
Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school, lots of classes have had their first taste of Forest school and we are delighted that these sessions will continue on alternate Tuesdays. All classes will get to experience Forest school at some point across this year, so if your child has not started yet, don't panic, their turn will come! Year 5 and 6 had the chance to experience some Drama workshops with Amber from the London School of Drama. It was also wonderful to see Reception exploring outdoor natural sounds in their outdoor area this week.

After School Clubs.

Just a reminder of our after school teacher led clubs for this term, spaces are filling up fast so please do log on to Arbor to book your places as soon as possible. The clubs below are the only ones still with places available.

Day	Year Group/Key Stage	Club	Start date
Wednesday	Years 5 and 6	Football Club (Mr Smith)	30 September 2026
Wednesday	Reception and Year 1	Sketching (Miss Briscoe)	30 September 2026
Wednesday	Years 1 and Year 2	Spanish Club (Miss Moorby)	30 September 2026
Thursday	Years 1 and 2	Musical Theatre (Miss Gibbins)	1 October 2026

After school club Sports Day and Halloween Night:

Our wrap around after school club is open every night to all families with places available until 5pm. The cost of this afterschool club is £4.00 until 4pm and £10.00 until 5pm . We are delighted to be offering some special events at after school club again this term with our first two events detailed below:

- 1) **Tuesday 29th September Sports Day**, a good old fashioned sports day event with egg and spoon races, skipping and a range of races for all to join in with. I am told there will even be medals and certificates given out!

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- 2) ***Thursday 15th October is Halloween Craft night*** in which children will be able to join in with a range of Halloween themed crafts, perfect for decorating their bedrooms!

We expect these two evenings to be popular so please book your places as soon as possible. After school bookings must be made by 4.00pm the night before and Breakfast club bookings must be made by 6.30am on the day to ensure the team can plan food and prevent waste.

Allergies.

Class teachers have been busy sending out Individual healthcare plans for children that we have on our allergy list. Please can we ask parents to spend the time completing these and return these to school, with supporting information from your Doctor at your agreed meeting time. Teachers will then support you with ensuring these are filled in correctly. If your child has an allergy and you have not received a form, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that we will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning, as part of our Celebration assembly, on Friday 25th September. This will take place just inside the main entrance and will help raise vital funds for such an important cause to many of us. Please could we ask for any donations of cakes, biscuits or treats for us to sell as part of this? These can be brought to the main school office during that week. We thank you in advance for your support of this.

PTA Meeting:

We are delighted to let you know that the PTA for Ackton Pastures is being reestablished this year. This is a team of school parents that work together to raise vital money for school and put on fundraising events. Mrs Peters and Mrs Chester have organised a meeting to invite new parents to join the PTA. The meeting will take place at 3.30pm on Monday 21st September in school. We would love to see any parents who could contribute some time or energy to supporting the group, at this meeting. Please head to the main office on the day and Mrs Peters will meet you there. We kindly ask that children do not attend the meeting, if you would like to attend but have problems with childcare, please do contact Mrs Peters, who can often be found in the Y5/6 classrooms at the end of the school day.

Investment in school

You may have noticed how hard Mr Parsons and his team have been working over Summer to get school looking ready for the new term. We are delighted to have secured some further funding to invest in our Nursery and Early Years outdoor areas. Please bear with us whilst we make some changes over the coming months but we are really excited to be able to invest in making these outdoor areas an even more interactive learning space for our youngest children. The new fencing round school and tidying up lots of the old planters has certainly made a difference to the playground. Please encourage children to respect school property and pick up their litter to keep school looking as inviting as we can. A big thank you to Mr Parsons and his team for always going above and beyond!

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Mrs Jackson	94%
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Year 1 – Miss Wilson	98%
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turfrey	97%
Year 2 – Miss Moorby	★100%★
Year 3 – Miss Briscoe	97%
Year 3/4 - Miss Naylor	92%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	93%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	97%
Year 5/6 – Mrs Longoni	99%
Year 6 – Miss Lynch	★100%★

Finally, a reminder of our key dates for this academic year which are attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Nursery parents We have added some new dates to this list which are specifically for Nursery families so please do add these to your diaries.

Have a wonderful weekend, however you spend it and enjoy some family time together. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mr Ivel

Headteacher

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy Diary 2026-27

<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
1st 2nd 15th 25th 30th	Inset day School opens Bonfire Talk Macmillan Coffee morning Flu immunisations (Rec - Y6)	1st 6th 9th 19th 20th 21st 23rd 23rd	KS1 Harvest visit to church Maths open morning for parents Non-uniform - 'Hello yellow awareness' Individual photographs Parents' evening Parents' evening Nursery pumpkin picking 1:30-2:30pm Break up for Half term
<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
2nd 3rd 4th 18th 20th	School Reopens EYFS/KS1 Halloween disco KS2 Halloween disco EYFS open evening 3:45-4:45pm Non-uniform - bring a bottle	2nd 7th 8th 9th 10th 10th 11th 15th 15th 16th 18th	Reception advent visit to church Christmas Fair KS1 Nativity KS1 Nativity Christmas jumper day Reception Nativity Reception Nativity Nursery Christmas workshop 1:30-2:30pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas extravaganza Y5 & Y6 Christmas Extravaganza Reindeer Run January Nursery starters stay & play 1:30-2:30pm Christmas Movie afternoon Break up for Christmas
<u>January</u>		<u>February</u>	
4th 19th 29th	School reopens Reading open morning for parents Y5/6 showcase afternoon	5th 9th 10th 12th 12th 22nd 23rd 25th	Year 1&2 Showcase Afternoon EYFS/KS1 Valentines Disco KS2 Valentines Disco Year 3&4 Showcase afternoon Non uniform Candlelighters fundraiser Break up for half term Inset Day School Reopens Young Voices
<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
1st -4th 4th 23rd-24th 23rd 23rd 24th 25th 25th	Bookfair after school World Book Day Y4 Residential to Dearne Valley April Nursery starters stay & play 1:30-2:30pm Parents' evening Parents' evening Easter Raffle Nursery Easter workshop 1:30-2:30pm 4front Easter Production (Reception-Y6) Break up for half term	12th	School Reopens
<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
3rd 6th	Bank Holiday Class Photographs	14th 18th	Return to school Non uniform day - Bring a bottle

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10th-13th 14th 20th 21st 28th 28th	SATS week Ice Cream van for Y6 Non uniform Diabetes Fundraiser Inset Day Colour run Break up for half term	28th	Summer Fair
<u>July</u>			
1st 2nd 6th 8th 9th/12th 13th 14th 15th 19th-21st 23rd 23rd	Sports Day EYFS/KS1 Sports Day KS2 Results Day Reception - Swithens Farm Whole School Transition Days Year 6 Production 1:30pm Year 6 Production 9:30am Y1 & Y2 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske Hall Year 6 Leavers Assembly Break Up for the Summer Holidays		

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