

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 13th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy week in school. This week we have welcomed Miss Stanton to the staff team. Miss Stanton will be covering Miss Holding's maternity leave in Year 4. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very warm welcome! Thank you very much to everyone who has donated their used World Book Day costumes, we would still very much welcome any more!

Easter!

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual Easter Egg raffle in school on Friday 27th March, we would be very grateful for any donations of chocolate eggs or Easter treats for this. All children will automatically receive a raffle ticket and any extra tickets can be purchased via Arbor for £1 each. Tickets are on sale now until 9am on the 26th March. We will also be holding our great Ackton Egg Hunt on this day.

Easter discos will be held in the final week of term - Wednesday 25th March for KS2 and Thursday 26th for KS1, Reception and Nursery. Tickets for these events will be available to purchase on Arbor from early next week.

Parking

Our neighbours have asked us once again to remind parents to be considerate of their driveways during pick up and drop off times. Please can we ask that access routes to all our neighbours houses are kept clear. Thank you for your continued support with this.

One Life

Our morning routine at school is crucial to helping children settle into their learning and give them the best start to their day. We follow our 'One Life' curriculum on a morning which encourages mental fitness, social fitness and physical fitness. Children who are late miss out on these valuable opportunities to learn and regulate with their class. Please make sure your child is ready to enter school via their classroom door before 09:00am so that they can take part.

Dates for your Diary

25th March 2026	KS2 Easter Disco 3:30 - 4:30pm
26th March 2026	KS1, Reception and Nursery Disco 3:30 - 4:30pm
27th March 2026	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle draw - No celebration assembly this week!
28th-29th April 2026	Year 4 Residential Dearne Valley
30th April 2026	Mrs Mason's last day in school
20th-22nd July 2026	Year 6 Residential Newby Wiske Hall

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	98%
Reception – Mr Smith	97%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	99%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	★★★ 100% ★★★
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	98%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	★★★ 100% ★★★
Year 4 – Miss Holding	99%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	94%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	99%

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Mason,
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Electric Scooters

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

An illustration of a person wearing a black helmet, a yellow t-shirt, and brown trousers, riding a blue and black electric scooter. The background is a solid blue color with a yellow wavy line at the bottom.

Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I'm stopped by the Police

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)





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 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.

