



# SKA HEADLINES

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Year 6 Trip – Eden Camp

The Year 6 children had a fantastic day at Eden Camp, finding out lots of interesting information about World War 2 and looking at lots of real-life exhibits, including cars, tanks and planes! The behaviour from all of our Year 6 children was brilliant – we are very proud of both Ackworth and Wentbridge class.



## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn term parents' evenings – it was great to have you all in school to find out how your children have got on in their new class this half-term.

Thank you to all parents and carers who filled out our parent view survey – it was great to look at the results and find that 100% of the sample would recommend our school to another family. I am forever appreciative of the support from you all and know that South Kirkby Academy is continuing to move from strength to strength.

I have asked all teachers to catch up with any missed appointments after the half-term holiday, so please expect a phone call if you did not manage to meet with your child's teacher.

## School Crossing Patrol

Our school crossing lady is off poorly still and I am aware that the junction of Stockingate/Common Road/Mill Lane and Millars Walk is a very busy one where there have been a few near-misses.

I have phoned Wakefield Council a few times and unfortunately there is no relief crossing patrol.

If any parents or carers would like to contact Wakefield Council directly about this issue, the contact details are below:

*Email: [customerservices@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@wakefield.gov.uk) Telephone: 0345 8 506 506*



## Milk Carton Donations

Please donate any clean, washed-out empty milk cartons to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 for our fantastic Friends of SKA PTA to make Halloween lanterns.



## 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!

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## Autumn Events at School

Please see our list of Autumn events below. We will continue to update this and highlight any new or changed events:

Event:	Date:
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Break up Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (3:20pm)</b> <b>Return on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (8:45am)</b>
Halloween Disco (3:30pm-4:30pm)	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Year 4 Sublime Science Day (please see MCAS)	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022
Individual School Photos	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
PSHE Open Evening in the Hall – Parents/Carers only	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 (after school – times TBC)
Year 3 & 4 Movie Night	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Year 5 & 6 Movie Night	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Children in Need Day – info to follow	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Christmas Jumper Day – info to follow	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning, followed by Christmas Fayre – <b>Families Invited</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Autumn Progress Reports to Families	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Break up Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (3:20pm)</b> <b>Return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 (8:45am)</b>

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

Date	Event
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits Halloween disco – please bring a change of clothes (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Year 6 sports club
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Year 4 – Sublime Science Workshops – Please see MCAS App for payment Year 4 sports club
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club

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

**OCTOBER HALF TERM PLANNER** [expwake.co/HalfTerm](http://expwake.co/HalfTerm)

**Saturday 22 October**  
**PONTEFRAC TANTERN FESTIVAL**  
Pontefract Town Centre  
FREE  
Drop-in  
Join the Lions for a great family event with traditional lanterns, parades, music, food stalls and children's rids. For more info and to find a lantern workshop before the event, visit [expwake.co/Lantern](http://expwake.co/Lantern)

**Sunday 23 October**  
**FARMER COPLEYS PUMPKIN EXPERIENCE**  
Farmer Copleys  
Tickets £5 (not including pumpkins)  
Booking Essential  
Enjoy pumpkin picking, tractor rides, birds of prey, archery, face painting and more.  
Runs 12-4, 8-9, 15-18, and 20-31 October. More information and booking at [expwake.co/Pumpkin](http://expwake.co/Pumpkin)

**Monday 24 October**  
**SPOOKTACULAR SCARECROW TRAIL**  
Anglers Country Park  
Trail Maps £2  
Drop-in  
Follow the woodland trail, find the missing words 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

**Tuesday 25 October**  
**FAMILY WORKSHOPS**  
The Hepworth Wakefield  
FREE (for Wakefield District Residents)  
Drop-in  
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](http://expwake.co/HepworthFamily)

**Wednesday 26 October**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PONTEFRAC'S PAST**  
Pontefract Museum  
FREE  
Drop-in  
Explore photographs from Pontefract'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.

**Thursday 27 October**  
**ARTS AUTUMN**  
Castledorf Museum  
FREE  
Drop-in  
Get creative and crafty with awesome autumnal activities based on Castledorf Museum's fascinating collection.  
Runs 24, 25, 27 and 28 October

**Friday 28 October**  
**STAR WALK**  
Tintin Walk  
FREE  
Drop-in  
The massive cosplay event returns! See characters from Star Wars, Marvel, DC Transformers and more – plus face painting and freebies!  
Runs 20-29 October

**Saturday 29 October**  
**WICKED WAKELY**  
Wakefield City Centre  
FREE  
Drop-in  
Wakefield BID invite you to this fun-fab event featuring craft workshops, performances, walk shows and spooky stories aboard the Tintin Train of Terror!  
Runs 28-29 October

**Sunday 30 October**  
**WITCHES AND WIZARDS**  
Pontefract Castle  
FREE  
Drop-in  
Make some awesome Halloween-themed crafts, learn to make some magical potions and take part in some wacky outdoor activities!  
Runs 26-30 October

**FIND OUT MORE**  
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:  
[ExperienceWakefield.co.uk](http://ExperienceWakefield.co.uk)

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## Safeguarding Message

This week's safeguarding message is about **Sendit**. 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%)

Our school attendance figure for **Week 7** is **87%**↓ which is well below our whole-school target. Let's try and get back up to 95% the first week back after half-term!

### Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 80%	<b>Fairburn 93%</b>	Brodsworth 91%	Ackworth 86%
Nostell 85%	Waterton 88%	Wragby 86%	Wentbridge 83%

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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

Have a lovely half-term and we will look forward to welcoming your children back at **8:45am** on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

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