

TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!

A WORD FROM MRS BERRY & MRS POOLE:

It has been a truly wonderful week here at school, filled with proud moments and some very special faces! We were delighted to welcome our CEO, Mr. Knox, for a scheduled visit; he spent a great deal of time exploring our classrooms and was incredibly impressed by the hard work, enthusiasm, and high standards displayed by all of our children.

Adding to the excitement, we were treated to a surprise visit from Mrs. Poole and her lovely little girl, Lottie. It was lovely to see them both, and Lottie certainly stole the show! It has been a week that perfectly captured the spirit of our school community - one of excellence, growth, and warm connections.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Forest School is a vital part of our outdoor curriculum, and we want to ensure the children stay warm and dry! Your class teacher will confirm your child's specific day each week on their designated day, please send them with:

A warm, waterproof coat

A full change of clothes (including socks)

Appropriate footwear (wellies or sturdy boots)

Thank you for your support in making outdoor learning a success!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to launch KS2 Music Club every Monday! This replaces our previous Choir sessions. Students will have the chance to learn instruments including the ukulele and glockenspiel, alongside singing some fantastic new songs. **Instruments:** All equipment is provided by the school—no need to bring your own! This is available on Arbor to book

UPCOMING EVENTS

11.02.26	Valentine's disco	EY: in school time KSI: 3.00 – 4.00 KS2: 4.15 – 5.15
13.02.26	Break up for holiday	All School
23.02.26	Inset day	School closed to all pupils
05.03.26	World book day	All school
17.03.26	Year 3 assembly	Parents welcome

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 delighted to introduce Miss Ripley-Hill, who joined the Towngate team as the year 5 teacher in September 2025!

Before joining us, Miss Ripley-Hill gained valuable experience as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) at another school in Wakefield. She has brought a wealth of knowledge and energy to her new role here. She loves exploring new places and managed to visit an impressive 5 countries last year! An avid reader, Miss Ripley-Hill can often finish an entire book in a single day. Her favourite author is Colleen Hoover. We are so glad to have her as part of our school community!

PARENT CORNER

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

Nursery	97.47%	Year 3	95%
Reception	95.86%	Year 3/4	97.93%
Year 1	96.92%	Year 4	98.93%
Year 1/2	96.54%	Year 5	93.33%
Year 2	96.9%	Year 5/6	94.48%
		Year 6	96%

Star Of the Week

Year 3	Emily
Year 3/4	Seth
Year 4	Hadi
Year 5	Evie
Year 5/6	Olivia
Year 6	Oliver

PEAKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Reception have really immersed themselves in the world of traditional tales this week. They have used character masks to retell their favourite tale. There has been a big push on letter and number formation in provision and the children have worked really hard! To celebrate their hard work, we have taken inspiration from our core text this week and baked our own gingerbread men! Yummy!

KSI

This week, pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm in science while exploring the four senses. They have been thinking carefully about how hearing, smelling and touching help us in our everyday lives, sharing thoughtful ideas and real-life examples. Brilliant curiosity and super scientific thinking all round!

LKS2

In LKS2 our peak of the week has been our Geography lesson. Geography took us on a journey through time as we learned how heat and pressure transformed prehistoric life into the energy that fuels our modern world. From understanding the industrial uses of fossil fuels to exploring innovative alternatives like hydroelectric and solar energy, students gained a real-world perspective on our planet's resources and the importance of sustainability.

UKS2

Our UKS2 scientists reached a real peak this week while exploring the force of friction through a hands-on investigation. It was fantastic to see them predicting, measuring, and analysing how different surfaces resist motion to draw their own brilliant scientific conclusions.