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Friday 24th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school. Our Year 6 children have practiced their SATs under test conditions this week, using the classrooms that will be used during test week. This was an opportunity to make sure that all arrangements are familiar before they sit them for real in May. They were all fantastic and took the changes in their stride - Well done Year 6.

Our Year 4 and 5 children also managed brilliantly having some of their lessons in the hall. They enjoyed working collaboratively and completing some creative writing projects on their chrome books.

Our Year 5 children have completed their bikeability programme this week, learning how to cycle safely on the road. The instructors were really impressed with their manners and fantastic behaviour. We were all so proud to receive so many compliments from them all!

Thank you to everyone who attended their parent consultation meetings this week. It is always lovely to see teachers and parents working closely to support our children. If you did not manage to see your child's class teacher and would like to discuss their progress please contact them via class Dojo.

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.

Vaping and Smoking on site

Please can we politely remind parents that there is no smoking or vaping on school site. Thank you for your continued support in this.

Polling Day

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

Year 6 Residential Meeting

On Monday 23rd June from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, there will be a Year 6 Residential Meeting. Please make every effort to try and attend this meeting as it will provide all the information you need for the residential in July.

Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication check in school
Monday 23rd June - 2.30pm to 3.30pm	Year 6 Residential Meeting
20th-22nd July 2026	Year 6 Residential Newby Wiske Hall

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	88%
Reception – Mr Smith	97%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	98%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	98%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	95%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	99%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	96%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	95%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	94%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	*100%*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Mason
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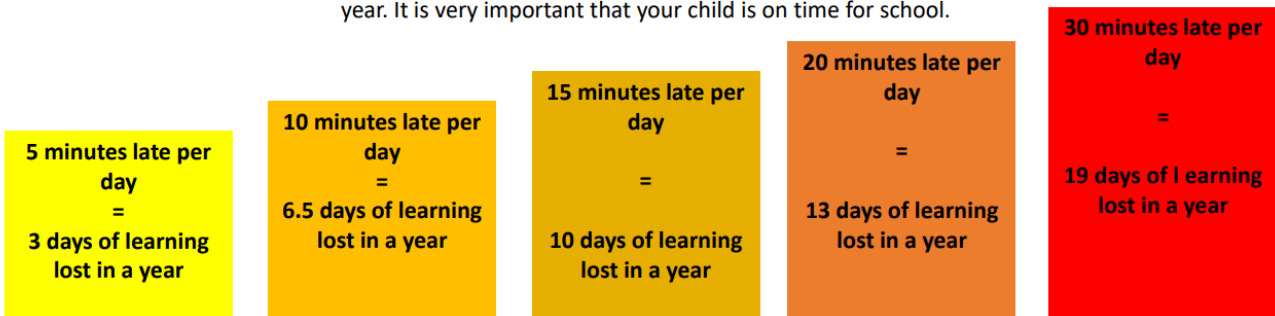
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



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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Wakefield Parent Education Hub

What is it?

A new, easy-to-use website has launched in Wakefield, giving families clear information, practical tools and helpful resources to support their child's health, development and learning.

Who is it for?

The website is for all Wakefield families, including families who home educate and those with children who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). The website can help support children and young people from birth up to 19 years old (or up to 25 years old for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan).

Why is it useful?

Created with local parents and partners, it brings trusted local and national guidance together in one place to help every child thrive.

What you'll find on the website:

Clear, easy-to-follow information on health, safety and wellbeing topics



Activities and resources to help build resilience and confidence



Easy-to-understand information and tips for talking about different topics at home



Practical advice and ideas to support with feelings and emotions



Speech, language and communication advice and support for under 5yrs.



Links to trusted local and national support



Scan the **QR code** to go to the **website!**

<https://www.riskandresilience.org.uk/>