TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!
A WORD FROM MRS POOLE AND MRS BERRY:

As we approach the end of our first half term this academic year, we do so looking back with excitement and positivity. This half term has, so far, seen our children settle into their new classrooms, getting stuck into their learning, forming new and strengthening old friendships.

We thank you – our parents and carers – for your ongoing support of school: attending inspire events in Key Stage 1, Fantastic Fridays assemblies and for your kind donations during our Harvest Festival celebrations. Thank you for taking the time to attend our parents' consultation evenings this week too, enabling us to continue strengthening our home/school partnership. This week, our PTA put on another fantastic event – our annual Halloween disco. This event was a spook-tastic opportunity to dance and spend time with friends. This week has been topped off for our Early Years with our Towngate pumpkin patch event – a wholesome end to what has been an incredible half term. We thank Hampson's Plantworld Wakefield for sourcing our pumpkins and helping us spread lots of joy for our youngest learners!

We wish Mrs Hartley and MrsTiplady all the very best as they embark on new adventures after half term – thank you both for your hard work and dedication to all of the children and families here at Towngate.

Finally, on behalf of all staff in school, we wish Mr Tyrrell our very best wishes as he and his wife-to-be, Emma tie the knot on 31st October! We hope you have a fantastic day celebrating with your nearest and dearest – we can't wait to hear all about your special day!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We will soon share dates for a parent consultation to showcase samples and gather feedback on our new school uniform, launching in September 2027. To assist with household costs, every pupil will receive one free sweatshirt or cardigan, and both current and new uniforms will be acceptable during a transition overlap period. We look forward to meeting with you and thank you for your continued support.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Please note that all lunchtime and after-school clubs will continue running as scheduled into the next upcoming half term. Parents and guardians can re-register their children directly through the Arbor App by navigating to **Activities > Clubs**. We will email when these will go live on Arbor next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

02.11.26	Pupils return to school	ALL CLASSES
09.11.26	Anti-Bullying Week	
09.11.26	Year 4 class assembly 2.30pm	All Year 4 parents
11.11.26	Reembrace service led by the school council	
11.11.26	Individual school photographs	All pupils must wear full school uniform
13.11.26	Children in need day	Pupils may wear non uniform or Pudsey inspired clothing (donations to Children in Need)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Hello everyone! My name is Miss Walton, and I joined the Towngate team midway through September as a lunchtime supervisor. While my primary experience coming into the role was raising my own two daughters, I have quickly discovered a true passion for supporting and guiding our wonderful pupils every day. Outside of school, life stays delightfully busy: I am currently training as a hairdresser and completing self-development courses to support my journey toward a full career in teaching—all while keeping up with my girls at home. I am thrilled to be a part of the Towngate community and look forward to continuing to support your children!

PARENT CORNER

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

Nursery	94.74%	Year 3	97.14%
Reception adventures	96.19%	Year 3/4	97.14%
Reception explorers	98.57%	Year 4	96.21%
Year 1	98.85%	Year 5	92.22%
Year 2 RA	96.32%	Year 5/6	96.92%
Year 2 RU	96.5%	Year 6	94.4

PEAKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Peak of the week – Reception's Pumpkin Patch Adventure! Reception have been diving into autumn by exploring all things pumpkins! Demonstrating fantastic **Collaboration**, the children came together to explore the sticky pulp, examine seeds, and learn about the different parts of a pumpkin. The highlight of our week was visiting our very own school pumpkin patch together to pick our own pumpkin.

KS1

Peak of the week: – collaboration in science!

This week, our young scientists investigated which materials were the most absorbent. They made fantastic predictions before testing materials in water and squeezing out the liquid to compare how much they absorbed. They concluded that cotton wool and paper towels were the most absorbent. Fantastic scientific thinking!

LKS2

Peak – excellence

Excellent start to the year with our first half term complete. The year 3 have settled into Ks2 amazingly and both them and the year 4s have been showing their best self-coming to school each day ready to learn. We can't wait for this to continue next half term after a well-deserved break.

UKS2

Peak of the Week: – Excellence with Character Descriptions!

Our UKS2 pupils produced exceptional character descriptions of the Ice Queen in English this week. Using rich vocabulary, powerful adjectives, and atmospheric imagery, they brought this frosty figure vividly to life on the page!

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: **MRS ANNABEL BERRY**

HEAD OF SCHOOL: **MRS LAURA POOLE**

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: **MRS SALLY O'DRISCOLL**

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