

MR SINGH'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at Heckmondwike Academy. As we move into the season of Advent, the excitement for Christmas is building, and our school is alive with learning, creativity, and festive anticipation. We have many wonderful festive events planned, including our Christmas performances, and the much-anticipated Christmas Jumper Day. Keep an eye on the calendar and our school communications for more details about these celebrations.

This week, we were thrilled to welcome the talented author Conrad Burdekin, who led engaging and inspiring reading workshops for all year groups. The children were captivated by his storytelling and enthusiasm for books, which sparked their imaginations and encouraged a love of reading. It was a joy to see their faces light up as they interacted with Conrad, asked questions about writing, and shared their own creative ideas. Thank you to everyone who supported it has left a lasting impact on our young readers and writers.

Another highlight of the week was the baking sessions enjoyed by some of our lucky children. These sessions offered a fantastic opportunity to develop life skills, explore sensory experiences, and work together as a team. The aroma of freshly baked goodies filled the air, and the smiles on the children's faces said it all. It's moments like these that remind us of the joy and importance of creating inclusive, meaningful experiences for all our pupils.

AUTHOR VISITOR

On Thursday, the children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from local author and our Patron of Reading – Conrad Burdekin. Children from across school had bespoke year group workshops, sharing a love of reading.



BAKING

Children from across school attended a baking workshop in which they got to make and design their own cookies. They had to follow a recipe and create a unique piece of baking.



KEY DATES

10.12.2024: EYFS & Y1 Christmas dinners and Christmas jumper day

11.12.2024: Y2 & Y3 Christmas dinners and Christmas jumper day

12.12.2024: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas dinners and Christmas jumper day

18.12.2024: Christmas Fayre 15:30-17:00

19.12.2024: Last day of Autumn term

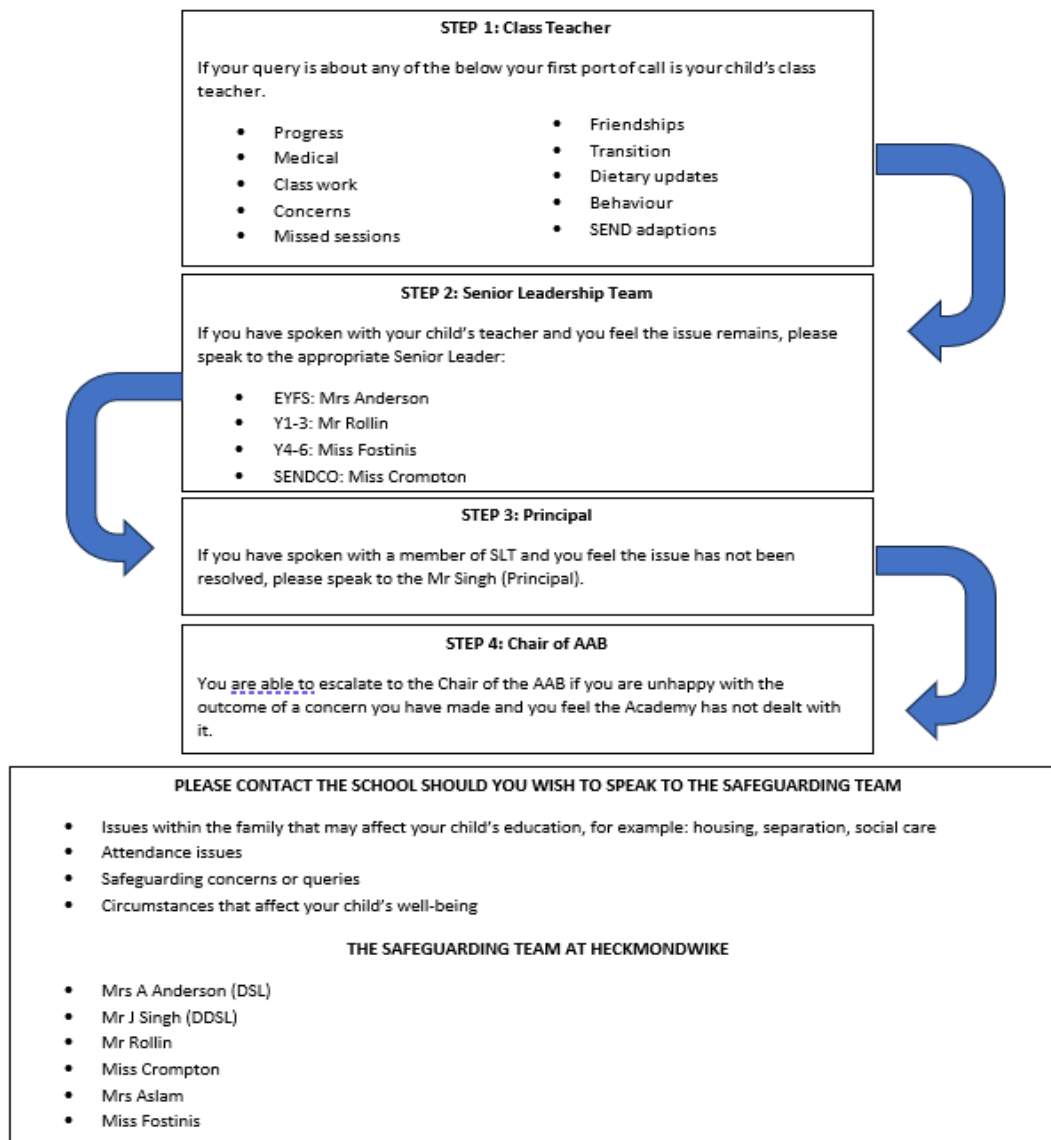
20.12.2024: School closed (INSET day)

06.01.2025 School re-opens Spring 1

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Parent-School Communication

Should you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of staff regarding anything – please follow the guidance below – this will ensure your queries are dealt with in a timely and effective manner.



PLEASE KINDLY NOTE THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH:

- Reporting absence (this should be done at the earliest point possible)
- Change of personal details (such as address, phone numbers, passwords)
- Queries regarding online payment systems
- Reprint of any hard copies of correspondence
- Special leave form

ATTENDANCE

RA: 91.43%	RW: 92.14%
1A: 96.43%	4R: 93.46%
1Q: 90.00%	4D: 91.09%
2D: 91.48%	5G: 94.67%
2LC: 94.44%	5L: 92.67%
3B: 95.32%	6F: 94.67%
3A: 99.29%	6S: 95.67%

