



Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have been enjoying the lovely weather we've been having. It's been a busy start to the half term, with lots of exciting things still to come.

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.

Things to Remember:



Graduation Dates

Coming Soon . . .

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for more information

Attendance Matters



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

Summer Holidays



Break up:
Friday 18th July 2025

Come to school every day - Attendance Matters



If you have older children attending other schools, you probably already know that school attendance of 96% or higher is considered good. The Department for Education (DfE) expects a minimum attendance rate of 96% for all children.

If a child's attendance drops below 90%, the DfE classifies them as having persistent absence (PA). If their attendance is 50% or less, they are classified as severely absent (SA).

Regular school attendance is important for a child's attainment and mental health. Early Years Education sets the foundational building blocks for all future learning. If children are missing days at school, they are not having the full access to our carefully tailored curriculum.

Thank you for your huge efforts to improve children's attendance at school, we have seen a significant improvement in the last term. We're not quite consistently at 96% every week yet, so let's aim for that!

Mrs Quinn and Mrs Sharp monitor attendance regularly and at the end of each half term look to see which children have got below 96% attendance and the reasons for this. We do understand that young children can get ill and some children who have been off school have been genuinely unwell.

If your child has a sniffle or a little cold, please still send them into school. If they are not well enough to be in, we will phone you to come and collect them.

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

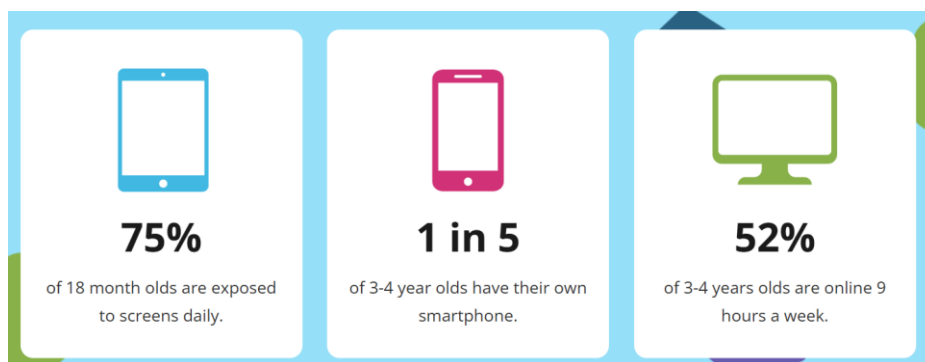
And lots more . . .

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.

Less Screen Time, More Play Time



In today's digital world, screens are everywhere, but **too much screen time** is having a detrimental effect on **young children's development**. That's why we're calling for '**Less Screen Time, More Play Time**'.



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

Term Dates 2024-2025

School closes for Summer Holidays: Friday 18th July 2025

Inset Days

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Looking after your Mental Health and Wellbeing

To do LIST:

Relax.

Recharge.

Reflect.



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Everything is one time only.
Every moment is precious.
Be fully present

BRILLANT EDUCATION
Inspiring Futures



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 – Advice on Choking

Safe eating rules Remember the 3 Ss



Sit

Get children to sit still in an upright position whilst eating – it can be a battle but it's much safer.

Stay

Choking is silent. Stay with children when they're eating so you can step in quickly if they need help.

Shape

Young children have narrow airways that can more easily get blocked. Avoid round hard foods and think long and thin.



Children can choke at any time. It doesn't matter what they're eating or how many times they've had it before. We know that sounds scary but there are things you can do to reduce the risk:

Remember the Ss

#1 STAY with your child when they're eating.

Choking is silent so you need to watch your child and react quickly

#2 SIT STILL to eat

It can feel like a battle but it's the safest way to eat

#3 SIZE and SHAPE matter

Young children have narrow airways so certain foods can be more of a risk as they will completely block the airway. Avoid round hard foods and think long and thin.

What are the safe eating rules in your house?

Download our choking fact sheet to learn more: <https://capt.org.uk/resources/choking-fact-sheet/>.