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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week here at Towngate. Our fabulous Year 6 children worked incredibly hard completing their KS2 SATs. Their resilience across the week has amazed everyone here – you are all superstars and everyone is extremely proud of you! Not to forget our littlest superstars, in Year 2, who are also working super hard in their KS1 SATs – keep it up! Another big thank you to all other classes in school for being so supportive of the children taking their SATs and for staying positive through any changes to your normal school day.

Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

Reindeer Run

This week, we have received the total that our school raised for Wakefield Hospice when our children took part in the Reindeer Run. A whopping £1433 was raised by our Towngate family – thank you to all those who took part and donated towards such a good cause.

Correct uniform and PE kit

A polite reminder that children should attend school wearing full PE uniform on their designated PE day. **PE uniform includes: trainers, black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt, plain navy jogging bottoms, plain navy jumper/zip-up top.** If children attend school on their designated PE day wearing different clothing, then a reminder will be sent home for parents.

Mental Health Awareness Week - 15th - 21st May

Next week, is Mental Health Awareness Week and in school we will be discussing our mental health and what we can do to improve or maintain it. As we know, the cost-of-living crisis is affecting the mental health of millions struggling to support their families. Our Pastoral Leader Miss Lowell is here to support any families as much as we can or sign post you to experts who can also support you. You can email her on tga-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk or see a list of useful websites: or

[Mental Health Awareness Week - Mind](#)

[Parenting and mental health - Mind](#)

[Andy's Man Club | #ITSOKAYTALK | Andy's Man Club \(\[andysmanclub.co.uk\]\(http://andysmanclub.co.uk\)\)](#)

[Home - Well Women Centre Wakefield \(\[wellwomenwakefield.org.uk\]\(http://wellwomenwakefield.org.uk\)\)](#)

[Parental Emotional Health \(\[justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\]\(http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#)



Breakfast club

Polite reminder that breakfast isn't accessible till 7.30am due to insurance purposes.

Car parking

Can we please ask parents to be respectful of the local residents on the surrounding areas when picking up and dropping off at school. Thank you for the support with this matter.

NSPCC Childhood Day Mile

On Friday 16th May, we will be holding an 'NSPCC Childhood Day Mile' where children are invited to wear PE Kit and trainers and bring a donation for the NSPCC. Each class in turn, will run, jog or walk 1 mile around the Key Stage 2 running track and raise funds for the NSPCC whilst also helping their own mental health and wellbeing.

Material plea

As a school, we are looking to develop a role play area for use at lunchtimes and breacktimes across KS2. We are kindly asking parents for any donations of materials for the children to use to create role play characters and settings. If you have anything that would be suitable for this area then please hand donations to class teachers or the school office.

	Event	Class
15.05.23	Class photographs	Whole school
16.05.23	NSPCC childhood daily mile	Whole school
Who	YR6 Bike ability	Year 6
04.07.23	YR1 Bike ability	Year 1
15.07.23	Summer Gala	Open event
21.07.23	Year 6 leavers party (more details to follow)	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.58% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to year 6 who achieved the highest attendance this week. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have had some new pets to look after, we have received some tadpoles and we are going to look after them and watch them grow into frogs and release them to the school pond. We have set up an observation station for the children to see the changes each day which has been extremely popular. In maths this week we have been learning about shapes around us, we have revisited 2D shapes this week. In phonics we have been looking at some special friends (2 letters that make one sound) and getting to know the phrases that go with each picture. For home work this week we are sending some letter formation sheets out for the children to practice, please ensure that your child writes the letters in the correct way as this will be embedded. Thanks for your continued support and enjoy your weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have explored the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We looked at each part of the story and wrote it ourselves, practicing our sentence structure, using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. In this story, we used nouns and adjectives to describe all the characters in the story. Alongside this we have created a doctor's surgery in our classroom, looking at how to take care of our bodies and mind. In maths we are looking at sharing and halving groups. We practiced sharing compare bears with our friends, making sure each person had an equal amount. We have also excitedly seen our plants grow over the bank holiday weekend and have discussed why this has happened and what we have given the plant to make it grow.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been thinking about why we would add ed to a verb. We now know it is when we are writing things that have happened in the past. We wrote about a day at the beach - splashing in the sea, and building sandcastles in the golden sand. We also wrote about a day at the park. We changed the verbs to the past tense and used the verbs climbed, skipped, chatted and played in our writing.

In maths we have been counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s. We have been looking at the pattern of the numbers and thinking about odd and even numbers when we looked at the numbers. We used a game on Top Marks called 'Paint the Squares' to help us see the number patterns.

In science we have been learning about different types of trees. We know some trees are deciduous and some trees are evergreen. We went on a tree hunt to see what trees we have in our school grounds.

Well done, Year 1.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we looked at turns in Maths, using our knowledge of fractions and time to work out if it was a quarter, half or three-quarter turn and if we turned clockwise or anti-clockwise. In English we read some more of our class story, Sulwe, and wrote a character description about her, using lots of describing words.

In PSHE we looked at how we can look after our teeth. We discussed how important it is to brush them twice a day, not eat or drink too many sugary things and see the dentist regularly. In Science we completed another exciting experiment, this time looking at which materials absorb water. We made predictions and recorded our results. In Geography we compared rural and urban landscapes in Africa. We were surprised to see how many hospitals and transport links there were in Nairobi compared to Gazi.

Another great week, well done year 2!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

Another fantastic week in Year 3 this week! In Maths we have continued working on money, adding and subtracting amounts and learning how to work out change owed. In English we have looked at adverbs of place and explored how to use these. We have also enjoyed looking at a poem about clouds in readiness to write our own performance poetry next week. In Science we have looked at the parts of a flower and the functions of these parts. In History we have learnt about Greek myths and legends, we have looked at Greek gods and explored what the Greeks believe about these Gods and why. In Art we have explored how artists use proportion in their work. A lovely week again Year 3, well done!

Miss Riley



Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been busy planning and writing a free verse poem in English, about a conker and in Maths, we have been making whole numbers with decimals. In History, we have been learning about whether The Vikings were the first to discover 'The Americas' and in Science, we have been learning about how animals adapt their characteristics to become nocturnal and survive at night. In PE, we have been practicing our dance moves and in Art, we have been creating a 3D scene of 'The King's Coronation using malleable materials. In guided reading, we have been reading our novel 'The Great Elephant Chase' using partner reading and independent reading as well as using our 'jumping in 'skills and in PSHE, we have been creating our very own SCARF Hotel which contains lots of healthy food and equipment and we made sure that there was something for everyone. Well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

We have had a super week this week performing our very own poems! Working in groups we planned and wrote a poem, adding actions and expression and performed to our peers: we received and gave peer-feedback on these. In maths, we have developed our knowledge on translation using co-ordinates. Everyone demonstrated excellent resilience in mastering this. In Geography, we had a wonderful lesson outside in which we drew a field sketch of the human and physical features on our school grounds. We then practiced another Geography data collection tool: we created a survey for our peers to complete about how our school can be more environmentally friendly. In RE, we analysed what Hindus believe happen in the process of reincarnation: we produced a diagram to represent this. In PSHE, we produced a presentation on a topical issue that is currently affecting young people's health and wellbeing. Thank you so much for your hard work this week.

Miss Wilson/ Mr Adlington

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have worked so incredibly hard to complete their SATs. We are so unbelievably proud of how hard you have all worked. You all deserve a rest and a break this weekend – enjoy your weekend and another massive well done!

Miss Richardson /Mr Adlington





Be a Chorister

FOR A DAY



Saturday 20 May
09:30-12:30



Wakefield Cathedral
Northgate, Wakefield,
WF1 1HG



Free
Booking recommended

Meet the Choristers
Cathedral Tour
Parent Presentation
Sing!

YEAR 1 - 6



For more information scan QR code

or:

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- email james.bowstead@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk





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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

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REFRESHMENTS | EXTERNAL COMPANIES
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