



# Federation Newsletter

July 2025

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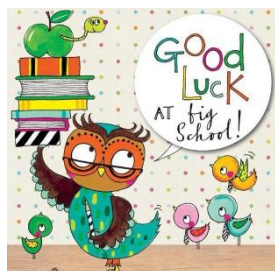
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week? We've been enjoying the sunshine at both schools. We have had lots of water and ice lollies to keep us cool and hydrated. We've had a lovely time celebrating graduation with our Nursery Leavers this week. Thank you for coming and supporting the children. We are going to miss them!



## Graduating from Nursery School

*Sticky fingers, runny noses  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes-es.  
Shapes and colours, ABC'S,  
Taking turns and 123's.*

*Great big smiles, hugs and giggles,  
Group Time and lots of wiggles.*

*Lots of loose parts and dress-up clothes, Learning how our flowers grow.*

*Milk and fruit, first time friends,  
Thinking days like these won't end.  
Nursery School done before you know it.  
No one sadder than this poet.*

*So take off now, spread your wings,  
Soar to new heights,  
Learn new things.  
Just remember, as you do, we are all very proud of you.*

Good Luck to all of our children who will be starting their Reception Year in September.

With Love and Best Wishes From

Mrs Quinn and all of the  
Crigglestone and The Castle Nursery Schools Team

## Things to Remember:



Federation of Crigglestone  
and The Castle Nursery  
Schools, Wakefield



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## Attendance Matters



We are aiming for 96%+  
attendance from all  
children!

## Summer Holidays



**Break up:**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Skcin Advice

The UV index has been rising across the country, remember that sun damage can occur in a matter of minutes and that sunburn in childhood is strongly linked to the development of melanoma in later life.

- ☀ With rates of melanoma at an all time high. It's vital to protect children from the long-term, damaging effects of UV radiation by protecting their skin using SKCIN's Five S approach to sun safety and skin cancer prevention.

♥ PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE! ♥



## Summer Holidays



If travelling abroad, please ensure that you return in time for the first day of Autumn Term.

## September 2025

### Childcare Choices

In addition to the funded hours we already accept, from September 2025, we will also accept 2 Year Old Working Parents - 30 hours funding, at both schools.

From September 2025, we will be extending the opening hours at Crigglestone Nursery School to be 8am - 6pm. Breakfast Club and Tea Club are chargeable.

The Castle Nursery School will look into providing wraparound provision (8am - 6pm) in the near future.

## School Fund Money



Please could you send your child's £7 School Fund money for this half term, into the school office (in a named envelope), as soon as possible. This works out at just 20p per day for your child's snack and all the other extras they receive at school.

Donations made to school are very important, as they enable the provision of much needed resources and improvements to the school environment which benefit all children.

We use School Fund money for all sorts of things including:

- Extracurricular activities such as baking and buying food for the children to try, linked to celebrations and festivals, Rhythm Time, Living Eggs, etc
- Parties in school (e.g. Christmas)
- Buying the children's Christmas and Easter presents
- Buying resources for classrooms to support the Curiosity Approach
- Subsidising any events / trips that we do
- Buying children's daily snack



- Contributions towards projects in school to enhance learning environments for the children
- And lots more . . .

If you want to donate more than £7 you are welcome to. We are aware that in these challenging financial times it can be difficult for families and other donors to find extra funding and we do not wish to put pressure on anyone in financial difficulty.

### **Wakefield Families Together**



Wakefield Families Together brings services together, so that it is easier for you to find and access the support you need, at the earliest opportunity. Many people need help and support at some point in their life. If you do 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 you to the right people and services. There is also a wealth of information for parents linked to children who are in the Early Years. You can access the website here: <https://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/early-years/information-for-families/>

### **50 Things to do before you're five**



Tick-off 50 fantastic things for you and your child to experience together. 50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out. If you haven't already got the free app, you can download it from: App Store or Google Play. Why not send your teachers some photos of some of the 50 Things you have been up to at home via Class Dojo?

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Kirsty Quinn

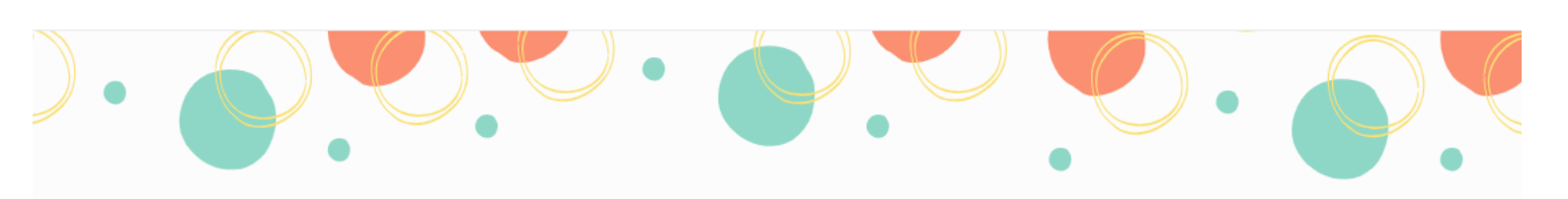
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## Term Dates 2025-2026

Back to school: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

School closes for Half Term: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

School re-opens: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

School closes for Christmas Holidays: **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

School re-opens for Spring Term: **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

School closes for Spring Half Term: **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

School re-opens: **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

School closes for Easter Holidays: **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

School re-opens: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

School closes for Spring Bank Holidays: **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

School re-opens: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

School closes for Summer Holidays: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

### Inset Days

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Bank Holidays

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025

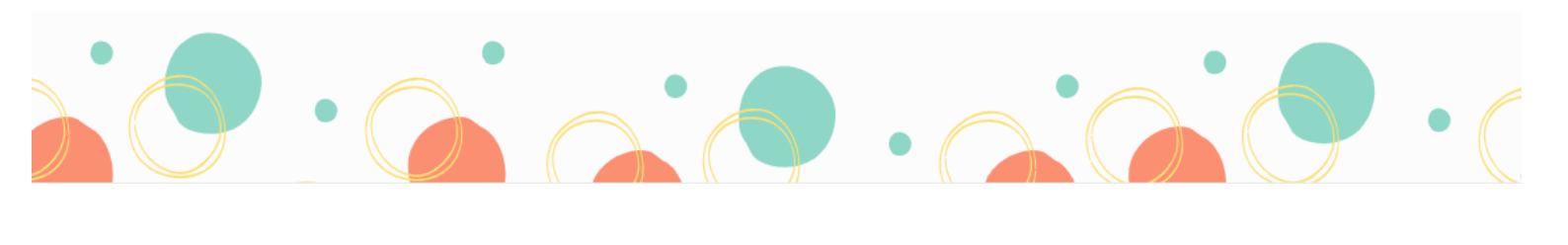
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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## Looking after your Mental Health and Wellbeing



## Keeping Children Safe



## Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership

There is more information for parents on the Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership website: <https://www.wakefieldscp.org.uk/>

## Child Accident Prevention Trust - Summer Holidays



Do you have a summer holiday planned? Whether you're jetting off abroad, staying in a caravan or camping in a field, your holiday should be a joyful time for all the family.

Which is why there's something about accidents happening on holiday that is especially cruel. So, here are some top tips to make sure your holiday is remembered for all the right reasons:

<https://capt.org.uk/staying-safe-on-holiday/>

## RNLI - Float to Live



RNLI research has shown that 85% of people in the UK plan to visit the coast this summer, and worryingly 76% would not think to try and float as their first action if they found themselves struggling in the water.

**Please take a moment to read the RNLI advice and 'Float to Live':**

- Tilt your head back, with your ears submerged
- Relax and try to breathe normally
- Move your hands and feet to help you stay afloat
- It's fine if your legs sink, we all float differently
- Practise floating in a local pool if you can.

**If you see someone else struggling in water:**

- Call 999 and ask for the Coastguard
- Tell the person to relax and float on their back
- Throw something buoyant to help them stay afloat.