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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy and exciting week! Year 4 have been working with a designer to develop their ideas on how to make their walk to school safer. Across the school, children have taken part in activities focused on looking after their mental health. I also spent a wonderful afternoon with Class 11, introducing them to the concept of their digital footprint and discussing how it can impact future job opportunities. Next week brings flu nasal spray for consenting families and we will send home the link to book for our first parent-teacher meeting of the year.

Important safeguarding information

Please see the next page for some safeguarding information shared by the authority around a series of books.

Baby Loss awareness week

Please see information below from Father David. He has left some hearts in reception if anyone would like to fill one in for his memorial tree of love. He will collect them on Tuesday next week.

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK 9-15 OCTOBER 2025
WAVE OF LIGHT AND MEMORIAL TREE OF LOVE

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TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER
1900-2000HRS
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, ALTOFTS

WAVE OF LIGHT AND MEMORIAL TREE OF LOVE
WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER
1900-2000HRS
ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, SHARLSTON

MEMORIAL HEARTS FOR THE TREE OF LOVE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OR FROM:
MARTIN FROBISHER INFANT SCHOOL
LEE BRIGG INFANT SCHOOL
ALTOFTS JUNIOR SCHOOL
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORMANTON
R J BURGESS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, NORMANTON

MEMORIAL HEARTS FOR THE TREE OF LOVE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OR FROM:
STREETHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORMANTON
R J BURGESS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, NORMANTON

A SAFE PLACE TO REMEMBER WITH LOVE

A TINY FLOWER LENT NOT GIVEN TO BUD ON EARTH AND FLOWER IN HEAVEN

Father David Teasdel SSC

Communication

Communication is really important to us, and we always welcome feedback from our school community. We want to make sure everyone stays informed and connected.

Moving forward, we will be sharing all the exciting things happening in school on our **Facebook page**.

Whole-school messages will be sent via **Dojo** or **ParentMail**.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please do so through **Dojo** rather than calling or emailing the office. To contact a member of the **Senior Leadership Team (SLT)** or the **Business Manager**, please email via the school office.

A **monthly newsletter** will also be shared, including key dates, updates, and community adverts.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Vickers
Headteacher



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that several titles in the *Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series* by **Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Vickers

Headteacher





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Reminders

Food bank basket in reception for donations

Reading volunteers

If you are interested in hearing our children read and can spare an hour or two each week, please let the office know — they will share the next steps with you. We would also love grandparents to get involved, as they often have a little more time than busy parents. Your support makes a huge difference to our children's learning — thank you!

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs are not allowed onto the school playground.

Wrap around care

Please see the next page for details how to sign up for after school childcare.

E-scooters and electric bikes

Make sure they are not used on school property. As outlined in a previous newsletter they are illegal in public areas.

Homework

Set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday



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Dates for the calendar

Tuesday 14th October—Flu vaccines (children)

Monday 20th October—Y5 Wonderdome planetarium in the school hall

Wednesday 22nd October—Halloween disco 4pm Y3 and 4, 5:15pm Year 5 and 6

Friday 24th October—INSET day school closed to pupils

Monday 10th November—School photographs

Friday 14th November—Children in Need, wear spots!

Tuesday 18th November—Year 3-5 Parents Evening—3.30—6.30pm

Wednesday 26th November - Year 6 Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 28th November—Non uniform day—bring chocolate for tombola

Monday 1st December—Year 3 Panto at Wakefield Theatre

Thursday 11th December—SEN coffee afternoon 2-3pm

Monday 15th December—Year 3 & 4 Evening performance

Tuesday 16th December—Year 3 & 4 party 1pm

Tuesday 16th December—Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 6pm

Wednesday 17 December—Year 5 & 6 party

Thursday 18 December—Whole School Christmas service 10am



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Subject: Bookings Now Open – Altofts Wraparound & After School Clubs

Hi Altofts Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

We're excited to let you know that bookings for both our Wraparound Provision and After School Clubs are now live on our new system, Pebble.

Book both Wraparound Provision and After School Clubs here: <https://tinyurl.com/2teh4kwf>

Wraparound Provision starts Wednesday 3rd September and runs from 3:00–4:30pm or 3:00–6:00pm.

After School Clubs start Monday 8th September from 3:00–4:00pm.

Each night offers something different, from Football and Dodgeball to Soft Archery.

If you haven't already, please make sure you've set up your Pebble account first. It only takes a few minutes: <https://app.bookpebble.co.uk/register>

Payment Options:

Pebble makes payments simpler by asking for payment at the time of booking, with all options in one place.

Card Payment

Card Payment via Klarna (for bookings over £35 – book now, pay later)

Poncho Pay (for Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare)

Parents can now pay directly using Tax-Free Childcare and the following childcare voucher providers:

Fideliti, KiddiVouchers, Busy Bees / Bravo Benefits, ComputerShare, and Care-4.

For any new voucher schemes, please email us before booking. We'll need to register with that provider before payments can be accepted.

This process ensures your bookings are instantly confirmed and makes it much easier for us to manage sessions effectively.

Pebble also has a step-by-step FAQ for parents on setting up an account, making bookings, and managing payments: <https://intercom.help/bookpebble/en/collections/3763151-for-guardians-parents>

We're confident this new system will make things clearer and easier for you.

If you have any questions or run into any issues, please get in touch — we're always happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

The Super Star Sport Wakefield Team



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Waterton
Academy Trust

An opportunity for new
and prospective
parents/carers to come
and look around our
wonderful school and
meet some of the team.



Reception September 2026 Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd October
4pm – 5pm



Executive Headteacher: Mr Luke Welsh
Head of School: Miss Laurabeth Kilkenny
Lee Brigg, Altofts, Wakefield, WF6 2LN
Telephone: 01924 967609

Email: leebriggadmin@watertonacademytrust.org
Website: <https://leebrigginfants.org/>



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ALTOFTS JUNIOR SCHOOL

ASH TREE GARDENS, NORMANTON, WF6 2NF

MON 27TH OCT - FRI 31ST OCT

**FOR AGES
YEAR 1 - 6**

9AM - 3PM

FULL DAY - £20

FULL WEEK - £90

**FOR AGES
RECEPTION -
YEAR 6**

9AM - 1PM

HALF DAY - £12

HALF FULL WEEK - £50

**MON:
GYMNASICS**

**TUES:
FOOTBALL
FRENZY DAY**

**WED:
NINJA
WARRIOR
& SOFT
ARCHERY**

**THURS:
OLYMPIC
GAMES**

**FRI:
HALLOWEEN
PARTY DAY**

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For more information call 07359 431 480

Email info@superstarsportwakefield.co.uk



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Pebble





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A YORKSHIRE WILDLINGS EVENT

HALF TERM CAMP

As the autumn leaves begin to fall, a hush descends upon the ancient forest... but wait! What's that in the air? A whisper of magic, a hint of mystery, and the thrilling promise of Halloween Forest School Holiday Camps! 🎃

This October half term, step into a world where the trees hold secrets and every rustle of leaves could be a clue.

Young adventurers are called to embark on an unforgettable journey, for within the heart of our enchanted woods lies a Halloween Puzzle waiting to be solved!

Visit our website to secure a spot in the Halloween Forest School where magic and adventure await!
www.yorkshirewildlings.co.uk





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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 3 with an attendance of 98.26%. Amazing attendance—very well done.