

# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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**'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'**

Friday 27th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had such a wonderful day in school today, we haven't let the drizzly weather dampen our spirits. The school was flooded with easter bunnies! Every class participated in a fantastic egg hunt, with a surprise chocolate treat at the end and all the children enjoyed the chocolate raffle. We had some very happy prize winners by break time today! A huge well done to all the children who entered our egg-decorating competition, your entries were superb! Our Nursery children also deserve a very special mention for their amazing Easter bonnet creations.

## Parent Consultations

We will be holding parent consultation meetings in the school hall on the following dates:

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	20th April 2026	From 1pm until 6pm
Nursery	22nd April 2026	From 1pm until 6pm
Reception to Class 5L	20th April 2026	From 3.30pm until 6pm
Reception to Class 5L	22nd April 2026	From 3.30pm until 6pm
Year 6 including Year 6 pupils only from 5/6L	15th April 2026	From 9.00am until 5.30pm
Year 5 pupils from Class 5/6L	20th April 2026	From 3:30pm until 6pm

This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with your class teacher. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor from Monday 30th March.

## After School Clubs

The **Elite** after school clubs this half term are available to book now and are;  
Football and Rugby for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on Tuesday  
Football for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 on Wednesday  
Dance for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday.

These clubs finish at 4.15pm.

Our teacher led clubs will start w/c 20th April 2026 and will be announced after the Easter holidays.

## Polling Day

On Thursday 7th May School will be closed to all children except Y6 pupils due to polling day.

## Wakefield Happy Healthy Holidays

Wakefield Council are working in partnership with voluntary and community organisations, local schools and childcare providers as part of the WF Happy Healthy Holidays programme, funded by the DfE to provide free activities and food **for children and families eligible for income – related free school meals** throughout the district during the Easter school holidays. Booking is available via the QR code below.



Scan the QR code below to find activities and book a place:



Or visit:  
<https://eequ.org/happyhealthyholidayswakefield>



## Holiday Club

Our sports coaches from Elite are hosting an Easter holiday camp at one of our Trust schools, Half Acres Primary Academy. If your child is interested in attending, more details can be found on the poster attached at the end of this newsletter.

## Tesco Stronger Starts Grants Programme

Stronger Starts is a £5million grant programme in the UK providing up to £1,500 for local projects including education. Successful projects receive grant money based on in store customer voting with blue tokens. Our school's recent application to raise funds towards our Nursery outdoor Area project has been successful and we hope that you will help by using your blue token to vote so we can create an exciting outdoor area that our children deserve. Please vote for Ackton Pastures with your blue token, voting is available at the following stores:

2076 Pontefract Express Express WF8 2QJ

3021 Pontefract Superstore WF8 1BJ

4806 Castleford Express Express WF10 5NN

6433 Castleford Fryston Road Express Express WF10 3LW

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th April	School re-opens for Summer term
Monday 13th April	SATS Information Session for Y6 parents at 2:45pm in school hall
Monday 20th April	Parent Consultations in school hall
Wednesday 22nd April	Parent Consultations in school hall
Thursday 23rd April	Class photographs
28th-29th April	Year 4 Residential Dearne Valley
Thursday 30th April	Mrs Mason’s last day in school
Thursday 7th May	<b>School closed to all except Y6 children for polling Day</b>
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check in school
20th-22nd July 2026	Year 6 Residential Newby Wiske Hall

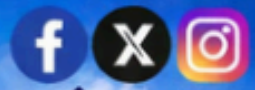
Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	90%
Reception – Mr Smith	93%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	99%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	98%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	96%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	94%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	98%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	98%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	95%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	<b>*100%*</b>

Have a wonderful Easter!!

Mrs Mason,  
Headteacher



**CASTLEFORD**  
(Half Acres)



**EASTER**  
**HOLIDAY CAMP**  
**2026**



**DODGEBALL**



**FOREST SCHOOL**



**FOOTBALL**

**Half Acres Primary Academy**

Temple Street, Castleford, WF10 5RE

**08:15-16:15**

**30 Mar - 02 Apr** (Monday to Thursday)

[www.EliteKidsCoaching.com](http://www.EliteKidsCoaching.com)



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Childcare Services

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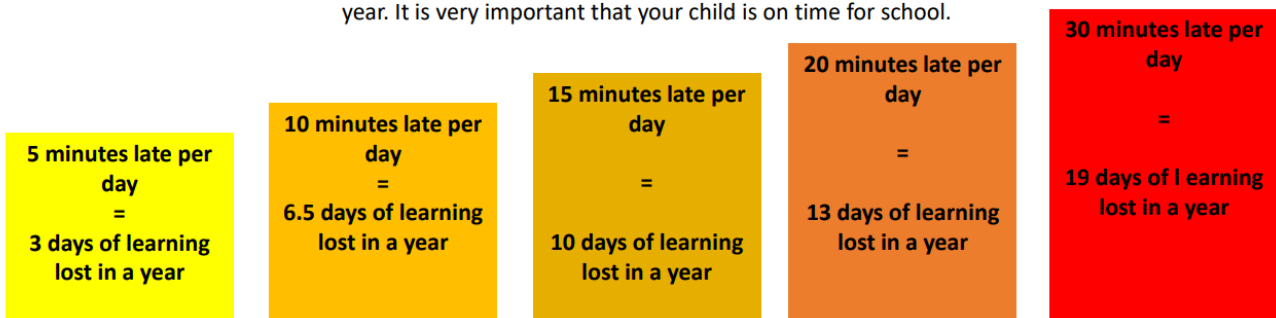
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## Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



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**

## **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.