

January 2024

NEWSLETTER



STARBECK
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are already speeding through this unusually short spring term and battling the ever-changing winter weather. Just a reminder that we are in one of the shortest terms, with two 5-week half terms. I have added the holiday dates later in this letter as a reminder.

SCHOOL OUTCOMES

A school performance tables have now been released; I am able to share more details about our summer 23 school outcomes. We were delighted with all our results but especially the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) outcomes. Here is a summary of the key data:

YEAR 6 End of Key Stage 2 – EXPECTED LEVEL	2023 Starbeck Results	2023 National Averages
Y6 % achieving expected standard in Reading, Writing, Maths (combined – all 3)	81%	59%
% achieving expected standard in Reading	90%	73%
% achieving expected standard in Writing (TA)	90%	71%
% achieving expected standard in Maths	83%	73%

As you can see, our outcomes were well above the national averages and Starbeck Primary appeared in the top 30 of all 394 primary schools in North Yorkshire. Something I feel we should all celebrate and be very pleased with. We were the highest performing school in our academy trust and one of the top schools in Harrogate.

Our outcomes in EYFS (Reception) and End of Key Stage 1 were also above or well above the national averages. This is down to the very hard work and dedication of our whole school team, in ensuring that children are supported well, enjoy their learning, and achieve.

All our school performance data is available on the school website (School Performance section) if you would like more details.

BREAKTIME SNACKS

All EYFS and Key Stage 1 children continue to receive free fruit for their morning snacks if they would like it. Many of our older children bring their own snacks. Please could we encourage that these snacks are healthy snacks, such as snack bars, fruit, flapjack, rice cakes etc. We must also request that nuts are not brought to school due to several children in school having nut allergies which can be triggered by being in close contact to someone eating nuts. Children should not be bringing sweets to school – we have recently seen chewing gum and polo mints being consumed at break. Thank you for your support with this matter.

TERM DATES

2023-24 term dates are available on our school website

<https://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

Term dates for 2024-25 will be published shortly.

See key dates on the next page:



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Spring Term 2024

Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19th February	School re-opens
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter

Summer Term 2024

Tuesday 9th April	School re-opens
Monday 6th May	Closed for May Day
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Friday 19th July	School closes for summer holidays



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OUR VISION AND VALUES

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We have been busy working hard to refresh our school vision and values. Our vision remains short and to the point.

Since returning, we have launched these values with all children and will continue to be working on them throughout the rest of the year in a range of ways.

All these values link well to curriculum learning, assemblies and a range of other activities, whereby we support children in making real-life links to these important aspects.

If you would like to view these more closely, they can be found on our Vision and Values page of the website. Here's a link:

<https://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/our-school/vision-and-values/>

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Castro-Morland
Headteacher

At Starbeck, we inspire pupils through a progressive and engaging curriculum that ignites pupils interests, enabling them to develop a passion for learning.

Inspiration

At Starbeck, we provide a positive ethos where every child develops self-belief and knows they can achieve.

Self-belief

Our vision is a simple yet powerful one:

**INCLUDE
INSPIRE
ACHIEVE**

At Starbeck, we build resilience by knowing that we are strengthened by and learn from the mistakes that we make.

Resilience

At Starbeck, adults and pupils develop strong relationships with all members of the school community. They treat each other with kindness and respect and we celebrate our differences.

Respect

Challenge

At Starbeck, through high expectations and a progressive ambitious curriculum, pupils strive to achieve, and challenge is part of everyday learning.



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