
Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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'Children at the heart; inspiring futures'

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school this week, the children have returned happy and enthusiastic and eager to get started with this academic year. It has been lovely to hear them sharing their stories of the summer holidays and seeing them settle back into our school routines so well.

School Leadership:

A reminder of some key contacts and our leadership team in school for this year:

Headteacher = Mr Ivel

Trust Deputy Headteacher (Thursday/Fridays at Ackton) = Mr Walker

Assistant Headteachers = Miss Woodhouse/Miss Naylor

Trust SENCO = Miss Brown

EYFS Leader = Mrs Jackson

KS1 Leader = Mrs Turfrey

Year 3/4 Leader = Miss Naylor

Year 5/6 Leader = Miss Lynch

Term/Diary Dates and school times.

Please see our website for the academic term dates for this school year.

A reminder school doors open in the morning at 8.45am and close promptly at 9am.

Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and must enter through the main school office. School finishes at 3.15pm (our school gates are unlocked at 3.05pm).

We are delighted to attach to this newsletter our diary overview for the year ahead - this has all the planned dates that we know about at the moment and further information about these events will be sent to relevant families closer to the time.

There may be additional dates added to this throughout the year which we will communicate to you. We hope this information helps you plan your time and allows you to join us in school for specific events.

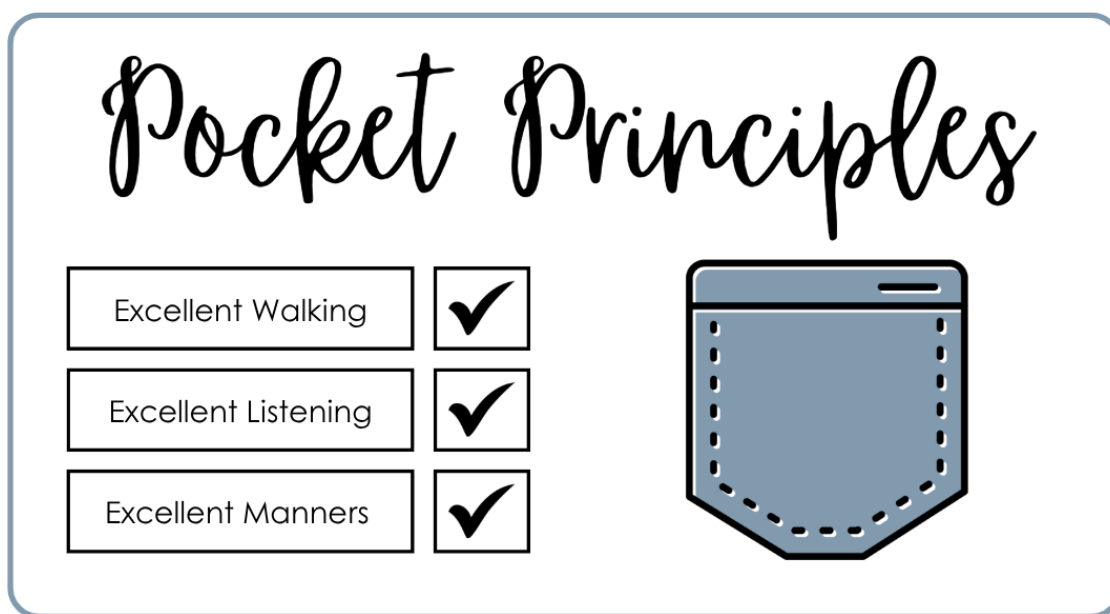
A reminder about consent forms

The office have been busy distributing our consent forms we require from parents, predominantly via Arbor. A reminder consent is needed for our Y5/6 children to walk home/bring a mobile phone to school. We will also be sending home our home school agreement to parents next week to acknowledge, which outlines the expectations of school and home to best support your children.

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Pocket Principles

This week in my assembly, and as part of our classroom work, we have reshared our 'Pocket Principles' with our children. The idea of these principles is that they are always held in our pockets and are the things we should be doing always in and around school. Please do ask your children about our principles and support us with reminding them of these:



Communicating with school:

Class Dojo is used in school to share key class information and messages from teachers, it is not a discussion platform between home and school as school staff are busy working with your children during school hours, so do not have time to monitor this during the day. If you need to speak to school staff, the best time is the end of the day, once teachers have dismissed children. Similarly, if you have an urgent concern/query, please ring the school office. Predominantly, we ask parents to speak to class teachers in the first instance with concerns. If teachers are unable to help this can be passed on to our phase leaders to provide further support.

Student Leadership:

As part of my assembly this week, I introduced our amazing Student leadership opportunities with the children. Children have had the chance to apply for one of the below roles in school this week:

- School Council
- Digital Director
- Sports Steward
- Attendance Avengers
- Environment Executive
- Library Leaders

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We are very excited to find out next week which children have been selected to take on these leadership roles this year.

Photos on Social Media:

Please see below a link to an NSPCC article that supports parents with ensuring their 'back to school' photos are safe and not revealing personal information. We know many of you like to capture the new school year milestone with a back to school photo, we hope the link below supports ensuring your children stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2024/how-protect-childs-back-to-school-photos/>

Attendance this week	
Reception – Mrs Jackson	98%
Reception – Mr Smith	96%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	★100%★
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 2 – Miss Moorby	96%
Year 3 – Miss Briscoe	★100%★
Year 3/4 - Miss Naylor	96%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	93%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	99%
Year 5/6 – Mrs Longoni	★100%★
Year 6 – Miss Lynch	98%

We are excited to have our first celebration assembly again next Friday in which families are welcome to attend, to help us celebrate the achievements of the week. A reminder to please send any out of school achievements to the office, by Thursday morning at the latest so we can showcase these in assembly also.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all again on Monday,

Mr Ivel

Headteacher

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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	KS1 Harvest visit to church Maths open morning for parents Non-uniform - 'Hello yellow awareness' Individual photographs Parents' evening Parents' evening Break up for Half term
<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
2nd 3rd 4th 20th	School Reopens EYFS/KS1 Halloween disco KS2 Halloween disco Non-uniform - bring a bottle	2nd 7th 8th 9th 10th 10th 11th 15th 16th 18th	Reception advent visit to church Christmas Fair KS1 Nativity KS1 Nativity Christmas jumper day Reception Nativity Reception Nativity Y3 & Y4 Christmas extravaganza Y5 & Y6 Christmas Extravaganza Reindeer Run 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 24th 25th 25th	Bookfair after school World Book Day Y4 Residential to Dearne Valley Parents' evening Parents' evening Easter Raffle 4front Easter Production (Reception-Y6) Break up for half term	12th	School Reopens
<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
3rd 6th 10th-13th 14th 20th 21st	Bank Holiday Class Photographs SATs week Ice Cream van for Y6 Non uniform Diabetes Fundraiser Inset Day	14th 18th 28th	Return to school Non uniform day - Bring a bottle Summer Fair

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28th	Colour run		
28th	Break up for half term		
<u>July</u>			
1st	Sports Day EYFS/KS1		
2nd	Sports Day KS2		
6th	Results Day		
8th	Reception - Swithens Farm		
13th	Year 6 Production 1:30pm		
14th	Year 6 Production 9:30am		
15th	Y1 & Y2 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park		
19th-21st	Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske Hall		
23rd	Year 6 Leavers Assembly		
23rd	Break Up for the Summer Holidays		

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September 2026

As we send our children back to school for another exciting term and year of learning, we're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

TogetherNESS the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has **free access** to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on TogetherNESS to help your children thrive.

Sex, AI, conflict and relationships & more - a guide for parents



Understanding your child in a changing world

Online learning to support you navigating tricky parenting topics – Social media, gaming, AI, friendships, big opinions, sex, conflict and war

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

Give them a confident back to school



What to pack in their emotional health kit

Our child psychology experts share some simple ways to help your child feel brave and capable as they prepare for another year of learning

[\(Instagram post\)](#)

Our celebrity ambassador

School readiness: toileting

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Kate Lawler joins Togetherness

We're delighted to welcome Kate Lawler as our first celebrity ambassador who will host a live Q&A event on 23rd September for parents. Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date.

[\(Live Q&A: follow us for more\)](#)



Build their toileting confidence and independence

Help your child to continue to strengthen their skills to use the toilet with confidence as they settle into big school

[\(5 minute read\)](#)

In the trenches with toilet training?



Myth busting toilet training

If toilet training feels like a battle... you're not the only one! We bust the myths around toileting in this short video

[\(YouTube short\)](#)

Strengthen your connection



Understanding your relationships

87% have found the pathway helpful.

One learner shared: "The pathway really made me think how important it is to see things from my partner's point of view and how normal it is to have hiccups in relationships."

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

School anxiety?

Learn on WhatsApp

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Understanding your child's feelings

The start of term can bring lots of changes and lots of feelings for children and parents. Our faster pathway can support you to recognise what your child might be feeling and gives you confidence to know how to respond

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)



Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

An even easier way to access learning about child development and emotional health from NHS experts

[\(bitesize e-learning on WhatsApp\)](#)

FREE ACCESS

You're receiving this update as your school is based in a free (pre-paid, funded) access area for togetherness.co.uk

Find the [Free Access Checker](#) in the pathway library to unlock free online learning that could change your relationship with your child for the better.

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