



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 27th January 2023

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.

Times Tables Rock Stars Day (TTRS)

It's been a maths and rock music filled day at South Kirkby Academy! We have relaunched our TTRS competitions including a new Battle of the Bands competition which will run each week and be celebrated in our Friday celebration assembly.



Our two best-dressed rock stars caused lots of arguments and a lengthy deliberation between myself, Mrs Stephenson and Miss Burns, but the winning boy and girl were **Reggie in Year 3** and **Maisy in Year 6!** Of course, it was incredibly difficult to pick and I would like to thank you all for supporting our TTRS day with such fantastic costumes.

Please encourage your children to log on to TTRS at home – if you need your child's login, please speak to your child's teacher.

Spring Term 1 Calendar

Event:	Date:
Year 3 and 4 Movie Night – tickets available in the office	Tuesday 31 st January 2023
SATs Meeting (Year 6 parents/carers only)	Wednesday 1 st February
Year 5 and 6 Movie Night – tickets available in the office	Thursday 2 nd February 2023
Valentine's Disco – tickets available in the office	Tuesday 7 th February 2023
Young Voices	Wednesday 8 th February 2023
The SKA Exhibition	Thursday 9 th February 2023
FEBRUARY HALF-TERM	Break up Friday 10 th February 2023 Return to school on Monday 20 th February 2023

Waterton Academy Trust – NEU Strikes – Wednesday 1st February 2023

School is currently open as normal on Wednesday 1st February, with some slight changes to staffing where needed. Breakfast club will run as normal but there will be no after school clubs on this day. Thank you for your understanding.



SATs Boosters

Sorry for the confusion last week - a reminder that Year 6 revision classes will start next week. Please collect your child from the **main entrance** at 4:15pm promptly.

After evaluation and the evenings now becoming lighter, we are happy for children to walk home. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office to give verbal permission if you would like your child to walk home.

Greek Workshop

A polite reminder that payment is due for the Year 4 Greek workshop on the MCAS app. Thank you if you have already paid. Remember, you can split payments in instalments through the MCAS app.

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Online Safety Message

This week's parent/carer guide is about WhatsApp. Click the WhatsApp icon to open the guide.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.



Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 4 of Spring Term** is **93%** which is below our school target, but better than last week. **It is so important to make sure your children are attending school.** Let's see if we can hit that 95% next week.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 93%	Fairburn 100%	Brodsworth 93%	Ackworth 88%
Nostell 93%	Waterton 94%	Wragby 89%	Wentbridge 91%

Well done to **Fairburn** for winning this week's attendance award with a perfect **100%** attendance. What a great result – I don't think we have had a single 100% attendance in the 16 months I have worked here! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 3rd February 2023.**

Coffee Club

Don't forget our weekly coffee club in the staff room every Friday at 8:45am until 9:45am. Come along, have a chat with other parents and carers, and speak to school staff while enjoying a brew and a biscuit! **Everyone welcome.**



Have a lovely weekend.

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