



## Newsletter –13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Thank you for struggling through the snow and ice to school last week, hopefully we have seen the back of it for the time being. It always seems much more difficult getting up and out of bed on dark winter mornings, but for the children, attendance at school is so important. While no one can help getting ill, missing school can impact on a child's progress and attainment, their friendships and emotional well-being and can impact their mental health. The effect is not only from the absence but also when they return – thinking about the things they have missed, the work they need to catch up with and what their friends have been doing in their absence. Similarly, punctuality is also vital. Our school day starts at 8.40am and as soon as the playground is clear we shut the doors and start our learning. Children who arrive after this need to enter via the school office. On most days, the first learning tasks are short fluency work or interventions, responding to yesterday's efforts and editing and improving their work. These are so important in consolidating previous learning and in starting our new day off on the right foot. Well done to Year 6 who top our attendance table at the moment. Our school target for attendance is 96%.

### News from the Eco Council.

Not only have the Eco Council been busy choosing the next inspirational person of our Aspire Awards, they are also meeting this week to make some bird feeders in encourage wildlife into our school. They also have plans to take part in the nationwide 'Big Schools Birdwatch' later this month.

Following their choice of Steve Backshall for the Aspire Award and the assembly we had on endangered wildlife, the children have also been tasked with choosing an animal for the school to sponsor. They were inspired by Rose in Year 5 who brought in the information from the polar bear she sponsors each month.



### ATTENDANCE TABLE

	Year Group	Attendance
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6	95.87%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2	95.79%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5	95.78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	95.30%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	93.32%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception	89.66%

Tonight, our staff have been learning how to deliver a speech and language intervention into EYFS called Early Talk Boost. This will ensure our

children get support as soon as they need it.



The children below received a Head Teacher's award last week:

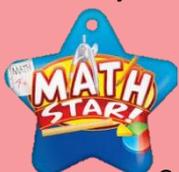
- ★ Hayden Maguire
- ★ Marcus Sleeman
- ★ Maddison Rowe
- ★ Lottie Johnson
- ★ Primm Brady
- ★ James Lewis
- ★ James Mageean
- ★ Alice Masterman



Numbots certificates were presented to Harper Henderson and Reggie Jones.

Coby Walton, Izabella Collins and Molly Jackson all

received a Times Table Rockstars award.



Congratulations to you all.

### Dates for your diary

#### January 2025

- Friday 31st January – Year 1 Football Festival

#### February 2025

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health week begins
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – talent show
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines Disco (TBC)
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – School Closed (PD Day)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

#### March 2025

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's consultation event

#### April 2025

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Rocksteady concert for parents
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Y3/4/5 trip to Life Centre, Newcastle (TBC)
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bingo evening
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School Closed (PD Day)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## LOCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our attendance target:

96%



The **IMPACT** of poor school attendance is clear...

- In 2019, just 4 out of 10 children whose attendance was less than 90% achieved the expected standards by the end of Year 6. For children who attended school regularly, over 8 out of 10 met the expected standard
- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive friendships and relations with others. This is proved to be a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

- Frequent absences from school isolate children from important social interactions, potentially leading to feelings of loneliness, detachment, and low self-esteem.
- Poor school attendance has proven links to increased criminality and to lower rates of employment on leaving school



I ♥ MY SCHOOL!

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**



A child with an attendance of 90% will miss over 120 hours of lessons, learning and play in a school year!

# Aspire Award Roll of Honour



## 25 Aspire Points Stan Hollis

Freddie Henderson	Violet Hardy
Izabella Collins	William Bennett
Harry Weldon	Teddi Templeman
Oona Brown	Toby Moutrey
Olliver Moutrey	Harper Henderson
Isabelle Warrior	Archie Elders
Piper Frankland	Olivia Robshaw
Mila Horness	Harriet Smith
James Lewis	Harry Weldon
James Mageean	Annabelle Darby
Rory Birtwhistle	
Phoebe Johnson	
Willow Swales	
Freya Moore	
Reuben Grady	
Henry Wilson	
Georgie Wilkinson	
Kyle Robshaw	
Hunter Langley	
Maggie Johnson	
Holly Foster	
Brooklyn Brown	
Olivia Brekon	
Marcus Sleeman	
Harry Foggin	
Daisy Hobson	
Hallie Brown	
Heidi Szekeres	
Jacob Green	
Honey Hardy	
Jaxon Hauxwell	
Molly Jackson	
Eppy Horness	
Eden Bright	
Reggie Jones	
Reggie Dey	
Freddie Mitchell	
George Robinson	
Lacey-Mae Morgan	
Marcie Lewis	
Lola Scott	
Ivy Smith	
Harry Clarke	
Cooper Knight	
Bradley Darby	
Rowan Ashton-McGrath	
Harvey Robinson	
Jacob Wallace	
Nyla Corner	
Rosie Dawkins	
Eliana Taylor	
Freya Naylor	

## 50 Aspire Points Beth Mead

Mila Horness  
Piper Frankland  
Olliver Moutrey  
Alfie Moutrey-O'Malley  
Freddie Henderson  
Kenny Parkin  
Isabelle Warrior  
James Lewis  
Oona Brown  
Maddison Rowe

## 75 Aspire Points Steve Backshall

## 100 Aspire Points Bronze King's Award