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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week and hear so many exciting holiday stories! The last of our spooky season celebrations were in full swing this week with our Halloween discos and the children enjoyed their chance to get another use out of their costumes and party clothes. KS2 have also enjoyed their diversity day on Thursday learning all about other religions through dance workshops, art activities and information talks. What a busy week we have had!

Early Years Open Evening
We are delighted to be hosting an opening evening for prospective early years (Nursery and Reception) parents on Wednesday 18th November at 3.45pm-4.45pm Please ensure you email the office to register your place. There will be a chance to explore our indoor and outdoor areas and speak to key staff in our Early Years settings. Please spread the word to any families you know that may be interested in a place in either Nursery or Reception and ask them to email our school office for more details.

After school club theme nights:
As we head towards the festive season, our After School team have planned some themed nights as described below:

3rd December - Christmas Craft night. Children will get the opportunity to make a range of Christmas themed crafts.
8th December - Christmas baking night. Children will get the chance to bake some Christmas themed tasty treats.
16th December - Christmas movie night. Children will get the chance to enjoy a Christmas film with festive treats just before the holidays!

We expect these evenings to be very popular at after school club so please do book on to these using Arbor, as soon as you are able to as once the clubs are full, they are full! All bookings must be made by 4pm the day before.

Parking
Please can I ask all parents/carers to respect the zig zag lined areas and avoid parking on these at any time. The zig zag lines are designed to protect children and families that are walking to school and should not be used for parking. Similarly, please ensure you park respectfully when during drop off and collection, this is often

a busy time on the roads and is much easier to manage with respectful parking to help everyone get to and from school safely.

Healthy lunches
A reminder from our lunchtime team about the importance of healthy lunches and ensuring children have a balanced diet in their packed lunches. Please could we also ask, if children are having grapes in their packed lunches, that these are cut length ways to minimise the risk of these being a choking hazard.

Polling Day
Just a reminder we have been given notice that the **6th May 2027** will be a polling day in which school will be closed to pupils to allow polling to take place. Whilst we know this is not ideal, unfortunately these days are out of our control. Nearer the time we will contact Year 6 families to offer additional support in school on this day as we appreciate this is the week before their SATS tests and is a crucial time for their learning following the half term break.

Diary Dates
Please see the below diary dates at the end of this newsletter which outlines some key events for this year that we have in the diary. Please note a change in date for class photographs this is due to the announcement of polling day taking place in school on the 6th.

Trips and Experiences
As a school, we place a big emphasis on the importance of developing children's knowledge of the world and providing them opportunities and experiences they may not have access to in their daily lives. These experiences often cost money and whilst school heavily contributes to these already, we do often need to ask parents for contributions and payments towards such visits and experiences. We know the cost of living is high at the moment and we try to give as much notice as possible when payments are required and we do really appreciate any financial support parents are able to give towards such experiences. Unfortunately, without parental support, such visits and trips will not be able to take place so please do support us where you can with contributing towards these experiences.

Non uniform:
Our next non uniform day is on Friday 20th November. The theme of this is to support our Christmas fair and also celebrate the vital work of Children in Need. We would ask children to bring a bottle or tombola prize for the Christmas fair and we will be collecting money donations for Children in Need - please give what you are able to, any support is very much appreciated. This does mean we will not be in non uniform on the traditional children in need date but felt it was important to combine both events into one non uniform day, to keep consistency for children as we know non uniform days can often be a little unsettling for some.

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The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 16th November at 3.30pm. Any issues please see Mrs Peters who is usually based in upper key stage 2.

Goodbye (for now!) Miss Woodhouse:

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Woodhouse a healthy and calm maternity leave which begins after today. Many staff in school will miss the positivity and support Miss Woodhouse brings to school but we are all very excited to hear her baby news in the coming weeks. Miss Woodhouse will be back in school following her maternity leave next year. Good luck Miss Woodhouse!

Attendance this week	
Reception – Mrs Jackson	🌟100%🌟
Reception – Mr Smith	99%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	97%
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 2 – Miss Moorby	99%
Year 3 – Miss Briscoe	98%
Year 3/4 - Miss Naylor	94%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	96%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	95%
Year 5/6 – Mrs Longoni	96%
Year 6 – Miss Tetlow	97%

Finally, it was wonderful to hear such positive feedback from parents when some of you spoke to members of our central trust team on their visit to school on Thursday. I am very proud to work with such a dedicated and passionate school community and we do appreciate the kind words and positivity you share with us on a daily basis. As a school, we welcome open and honest communication, and have really focussed on trying to build this culture this academic year; I was pleased to hear so many of you found school staff supportive and approachable.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend whether this is filled with bonfire celebrations or other activities, enjoy some precious family time. We will see you all again on Monday.

Mr Ivel,

Headteacher

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy Diary 2026-27

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

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23rd 24th 25th **25th**	Parents' evening Parents' evening Easter Raffle Nursery Easter workshop 1:30-2:30pm 4front Easter Production (Reception-Y6) **Break up for half term**		
May		**June**	
3rd 6th 10th-13th 14th 20th **21st** 27th 28th **28th**	**Bank Holiday** School closed for Polling Day SATS week Ice Cream van for Y6 Non uniform Diabetes Fundraiser **Inset Day** Class photographs Colour run **Break up for half term**	**14th** 18th 28th	**Return to school** Non uniform day - Bring a bottle Summer Fair
July			
1st 2nd 6th 8th 13th 14th 15th 19th-21st 23rd **23rd**	Sports Day EYFS/KS1 Sports Day KS2 Results Day Reception - Swithens Farm 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**		