

# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



## WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!

### A WORD FROM MRS BERRY & MRS POOLE:

It has been a fantastic week across all our classrooms, filled with great energy and some wonderful learning! We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your incredibly generous donations to our school pantry; your support makes a direct, positive impact on our school community.

Looking ahead, we are looking to further enhance our Forest School provision. If you have any old pots, pans, or wooden spoons looking for a new home, they would be greatly appreciated for our outdoor mud kitchen and creative play sessions. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a vibrant place to learn!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Our Wednesday after-school Dance Club is in full swing! We're currently mastering a range of Ballroom and Latin styles from the grace of the Waltz to the energy of the Cha-Cha. It's a fantastic way for pupils to stay active and get strictly ready

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 11.02.26 | Valentine's disco    | EY: in school time<br>KSI: 3.00 – 4.00<br>KS2: 4.15 – 5.15 |
| 29.01.26 | Young voices         | Young voices choir   |
| 13.02.26 | Break up for holiday | All School   |
| 23.02.26 | Inset day            | School closed to all pupils                                |

This is a quick reminder to log on to Swift Kitchen to select your child's meal choices for the upcoming week.

If you have any trouble accessing the app or need assistance with your login, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are thrilled to welcome Miss Layton, who joined us in December as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. She works across the entire school—from EYFS to Year 6—with a dedicated mission to help our students grow and thrive.

When she's not making a difference in the classroom, Miss Layton is a talented teacher at Dance Xplosion. You may even recognize her from the pitch, as she regularly performs at Wakefield Trinity home games! We are so glad to have her energy and enthusiasm as part of our Towngate team.

## PARENT CORNER

Our attendance target is 97%, let's take a look at the attendance each class has achieved this week.

|           |        |          |        |
|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Nursery   | 93.43% | Year 3   | 93.21% |
| Reception | 94.48% | Year 3/4 | 93.93% |
| Year 1    | 96.6%  | Year 4   | 96.21% |
| Year 1/2  | 94.3%  | Year 5   | 93.2%  |
| Year 2    | 90.31% | Year 5/6 | 95.52% |
|           |        | Year 6   | 100%   |

### Star Of the Week

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Year 3   | Holly   |
| Year 3/4 | Eva     |
| Year 4   | Arlo    |
| Year 5   | Freddie |
| Year 5/6 | Jude    |
| Year 6   | Darcey  |

## PEAKS OF THE WEEK

### EYFS

This week, the children in the reception class have been exploring light and dark shades in their art lessons. Meanwhile, the nursery students have been engaging with the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and have demonstrated remarkable skill in painting their own beanstalks.

### KSI

This week, Key Stage I have been exploring the different ways people lived during the Victorian era. We looked at the contrast between upper-class middle-class and the working-class terraced houses, discussing how family life changed depending on which home you lived in. The children were excellent "house detectives," spotting Victorian features like chimney pots and bay windows!

### LKS2

In LKS2 our peak of the week has been our art. In our latest art lesson, students explored the dynamic world of sculpture by using flexible pipe cleaners to craft expressive human figures. By twisting and bending their materials, everyone successfully captured a sense of fluid movement and energy within their unique poses. It was wonderful to see such creativity on display as these simple wires were transformed into spirited works of art!

### UKS2

It has been a pleasure witnessing the children dive into their narrative writing inspired by 'The Hobbit', where their hard work and creativity have truly shone through. I have been blown away by the sophisticated vocabulary and vivid descriptions they are using to bring Middle-earth to life!


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