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# Wrenthorpe Academy Weekly Newsletter

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## Team Points

Children who show excellent learning behaviours in lessons and follow our behaviour expectations are awarded team points. To be awarded a point, the children have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing. Class team points are then added together for our overall weekly team winner.

These are the points that have been awarded in each team this week:

Nicola Adams	Bukayo Saka	Jessica Ennis-Hill	Rob Burrow
1408	1164	1327	944

The house that has won the overall points for this week is: Nicola Adams!



## Whole School Attendance

This week: 95.5% - AMAZING!

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date 96.4%

### Class Attendance Winners this week:

1<sup>st</sup> place - 2C 97.35%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 3/4PW 95.02%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - 1C 94.68%

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days		
70%	57 Days		
65%	67 Days		

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%  
Cause for concern

### Class Attendance Winners this term:

1<sup>st</sup> place - 3/4PW 97.49%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 2C 97.36%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - 1/2P 96.83%

Well done to class 3/4PW who have won a non-uniform day next term!



# Best Practice: How to hand wash step by step images

Steps 3-8 should take at least 15 seconds.

1 Wet hands with water.

2 Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.

3 Rub hands palm to palm.

4 Right palm over the back of the other hand with interlaced fingers and vice versa.

5 Palm to palm with fingers interlaced.

6 Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.

7 Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa.

8 Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.

9 Rinse hands with water.

10 Dry thoroughly with towel.

11 Use elbow to turn off tap.

12 Steps 3-8 should take at least 15 seconds.  
... and your hands are safe\*.

# Coughs and sneezes spread diseases



always carry tissues

cover your coughs and sneezes

throw used tissues in a bin

always clean your hands

## Stop germs spreading

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Video to watch at home:

[How to wash your hands](#)  
[NHS song | NHS](#)

# Safeguarding

If you ever feel unsafe safe yourself or are worried about another pupil, it's important that you speak to a member of staff.

Our DSLs are:

Mrs Penny (Headteacher)  
Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher)  
Miss Harrison (SEND/CO/Learning Mentor)

***If you are worried a child is at risk of immediate harm, contact Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503***

Alternatively, you can call the police on 101 for non-urgent matters or 999 for urgent matters.

The NSPCC helpline can also offer support on 0800 800 5000.



[1:1 chat - Parent Talk \(actionforchildren.org.uk\)](https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk) - Free and confidential live chat (various times morning to evening) with a parenting coach to offer information, advice and guidance regarding family life, caring for children or managing parental wellbeing.

[Speak to someone - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](https://www.family-action.org.uk) - Emotional support and parental guidance to address complex family pressures and issues via telephone, text, web chat or email. Long term and short-term support available 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday.

[Leeds Survivor-Led Crisis Service » West Yorkshire Night OWLS Helpline \(lslcs.org.uk\)](https://www.lslcs.org.uk) - A new West Yorkshire based overnight listening service for children, young people, and their parents/carers experiencing mental health; call, text or chat.

[Live Well Wakefield](https://www.livewellwakefield.org.uk) - Live Well Wakefield offers support for people aged 18+ years who are facing non-clinical challenges such as; bereavement, aids & adaptations, education, assistive technology, mobility, social isolation, lifestyle advice, loneliness, long term conditions, home support, personal safety, mental health, housing finances and employment advocacy services.

[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk) - provides mental health support for both children and adults



**YOUNGMINDS**

Wellbeing: Christmas is a joyous time for most people, but for some, it can be the most difficult time of the year. Please seek help if you or someone you know is in crisis.



Super important help lines:

For anyone who needs some support right now.

Anxiety UK - 03444775774  
CALM - 0800585858  
Mind - 03001233393  
No Panic - 08449674848  
Bereavement - 08088081677  
PAPYRUS - 08000684141  
Samaritans - 116 123  
SHOUT - 85258  
Abuse - 080820005000  
Refuge - 08082000247

You don't know who might need these numbers.

You Are Not Alone.

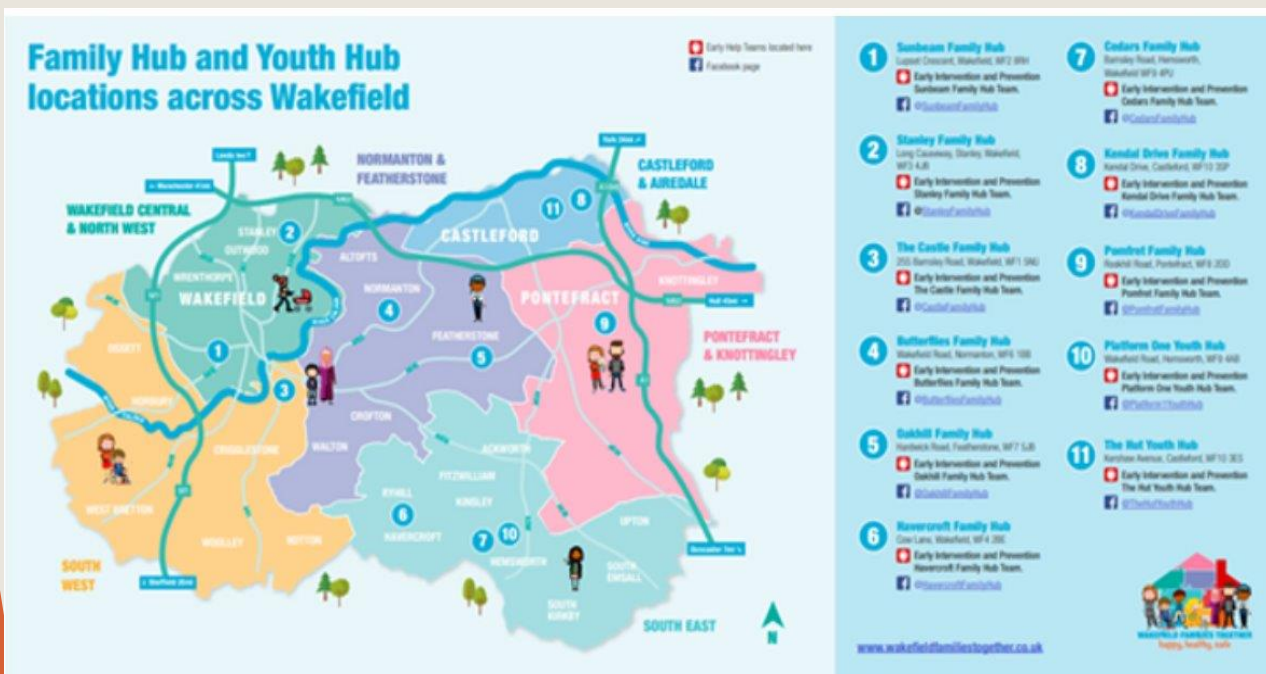


# Wellbeing

## Wakefield Families Together

Wakefield Families Together brings services together, so that it's easier for you to find and access the support you need, at the earliest opportunity.

You can access this support through your child's school, family hub, or in the local community. You can find your local Family Hub or Youth on the Wakefield Families Together website here: [Family Hubs - Wakefield Families Together](#) and here: [Youth Hubs - Wakefield Families Together](#)



Everyone needs help and support at some point in their life. So, when you do and find it hard to deal with a difficult situation, or have worries around family relationships, behaviour, school attendance, emotional and mental health, domestic abuse, parental conflict, housing issues, or employment and debt problems, Family Hubs can help direct to the right people and services.

Sometimes the concerns you have may need a group of professionals to come together to build a package of support with you and other family members so that we have the right expertise to help the whole family. Find out more about the Team Around the School model here: [The 'Team Around' approach - Wakefield Families Together](#)





## Up and Coming Key Dates

Date	
20.12.2024	Last Day of Term
06.01.2024	School reopens for pupils
09.01.2025	Y5 & 6 - Young Voices
13.01.2025	KS1 Football tournament at Cherry Tree Academy
28.01.2025	1C & 1/2P class trip to Pontefract Castle
29.01.2025	2C class trip to Pontefract Castle
05.02.2025	3/4C Class Assembly 9:15am
12.02.2025	3/4R Class Assembly 9:15am
14.02.2025	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
WC:17.02.2025	Half Term Holiday
24.02.2025	School re-opens for pupils
26.02.2025	3/4PW Class Assembly 9:15am
04.03.2025	5/6P Class Assembly 9:15am
05.03.2025	2C Class Assembly 9:15am
06.03.2025	World Book Day
11.03.2025	5/6S Class Assembly 9:15am
12.03.2025	1/2P Class Assembly 9:15am
18.03.2025	Reception/Key Stage 1 Pupil Progress Meetings
19.03.2025	Key Stage 2 Pupil Progress Meetings



### Academy Updates

**We have had a fantastic week celebrating Christmas with our class parties and at St. Anne's Church. The children have really enjoyed it.**

**On behalf of all the staff at Wrenthorpe Academy, we wish you all very Merry Christmas and a joyful and restful new year. May you enjoy the festive season surrounded by love, warmth and happiness!**

**We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 6th January**

# Class News Reception/Key Stage 1

## Reception (Mrs Shute and Miss Brzostowska)

Firstly, huge well done to all of the children for completing their first term of big school. They have all progressed personally and socially and should be very proud of themselves! This final week has been spent learning more about how people celebrate Christmas all around the world. We have also been exploring the numbers 4 and 5 in maths and practiced our cutting skills making spiral trees. Have a well-deserved rest this holiday!

## 1C (Miss Carter)

1C have thoroughly enjoyed the festivities of the final week of term! We learnt all about the Christian rituals and traditions of Christmas during our visit to St Anne's Church and even learnt how to sing Little Donkey using makaton. We have also continued to work on using number lines to solve subtraction problems within 10.

## 1/2P (Miss Peden)

In the final week of term 1/2P have been busy, we had a lovely time on our church visit, learning all about the Nativity story and singing some Christmas carols. We also enjoyed our Christmas party, showing off our best dance moves!

## 2C (Mrs Carter)

In our final week of term, the children enjoyed our visit to St Anne's church where we explored our own Christmas traditions as well as the churches. This week in Maths we have been finding 10 more and less than a 2-digit number. In English we have finished our Non-Chronological Reports on the Great Fire of London. Well done to all the children in 2C for completing their first full term in Year 2. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a much deserved break.



# Class News Lower Key Stage 2

## 3/4R

3/4R have had a fantastic end to the half term! We started the week with a visit to St Anne's church where children were able to sing carols and share festive traditions! In Writing, we have impressed with our vocabulary as we have finished writing our narratives, and in Art we enjoyed using ModRoc to create Viking gods!

## 3/4C

This week has been all about Christmas! Our trip to St Anne's church was a highlight of the week and we enjoyed learning all about their festive traditions and how they differ to our own. We have finished writing our narratives which have impressed our adults in class! We hope you enjoy your festivities and we will see you in the new year!

## 3/4PW

This week has been full of Christmas magic! We have enjoyed our visit to Church where we have learnt about the Christmas story, shared our favourite carols and explored our own Christmas traditions.

Back in class we have completed our re-telling inspired by Riddle of the Runes and developed our multiplication and division skills. Well done everyone, enjoy the holidays!



# Class News Upper Key Stage 2

**5/6M**

This week in 5/6M, we have been continuing our learning about Antarctica in Geography, discovering what it is actually like in this unique biome. We've been well and truly geared up for the holidays, having a blast at our UKS2 Christmas party and learning about the true meaning of Christmas at St Anne's Church.

Have an amazing Christmas break and a fantastic start to 2025!

**5/6P**

This week 5/6P have worked hard and settled into having a new class teacher for a few weeks while Mrs Parry is away. We have been learning about how dogs were used in Antarctic expeditions, ready to write our own fact file next week. In Geography we have been looking at different biomes and where they are located around the world. A great week, well done 5/6P!

**5/6Mc**

This week has been full of festive fun! The children wrote and edited fact files about how dogs helped in Antarctica and visited the church to learn about the Christmas story. Great work, everyone!

Hope you all have an amazing holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year







**Save the Children®**

**Well done for your charity work!**

Well done to the team of children for raising a fantastic £64.01 for Save the Children by making biscuits, origami, bracelets and pom poms!

We're so proud of you!



# Time to Celebrate!!!

Stanley H - football trophy

Evie B - Learn Swim 5 award

Chloe B - Learn to Swim 3 award

Kooper T - Learn to Swim 6 award

Isobel F - Gymnastics partnership of the year trophy





# Christmas in the Community

Thank you to St Anne's Church for welcoming Wrenthorpe Academy for our Christmas Visits and to Reverend Diane for visiting our Reception Class this week. We have thoroughly enjoyed these opportunities!



## Christmas

at St Anne's Church Wrenthorpe

7 <sup>th</sup> December	10am - 1.30pm Christmas Fair and 'Craft and Create' for All
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am No Practise Nativity 4pm Carol Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	5.30pm Christingle
24 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm Crib Service and Carols 5.30pm Christingle 11.15pm Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am Christmas Morning Communion

We wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas