excellent job of making sure our paths are gritted before the school day. We do not grit our whole playground as this usually thaws by playtime. Please can we ask that you are extra careful on a morning and do not let your children slip and slide on the ice - we don't want any accidents! Please also try your hardest to keep off the grass to prevent lots of mud being walked into school, thank you.

Spare Clothes

Our Reception class is running low on spare trousers, socks and shoes. If you have borrowed any of our spare items please can we ask that these are returned as soon as possible. If you are having a clear out and have any school trousers, skirts, socks or shoes/plimsolls aged 4-5 that you could donate, we would be very grateful!

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Attendance this week	
Reception - Miss Ayling	97%
Reception - Mr Smith	94%
Year 1 - Miss Wilson	96%
Year 1/2 - Miss Binns	95%
Year 2 - Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 3 - Miss Blakeway	97%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	98%
Year 4 - Miss Holding	95%
Year 5 - Mrs Longoni	96%
Year 5/6 - Miss Lynch	98%
Year 6 - Miss Woodhouse	98%

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Dates for your Diary

27th January 2026	Great Athletes Assembly
30th January 2026	Young Voices Concert
13th February 2026	Last day of term
23rd February 2026	Inset Day
24th February 2026	Return to school
28th - 29th April 2026	Year 4 Residential Dearne Valley
20th - 22nd July 2026	Year 6 Residential Newby Wiske Hall

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mason
Headteacher

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FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



AT THE KINGS SCHOOL
Ackworth Road, Pontefract, WF8 3PD
STARTING THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026



Group 1	5.00pm – 6.00pm	School Years Reception, 1 and 2
Group 2	6.00pm – 7.00pm	School Years 3 and 4
Group 3	7.00pm – 8.00pm	School Years 5 +

Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 27 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. Places must be booked.

⌚ The course will be held on Thursday evenings, starting 15th January and will run continuously throughout the year. Children are welcome to join at any time during the term.

⌚ The cost of the course is £8 per week (which is payable every four weeks - £32) HALF PRICE £4 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £16).

⌚ ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out, World Cup competition and **NEW AWARDS** Best Defender and Golden Boot winner.

⌚ The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

⌚ The course will be held Indoors in the sports hall so trainers should be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

BOOK ONLINE www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

Alternatively TEXT 07772 461 506
PONTEFRACT+CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)
and receive confirmation by text
Stephen Carpenter

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Should I keep my **child off school?**

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.