



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 14th October 2022

Please have a quick read to keep up to date with everything going on at school. Don't forget to follow our social media pages and keep up to date with letters on our school website – the details are at the bottom of the page.

Waterton Young Chef

All I can say is WOW! The entries for the first round of Waterton Young Chef were a huge success at SKA with so many brilliantly creative and tasty entries. The judges found it incredibly difficult to pick the top 3 and overall winner, and also felt sick from gorging on so many delicious treats! Well done to Alexander, Willow, Keah, Kaden, Parker, Sonny, Lexi, Alyssa, Bobby, Sophie, Levi, Rosie and Nancy for their entries. Winners will be announced next week!



Year 6 Trip – Eden Camp

Year 6 are very excited to kick-off this year's exciting calendar of trips with a visit to Eden Camp. A reminder that all children need to be at school by 8:30am as they will be leaving school at 8:45am. Children should come wearing their uniform and a rucksack with their packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks, please).

Mobile phones are **not** permitted on the trip but can be left at school if this is what your child usually does.

Parents' Evenings

Reminder: our first parents' evenings of the academic year are on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th October 2022: 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Thursday 20th October 2022: 3:30pm – 6:30pm**

Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher – there are slots still available and you can do this through the My Child at School (MCAS) app.

If you can not make either date, your child's class teacher will be in touch to arrange an alternative appointment.

MCAS (My Child At School) App

We still have a few parents/carers who have not yet set up on the MCAS app. MCAS is our new app to communicate with families so it is important that this is accessed by all so important information is not missed. Please pop into the office to see Mrs Neary or Mrs Studd and they will happily help you get set up!

School Calendar There are a few dates to be aware of for next week.

Date	Event
Monday 17 th October	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 6 sports club
Wednesday 19 th October	Year 4 sports club
Thursday 20 th October	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club
Friday 21 st October	School finishes at 3:20pm for half-term We re-open on Monday 31 st October 2022 at 8:45am

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Wakefield Half-Term Planner – Visit the website on the planner below for more information.

expwake.co/HalfTerm

Saturday 22 October	Sunday 23 October	Monday 24 October	Tuesday 25 October	Wednesday 26 October
 <p>PONTRFRACT LANTERN FESTIVAL Pontrfract Town Centre FREE Drop-In</p> <p>Join the Lions for a great family event with traditional lantern parade, music, food, stalls and children's ride. For more info and to find a lantern workshop before the event, visit: expwake.co/Lantern</p>	 <p>FARMER COPLEYS PUMPKIN EXPERIENCE Farmer Copleys Tickets £5 (not including pumpkins) Booking Essential</p> <p>Enjoy pumpkin picking, tractor rides, birds of prey, archery, face painting and more. Runs 1-2, 8-9, 15-18, and 20-31 October. More information and booking at: expwake.co/Pumpkin</p>	 <p>SPOOKTACULAR SCARECROW TRAIL Anglers Country Park Trail Maps £2 Drop-In</p> <p>Follow the woodland trail, find the missing word to the magic spell and count the scarecrows to win a prize! Plus enjoy free craft activities in the Visitor Centre. Runs 22-31 October</p>	 <p>FAMILY WORKSHOPS The Hepworth Wakefield FREE (for Wakefield District Residents) Drop-In</p> <p>Explore The Hepworth Wakefield's artworks and then make a creation of your own based on what you've seen. Runs 25, 26 and 30 October. For timings and more, visit: expwake.co/HepworthFamily</p>	 <p>PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PONTRFRACT'S PAST Pontrfract Museum FREE Drop-In</p> <p>Explore photographs from Pontrfract's past, look at old cameras from the museum's collection to discover how they worked, and make your own picture frame to take home.</p>
Thursday 27 October	Friday 28 October	Saturday 29 October	Sunday 30 October	<p>FIND OUT MORE</p> <p>To find out more about these events, and to find other events and attractions to visit across the Wakefield district this half term, head to:</p> <p>ExperienceWakefield.co.uk</p> 
 <p>ARTY AUTUMN Castleford Museum FREE Drop-In</p> <p>Get creative and crafty with awesome autumnal activities based on Castleford Museum's fascinating collection. Runs 24, 25, 27 and 28 October</p>	 <p>STAR WALK Trinity Walk FREE Drop-In</p> <p>The massive cosplay event returns! See characters from Star Wars, Marvel, DC, Transformers and more - plus face painting and freebies! Runs 28-29 October</p>	 <p>WICKED WAKEY Wakefield City Centre FREE Drop-In</p> <p>Wakefield BID invite you to this fang-tastic event featuring craft workshops, performances, selfie rooms and spooky stories aboard the Tiny Train of Terror! Runs 28-29 October</p>	 <p>WITCHES AND WIZARDS Pontrfract Castle FREE Drop-In</p> <p>Make some awesome Halloween-themed crafts, learn to make some magical potions and take part in some witchy outdoor activities! Runs 26-30 October</p>	



Safeguarding Message

This week's safeguarding message is about **Fifa 23**. Please see the separate document uploaded to our website – you can also find these guides on our safeguarding page.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

A bit of a dip this week unfortunately – our who school attendance figure for **Week 6** is **92.7%**↓. Let's try and get back up to 95% next week! Thanks for getting your children to school as much as possible.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 96%	Fairburn 98%	Brodsworth 94%	Ackworth 91%
Nostell 90%	Waterton 92%	Wragby 93%	Wentbridge 88%

Well done to **Fairburn Class** for winning this week's attendance award with **98%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 21st October 2022.**

Enjoy the weekend.

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