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Summer Term

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03rd May



Class	%
4JS	99.1%
FJW	97.8%
6SW	97.5%
2AD	97.1%
4JG	97.1%
1EJ	96.7%
6RS	96.5%
5HF	95.8%
5LG	95.3%
4RW	95.0%
3TD	94.2%
1JP	93.8%
5SE	93.8%
FKW	93.3%
2CW	93.3%
6HH	92.9%
3RQ	92.1%
2JT	91.7%
1JS	89.2%
FDJ	87.0%
3BJ	86.7%

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge are: 4JS with 99.1%!

Well, done folks! Keep up this amazing achievement!

Many thanks for supporting our very important attendance drive. This week our whole school attendance is: **93.8%**.

Our target is **96%**! Let's go for it next week. Together, we can do it!

Change to Classes

We are aware that there has been some concern regarding last week's announcement to mix our classes for September 2024. This wasn't meant to cause any upset, and for this we apologise.

The reason for this decision is:

1. We are one of the only schools in the Wakefield Local Authority who do not mix our children each year. It has been recommended that we fall in line with them.
2. Mixing classes encourages our children to embrace change and develop the ability to make new friends.
3. This allows our children to be prepared for High School and the many class changes over the school day.
4. Being in the same class for six years is not always considered healthy; especially if the children do not 'gel well'.

Please be reassured that the classes will be very carefully selected through conversations with class teachers, phase leaders and our two SENCOs. Our children will also take part in a number of transitions in the summer term where they will be able to meet their new class and teacher so that they are excited to start the new academic year!

Diary Dates

6th May	Bank holiday School is Closed! 
7th May	Year 6 Book/DVD Fayre 3:15 outside Reception
13th May	Year 6 SATS week 13 th – 16 th May Good Luck!
19th June	Coffee Morning 9-10am 

School Meals

Please ensure your child's school meal account remains in credit. School dinners must be paid for in advance, ahead of the week they are going to have their school dinner.

Thank You

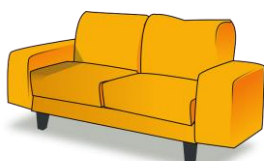
Congratulations

The KS2 Girls Football Team entered their first football tournament at Kettlethorpe on Wednesday. They finished in 4th place which is fantastic. They represented our school brilliantly and should be very proud!



Settee Appeal

Are you planning to exchange your settee over the next few months? Do you have a good quality settee going spare? If so, please talk to Mrs Butterworth as we are needing one for our new School House Hub!



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Welly Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated wellies to school. This has been a big help. We are however, continuing to collect any unwanted wellies.

If you have any old wellies that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful if you can donate them to us for our Forest School children.

Thank you!



Penalty Notice Changes

Please see the attached leaflet below of the new changes to government school penalty fines. This will come into force on **19th August 2024**.

August 2024.

Thank you!

Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 children who have applied for a role on our Junior Leadership Team. The shortlisted children will be interviewed next week, we wish them the very best of luck!

Congratulations!

School Treasure Hunt

Thank you to everyone who took part in the school treasure hunt and congratulations to the winners!!

Prizes:

1st Place Jack & Harry (2CW) –

Wacky Warehouse Voucher

2nd Place James & Oliver

(6SW,3RQ) – Tennis Voucher

3rd Place Wilf & Ivy (1JP,3TD) –

Sweet Hamper.

Job Vacancy

We currently have a position for a **Lunchtime Supervisor** advertised on the Wakefield Website. This is for 90 minutes (11:45am-1:15pm) every day over term time. If you are interested, please visit the Wakefield Council website or call into school to collect an application form.

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Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all the very generous donations as we continue to collect throughout the year. If you have any spare food bank items, we would be very grateful.



SATS Week

Please note that **SATs** assessments take place during the week beginning **May 13th**. Year 6 children (and their siblings in school) are invited into school for breakfast each day that week.

Brigade School Uniform Offer

10% off on all orders from Saturday 4th-Midnight Monday 6th May.

Enter **SPRING24** at the checkout to activate your discount.

This can be posted using either the 'Direct to Parent' or 'Direct to School' service.



Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that the top car park is a **STAFF ONLY** car park. **This includes Sandal stars/sunrise and after school clubs.**

If you do need to access the bottom car park, can you please enter the drive safely and cautiously. We have had reports of people driving in too quickly.

Thank you for your support.

Can I also remind Parents/Carers that you can use the carpark at **The West Yorkshire Sports Club between 8:25-9am and 3-3:30pm.**



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Children and Young People

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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50 Day Summer Attendance Challenge

Attend School every day from
Monday 29 April to Friday 12 July
to earn your Golden Ticket
to attend our Summer
Attendance Celebration
Day,

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