



Altofts Junior School

Newsletter w/e 28/2/25



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our Spring 2 term. Some of you may be aware that we have had a new phone system installed. We had a few teething problems at the start of the week but it now appears to be working fine. This week Year 4 have had a lifestyle talk from the health services which has equipped them with the knowledge of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As the weather is getting better, our visits are starting up. Year 3 are going to Herd Farm next week and there is also a cross country competition coming up. Mr Cowell has made links with other local schools to facilitate football matches for our teams. It has been wonderful to see the rise in popularity of girls' football and this has been enhanced by one of our PE coaches we buy in from Wakefield Trinity using the Sports Premium funding. The bake sale run by house captains before the holidays has raised £200 and the winning house were the blue team. Well done to everyone involved and Year 6 have some decisions to make on how they want to spend the money for their post SATs treat. Who knows what they will come up with! We are excited to see what the next house event will be. Mrs Gul ran an assembly on Ramadan to explain to the children what Ramadan is and the reasons behind it. We do have some children who fast and they we have made plans so these children can rest at lunchtime if they wish to.

OPAL Play

This week Mrs Sheard launched our playtime bingo. The children have donated some amazing equipment—all wanting to be the winning class! We are so grateful for the donations and can't wait to see them all being used. The OPAL project is beginning to really transform playtime. We have introduced an area for the children to use scooters in, quiet zones where children can draw and read as well as more football and basketball facilities on the tennis court. Our playtime leaders are leading games for some of the younger children and are managing the equipment to ensure it is all looked after correctly. We have more exciting things to come.

Careers week

Next week the children will be looking at different careers for when they leave school. Mr Pearson has been organising some talks from parents about their careers to inspire them. It is never too early to talk about their future and this supports our vision that children will have an awareness of their future possibilities:-

At Altofts Junior School, we want pupils to be independent life-long learners, who are accepting and understanding citizens. Our school is inclusive and child-centred; pupils take responsibility and show commitment and resilience in their learning. We set high expectations, inspiring every pupil to excel across the breadth of our knowledge-rich curriculum and deepen their understanding. Pupils are equipped with the tools to keep themselves mentally and physically healthy and self-regulating whenever they need it. They understand the importance of being inquisitive and how this curiosity can broaden their understanding of the wider world. This will lead them to an awareness of their future possibilities and prepare them exceptionally well for life beyond our school.



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Online safety

Here is a link to information about Roblox and how to keep your child safe online.

[What is Roblox? Safety guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

Please do read the guide as our children are becoming increasingly skillful online leaving the adults behind!

World Book Day

On Thursday Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character. Miss Hartley has planned some activities for the day designed to foster the love of reading.

Wrap around care

Superstar sports are planning an Easter holiday camp to be held here at Altofts. Details have been sent out via Parent Mail. The after school wrap around care club is growing every week and the children are enjoying the choice of activities on offer.

Ofsted Registered

Accepting payments via Tax-Free Childcare

Operating Hours: Every school day, 3pm - 6pm

Pricing:

£6.50 for 3pm - 4:30pm

£12.50 for 3pm - 6pm

Flexible Booking: Choose the schedule that works best for you—book daily or once a week.

Snacks Offered Daily (included in the price):

A variety of options including sandwiches, toast, beans, bagels, crackers, cheese, fresh fruit, and juice.

Themed Activities for This Term include:

Access to the Sports Club each evening for the first hour

Board Game Tournaments

Science Experiments

Arts & Crafts

Outdoor Scavenger Hunts

Talent Show

Sports Day

Movie Afternoon

Cooking Activities

Simple Online Booking System:

<https://super-star-sport-wakefield.classforkids.io/camp/27>

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Joanne Vickers



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JUNIOR BAKE OFF



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

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EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS



Complete
Training 

MINI MEDICS TRAINING

First Aid Training for Children 3 Hour Course

This 3 hour course is a very basic introduction to First Aid and Defibrillation aimed at Children between the ages of 7 and 13 years.

The training is educational and practical, and instils the importance of helping someone in an emergency.

A range of subjects are covered including:

- ✓ What is First Aid?
- ✓ First Aid Kits
- ✓ Important things to know about First Aid
- ✓ DR ABC
- ✓ Resuscitation (CPR)
- ✓ Defibrillation
- ✓ Recovery Position
- ✓ Choking
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Wounds & Bleeding
- ✓ Shock



*Trainers are fully
DBS checked*

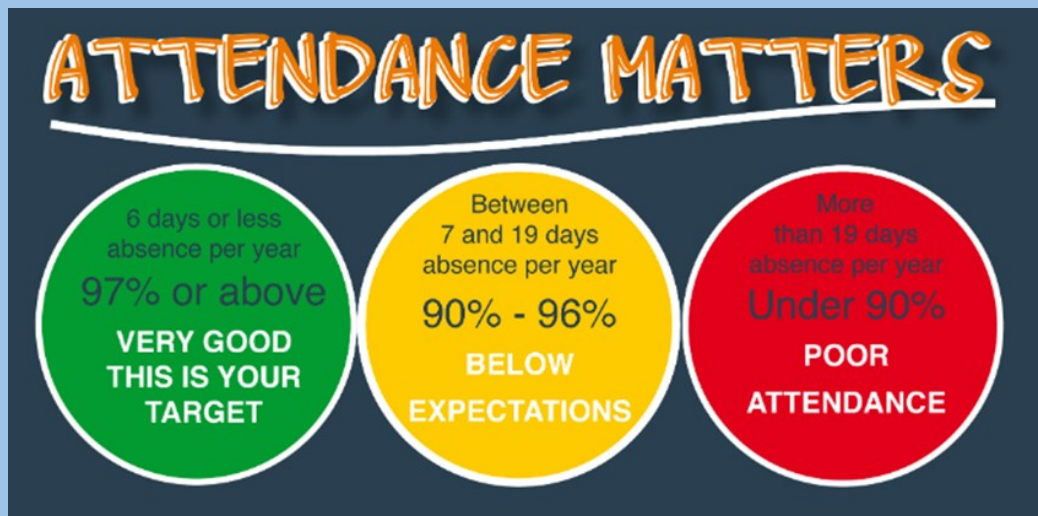
Cost £30 per child

Book your places on our [Easter Holiday Sessions](#) by scanning the QR code above

Training is held at Somerset House,
Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 7JE (next to Asda)



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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 9 with an attendance of 99.6%. Amazing attendance—very well done!