

TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!

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

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope you all had a restful and refreshing half-term break and are returning with plenty of energy for the exciting weeks ahead. It has been a pleasure to visit classes this week and see the wonderful learning already taking place; the children have settled back in fantastically.

To ensure everyone remains familiar with our safety routines, we will be practicing our standard school evacuation drill over the coming days. These practices are a completely normal part of school life and are carried out in a calm, orderly, and age-appropriate way to ensure children feel confident and prepared.

Finally, you should have received a formal letter sharing the news that Mrs. Kimbley will be retiring at the end of this term. While she will be greatly missed by students and staff alike, we are incredibly grateful for her years of dedication and wish her nothing but happiness, relaxation, and wonderful new adventures in this well-deserved next chapter.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Theme: "Reading for Pleasure" Children are invited to dress in a way that excites them about reading! Options include

Book Characters: Dress as a favourite fictional hero.

Cosy Reading: Wear pyjamas or a onesie for a comfy bedtime story feel.

Dress as a Word: Wear an outfit representing a vocabulary word (e.g., "Radiant").

Note: Please keep it stress-free! We highly encourage homemade or recycled outfits—no need to buy expensive costumes.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Our Reading Club for Key Stage 1 and 2 is a wonderful space to unwind and simply enjoy the magic of a good story. In the quiet comfort of our library, you can choose to dive into a book peacefully on your own or share a favourite tale with your friends. While many children love the freedom of picking out their own adventure from the shelves, others look forward to a brilliant book recommendation from Miss Wilson to help them discover something brand new!

UPCOMING EVENTS

05.03.26	World book day	All school
17.03.26	Year 3 assembly	Parents welcome
18.03.26	Celebration of excellence event 3.10pm	All parents welcome
19.03.26	Year 4 assembly	Parents welcome
21.03.26	Red Nose Day	Whole school

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 welcome our new Trust Assistant Headteacher! A Wakefield local who attended Ossett Sixth Form, Mr Stephenson joins us with six years of Primary leadership experience and a SENDCo qualification.

At a Glance:

- **Experience:** Formerly a Secondary PE teacher; moved to Primary in 2015.
- **Interests:** Played for Wakefield Thorns CC for 20+ years; supports Leeds United and Wakefield Trinity.
- **Family:** Proud parent to four-year-old Violet.

"I can't wait to meet the children, staff, and parents across both schools!"

PARENT CORNER

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

Nursery	99.13%	Year 3	97.32%
Reception	97.41%	Year 3/4	99.11%
Year 1	95.19%	Year 4	97.77%
Year 1/2	97.12%	Year 5	94.79%
Year 2	95.54%	Year 5/6	90.52%
		Year 6	94.5%

Star Of the Week

Year 3	Emily
Year 3/4	Jackson
Year 4	Ellie
Year 5	Esme
Year 5/6	Lucas
Year 6	Nathan

PEAKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

This week in Nursery, we have been thinking about 'Families'. We have been talking about who is in our family and we are starting to create some art work celebrating our families.

KS1

Key Stage 1 have had a marvellous start to their new English topic, *Paddington's London Treasury*. By using their five senses to explore the capital, the children vividly captured the sights, smells, and sounds of the city. This immersive approach has sparked some truly wonderful descriptive writing—well done!

LKS2

It has been absolutely fantastic to see how hard LKS2 have worked in Geography this week! They have shown great curiosity while exploring the topic of fossil fuels, diving deep into how they are formed and used.

UKS2

In UKS2, our peak was skilfully applying specific persuasive features to our Middle-earth travel guides, crafting compelling brochures that would entice even the most reluctant adventurer to explore Tolkien's world!

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: MRS ANNABEL BERRY

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