



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 8th November 2024

Welcome back!

We have had a busy first week back at SKA! On top of all of our learning, we have had sports competitions and artists in creating a beautiful mural to display outside school. School attendance this week has not been as good as it was before half term at 93%. Please make sure you are sending your children to school on time as much as possible. Earlier in the week, I sent out an events calendar for the coming half-term and also uploaded this to our Facebook page. To remove the risk of anyone saying I have not sent this out, I have also included the calendar below!

Families Invited New Events Cancelled/Postponed/Changed Events

Event:	Date:
Whole-school Mural Painting	Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th November 2024
Kindness Week	Week commencing Monday 11 th November 2024
South Kirkby Cenotaph Service (invite only)	Monday 11 th November 2024
NSPCC Year 5 and 6 Stay Safe Workshops	Tuesday 12 th November 2024
Odd Socks Day <small>Full uniform – odd socks is the only change.</small>	Tuesday 12 th November 2024
Kindness Week Bun Sale <small>Please donate cakes if you can.</small>	Thursday 14 th November 2024
Children in Need <small>Wear spots or yellow for a donation.</small>	Friday 15 th November 2024
Year 3 & 4 Achievement Assembly <small>9:10am start INVITE ONLY VIA TEXT MESSAGE</small>	Monday 9 th December 2024
Christmas Disco <small>£2 per ticket 3:30pm-4:30pm Children MUST be collected</small>	Monday 9 th December 2024
Year 6 Trip – Crucial Crew	Monday 9 th December 2024
Year 5 & 6 Achievement Assembly <small>9:10am start INVITE ONLY VIA TEXT MESSAGE</small>	Tuesday 10 th December 2024
SKA Exhibition – Paper Wreath Making <small>9am-9:45am in class 9:45am-10:15am Christmas Coffee Morning</small>	Wednesday 11 th December 2024
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12 th December 2024
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 12 th December 2024
Year 3 Christmas Show <small>to school and Year 2 Common Road Infant School</small>	Thursday 13 th December 2024
Year 3 Christmas Show <small>to families – afternoon showing (1:30pm)</small>	Monday 16 th December 2024
Year 3 Christmas Show <small>to families – morning showing (9:30am)</small>	Tuesday 17 th December 2024
Christmas Fayre <small>3:20pm-4pm in the school hall</small>	Tuesday 17 th December 2024
Christmas Movie Night <small>£1 per ticket which includes popcorn and a drink Children MUST be collected</small>	Wednesday 18 th December 2024
The BIG SKA Christmas Sing-Off <small>Our annual feel-good Christmas celebration</small>	Friday 20 th December 2024
Christmas Holidays	We close for the Christmas break on Friday 20 th December 2024 at 3:20pm.
Start of Spring 1	We open for Spring Term on Tuesday 7 th January 2025 – Monday 6 th is an INSET Day.

Pick-up

Now the evenings are dark, **all children must be picked up from after-school clubs and events. Children will not be allowed to walk home.**

Year 3 & 4 Football

SKA hosted the first of many Waterton Trust sports competitions...not only was it a pleasure to host our Trust schools, but WE WON! Congratulations to our fantastic Year 3 and 4 footballers who took part in the event, and thank you to our two referees Sonny and Jacob in Year 6 who did an outstanding job.



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Attendance this week: **93%**

Knaresborough	98%
Leeds	96%
Whitby	94%
Harrogate	93%
Richmond	93%
York	90%
Filey	89%
Ilkley	89%
Knaresborough may wear non uniform on Thursday (Friday is Children in Need)	

Harper (Leeds)	For improving her skills in hockey!
Reggie (York)	For having a fantastic first week back after half-term.
Evie (Knaresborough)	For showing independence and perseverance in maths.
Felix (Richmond)	For overcoming his swimming fears.
Ashleigh (Filey)	For being an absolute delight all of the time!
Sophie (Whitby)	For always working hard and being kind.
Tillie (Harrogate)	For being an excellent role model this week.
Abdoul (Ilkley)	For working hard to improve his arithmetic score.

Congratulations to our **Stars of the Week!**





Please join WISENDSS free training and workshop opportunities on various dates held at:
Cedars Family Hub, Barnsley Road, Pontefract, WF9 4PU.
 To book call: 01977 722 215




Making Sense of Neurodiversity:
 All minds are beautiful and diverse and there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning, and behaving.
 Tuesday 05th November 2024 1@ 2.30-2.20
Sleep Workshop
 journey towards better sleep for every child. Let's work together to create a world where every child can sleep soundly and wake up ready to conquer the day!
 Tuesday 26th November 2024 @ 10.00-12.00

Sensory Seeking and Avoidance—Prepare for Christmas:
 Our children need support at this time of year as there stimulus is everywhere.....how can you help your children?
 Tuesday 10th December 2024 @ 10:00—12:00


Autism Education Trust—Transitions - Yr5/6 to Yr 7
 Aimed at Year 5 and 6 parents—planning ahead for Secondary Schools
 Monday 20th January @ 10:00—12:00


Value of the week: Golden Rule




India (Year 6) Blake (Year 6)
 Lucas (Year 5) Thomas (Year 5)
 Dahlia (Year 4) Mia (Year 4)
 Tilly (Year 3) Alexander (Year 3)




Lunchtime Awards



Sienna (Y4) and Billie (Y5)




DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT SKA INFORMATION!



Please ensure you have the MCAS App downloaded with notifications turned **ON**.
 Please follow our social media feeds for more information and reminders.
We send out paper letters but at request only.

Key Events Next Week



Please see the events calendar on the first page – this has also been sent out via MCAS and is on our Facebook page.

Have a lovely weekend!

