

TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!

A WORD FROM MRS BERRY, MR ADLINGTON & MRS EDWARDS:

What a fantastic way to wrap up such a wonderful half term! This week, our Nursery, Reception, Year 5/6, and Year 6 classes held their final Forest School sessions before the break, and it was truly memorable! Gathered around the warmth of the campfire, the children practiced their outdoor skills by toasting marshmallows to make s'mores. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to sit back, enjoy their treats, and reflect on the incredible learning and outdoor adventures we've shared over the past six weeks.

We also want to send a massive thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the Valentine's Disco. It was a brilliant event that brought so much joy and energy to the school – a perfect celebration to head into the holidays!

We wish all of our families a happy half term and look forward to seeing you again after a well-earned break!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We are excited to announce that Year 1 students will begin their **Bikeability** training on **Tuesday, 24th February**. This program is a fantastic opportunity for our younger pupils to develop essential balance, control, and confidence on two wheels. To ensure a smooth start, please keep the following in mind: Students should wear comfortable clothing suitable for cycling (e.g., trousers or leggings) and sturdy closed-toe shoes.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Add a splash of colour to your Wednesday! Our Arts Club is the place to build, colour, and create every Wednesday lunchtime

We've had a busy start to the term so far we have made **Angiographs**: Creating "moving" optical illusions through clever folding and drawing. Also **Split-Pin Puppets**: Bringing characters to life with articulated, movable joints.

We have plenty of new projects lined up—come along this Wednesday and get creative!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

This month, we are proud to celebrate a cornerstone of the Towngate family—Mrs. Perkins, who joined us in February 2006.

Over the last 20 years, Mrs. Perkins has supported our pupils across the school, starting as a 1-1 support worker in Nursery before moving to Key Stage 2. Today, she serves as our vital Cover Supervisor. Her vast experience ensures our children are always in safe, familiar hands whenever she leads a classroom.

Beyond the Classroom Outside of school, Mrs. Perkins is a dedicated walker and a passionate Huddersfield Town supporter. She also spends much of her time fundraising for Wakefield Hospice, a cause she has championed for 11 years in memory of her Mum.

Please join us in thanking Mrs. Perkins for her incredible dedication to 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	99.01%	Year 3	97.86%
Reception	97.59%	Year 3/4	96.21%
Year 1	98.08%	Year 4	97.86%
Year 1/2	98.08%	Year 5	92.5%
Year 2	96.21%	Year 5/6	92.41%
		Year 6	94%

Star Of the Week

Year 1	Phoebe L
Year 1/2	Freddie L
Year 2	Avah

PEAKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Reception have had a gorgeous final week full of celebrations. We have enjoyed exploring love, creating Valentine's cards for the people who are special to us and danced away at the disco. We have also learnt about the Lunar New Year and enjoyed sampling some Chinese food.

KS1

Our KS1 artists have been busy building some very special new friends! Using their imagination and a pile of recycled materials, the children designed and built their own robot sculptures. The pupils showed wonderful creativity, making sure their robots had essential features like metallic sensors, "computer" buttons, and sturdy moving limbs!

LKS2

What a fantastic week it has been for our LKS2 superstars! This week was assessment week and we couldn't be prouder of the resilience and focus the children have shown. From tackling tricky maths problems to showcasing their reading comprehension, everyone has worked incredibly hard to complete their half-termly assessments and are ready for a well-earned break!

UKS2

The UKS2 team are incredibly proud of the immense focus and determination our children have displayed this week as they worked tirelessly on their end-of-term assessments to truly showcase everything they've learned.

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: **MRS ANNABEL BERRY**

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