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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
967	834	932	826

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



Whole School Attendance

This week: 97.5% - AMAZING!

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date 96.3%

Class Attendance Winners this week:

1st place - 3/4R 99.63%

2nd place - 2C 98.89%

3rd place - 5/6P 98.52%

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	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for concern

100%-96%
Excellent



Best Practice: How to hand wash step by step images

Steps 3-8 should take at least 15 seconds.



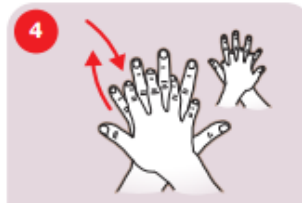
Wet hands with water.



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



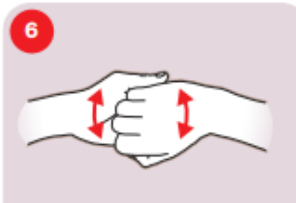
Rub hands palm to palm.



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



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced.



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.



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



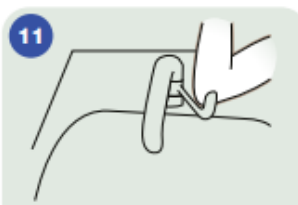
Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.



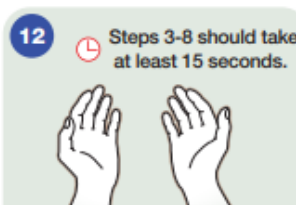
Rinse hands with water.



Dry thoroughly with towel.



Use elbow to turn off tap.



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 0808 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



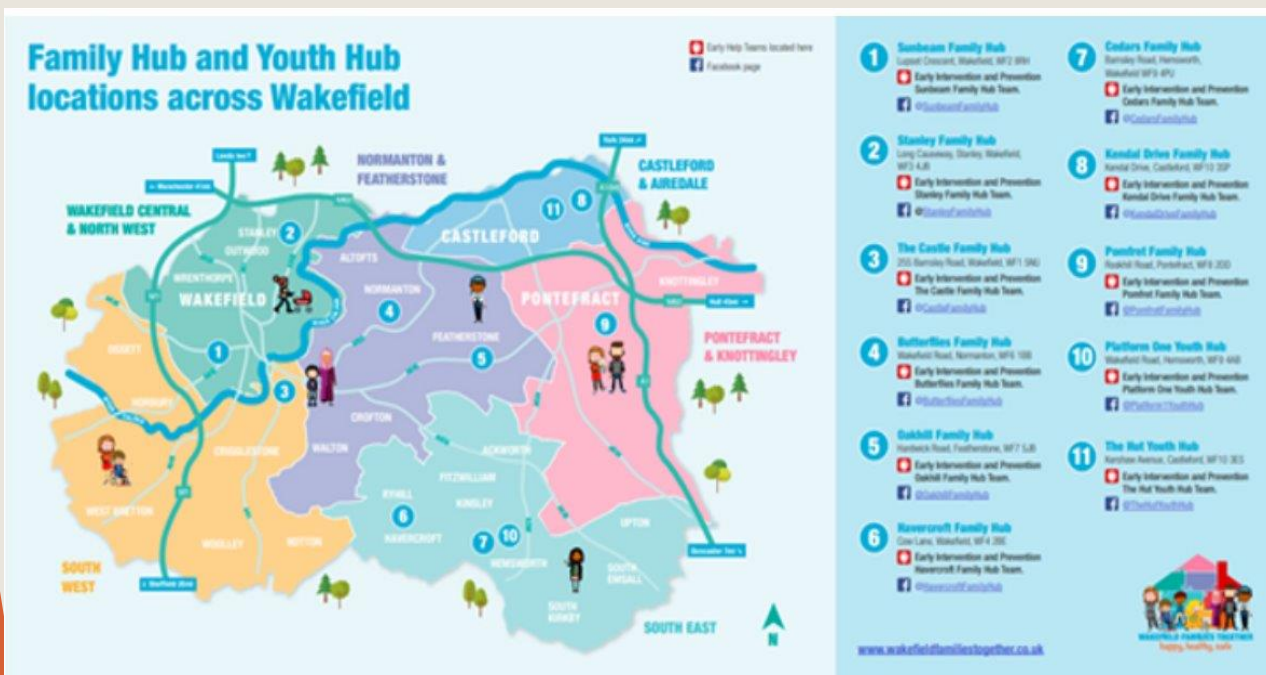
YOUNGMINDS

Wellbeing

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 Hub 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](#)

This Week's Special Mentions...

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2C: Chester T

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5/6S: Isabelle H

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5/6P: Alex W

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RS: Flynn K

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5/6Mc: Naomi M

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3/4R: Edith W

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1/2P: Temi A

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3/4C: Emilia Y

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1C: Murphy M

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RB: Ayda K

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3/4PW: Amber

Up and Coming Key Dates

Date	
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
25.03.2025	5/6MC Class Assembly 9:15am
26.03.2025	1C Class Assembly 9:15am
02.01.2025	EYFS class assembly 9:15am & end of term reports out
04.04.2025	Last day of term



Academy Updates

A huge well done to our children who took part in the Waterton Trust KS1 Football tournament on Monday. They scored an incredible 25 goals in four games and only allowed one goal against them! As a result, Wrenthorpe Academy won the tournament, and we remain at the top of the trust league! Our children showed real sportsmanship and were an absolute credit to the school! Well done to you all!

Class News Reception/Key Stage 1

Reception (Mrs Shute and Miss Brzostowska)

In Forest School, the children have continued to make their fairy houses and mud pies for the fairies. This outdoor experience is proving to be vital in developing creativity, communication and language and teamwork skills. In maths we have continued to explore the composition of the number 5 using our shake boxes. All children have challenged themselves throughout this week's provision areas and we are very proud!

1C (Miss Carter)

This week 1C have been busy writing their first story retelling of The Very Last Castle. We have concentrated on using our Magic 5 and linking ideas in sentences using 'and'. I am really proud of how hard the children have worked on this and their fantastic ideas!

1/2P (Miss Peden)

This week in 1/2P retold the story of The Very Last Castle in parts using our fantastic sentences. We have been practicing adding two-digit numbers together with physical resources. We have also enjoyed our One Life lessons this week where we discussed how to resolve conflict in our friendships.

2C (Mrs Carter)

It has been another busy week in school! During our Forest School session, the children showed great team work building dens. In English, the children have retold the story of The Paper Bag Princess. I am so proud of the writing the children have produced. In Science, we have learnt about what animals need to survive. We have also discussed how to resolve conflict in our friendships during our One Life Session.

Class News Lower Key Stage 2

3/4R

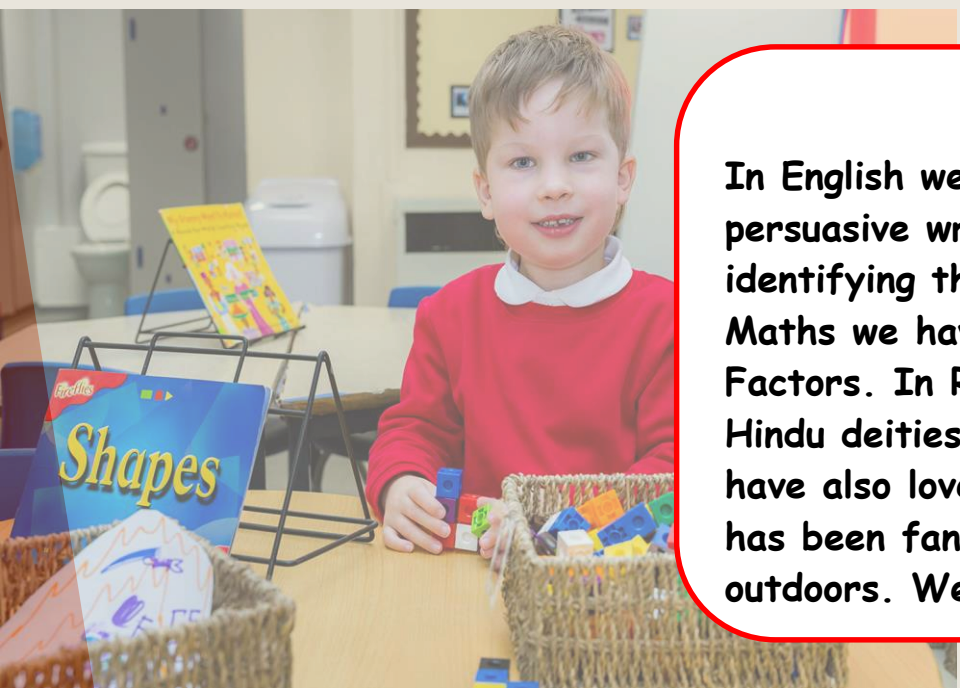
In Science this week we used hot water to observe how states of matter can change and in History we continued to learn about the flora and fauna in Greece! The children have wowed with their persuasive techniques in Writing, and in Reading we are enjoying our class text 'Mark of the Cyclops'!
Keep up the hard work, 3/4R!

3/4C

It has been another busy week at school! We continue to learn African Drumming, this week focusing on a piece originating from China, in celebration of Chinese New Year! In Maths, we have mastered calculating area and are moving onto multiplication and division where we wowed with our knowledge of factor pairs. Super effort by all!

3/4PW

In English we have begun our Ancient Greek persuasive writing unit by analysing a letter and identifying the techniques used by the author. In Maths we have been studying area and learnt about Factors. In RE we are continuing our learning about Hindu deities and their individual symbolism. We have also loved our Forest School sessions, and it has been fantastic to see the children exploring the outdoors. Well done, everyone!



Class News Upper Key Stage 2

5/6S

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been showing determination and resilience in their practice SATs. We've been blown away by their hard work during these challenging tests. In History, we have continued our learning about conflict, looking at the events that led up to the Second World War.

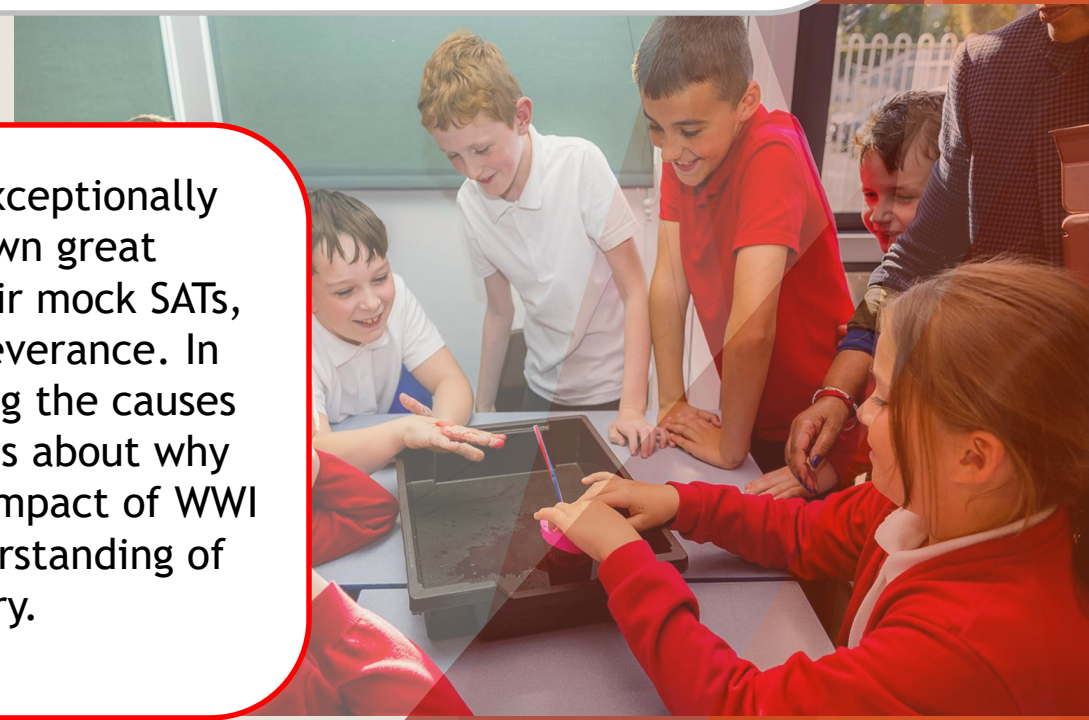
Another fantastic week, 5/6S. Well done and thank you!

5/6P

This week, 5/6P have worked exceptionally hard. Year 6 students have approached their mock SATs with resilience and a positive attitude. In RE, the class has been learning about Hinduism, exploring its key beliefs and practices, and gaining a deeper understanding of this fascinating religion.

5/6Mc

This week, 5/6 Mc have worked exceptionally hard. Year 6 students have shown great determination and focus during their mock SATs, tackling each challenge with perseverance. In History, the class has been exploring the causes of WWII, creating detailed fact files about why the war started and examining the impact of WWI on Germany, deepening their understanding of this pivotal time in history.



Emile Multiplication Test Check Inter-School Competition

Well done to all the Year 4 pupils who took part in the Y4 MTC Competition this week, using the Emile app. We achieved a fantastic 7th place, out of all the schools taking part!

Our top scores were:

1st - Eddie McP

2nd - Sam W

3rd - Isaac F

We're so proud of you all, well done!



Time to Celebrate!!!

Isla J - swimming award

Euphemia HT - swimming award

Jameson L - football parents' choice award

Key Stage 1 football tournament winners - Blake W, Oliver D, George C, Roman W, Ronnie W, Jameson L, George K, Theo P, Wilbur S

