

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 17th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a joyful Easter break with your families. It was lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week. We have had a busy week in school with Mr Ivel, our new headteacher, who joined us on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Ivel will be spending time in school over the coming weeks before he starts his permanent role after the half term break.

Parent Consultations

There is still time to book your parent consultation appointment! This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and look at their work in books.

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	20th April 2026	From 1pm until 6pm
Nursery	22nd April 2026	From 1pm until 6pm
Reception to Year 5	20th April 2026	From 3.30pm until 6pm
Reception to Year 5	22nd April 2026	From 3.30pm until 6pm

Appointments are available to book via Arbor until Sunday 19th April at 6pm.

Food Bank

We are looking to set up a small-scale food bank within school. Any donations will be gratefully received! Donations can be brought to school and they will be displayed during Friday celebration assembly. If you would benefit from any of the items from the food bank you can send a confidential email to the school office who will organise for a food parcel or items can be collected from celebration assembly or on a Friday after school by ringing the after school club bell. We hope this will be a real support for our community.

Polling Day

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

School Lunches

Thank you for ordering your child's lunch in advance. The kitchen staff are very appreciative as this has helped them reduce their food waste. To help further, can you please cancel your child's lunch order if they are absent. Simply choose upcoming orders on the SwiftKitchen app and then click cancel order. If you are unable to do this please ask the office to help when you phone in to report their absence.

After School Clubs

Our teacher led after school clubs for this half term are detailed below. Places are now open for booking on Arbor.

Club	Year Group/Key Stage	Start Date
Book Club (Miss Ayling)	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday 21st April
Science Club (Miss Turfrey)	KS1	Tuesday 21st April
Makaton (Mr Smith)	KS2	Tuesday 21st April
Dance (Miss Gibbins)	KS2	Wednesday 22nd April

Dates for your Diary

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	School closed to all except Y6 children for polling Day
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	96%
Reception – Mr Smith	96%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	97%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	99%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	96%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	93%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	99%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	94%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	95%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	89%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	*100%*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Mason, Headteacher

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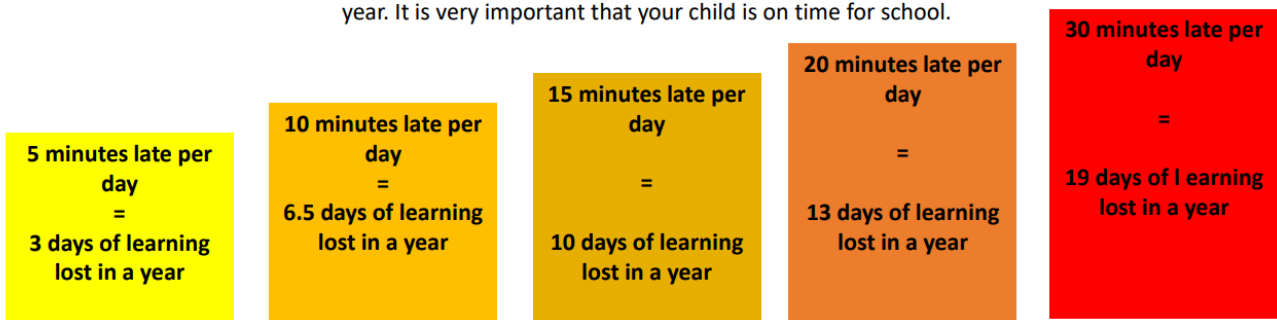
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



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 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.

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Castleford Football



Development

At Castleford Academy (Grass)
Healdfield Rd, Castleford, WF10 4LJ
Starting on Wednesday 13th May 2026



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Wednesday at Castleford Academy**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic grass pitch so boots or trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £6.67 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:



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0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534
www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

Understanding children's behaviour



Free local workshops



Find out
what's driving
your child's
behaviour

Come
along!

Come along and:

- Understand feelings and needs behind children's behaviour
- Discover the importance of listening to children, and how it can support meeting their needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence children's behaviour

More information

Wednesday 22nd
April
1pm-2:30pm
@The Hut, Airedale

Please ring Kendal
Drive to book on
01977 723543

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Spreading Kindness in our Community

How we can help you:

We provide:

- Uniforms free of charge for local schools.
- Essential sleepwear parcels that contain a pair of brand new pyjamas, a blanket and a teddy.
- Bedding, duvets and pillows.
- Hygiene packs (toiletries such as shower gel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, period products).

We work with local businesses to increase our reach and support more families

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Know Someone
Who Does?



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