

ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL

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A Message from Miss Williamson

We would like to wish all our families a very happy new year and hope that you enjoyed a lovely Christmas together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school refreshed, settled, and showing such positive attitudes to learning. We have lots of exciting events coming up across the school this term, including our Skills Builder Challenge Day, which is always a fantastic day of learning for the children.

Staffing Update

There has been a small change to Mrs Collingwood's working hours this term. Mrs Collingwood will now be enjoying Fridays off work. Any urgent emails on Fridays should be directed to Miss Williamson and not to the admin email address.

Items from Home

Please be reminded that children should not bring toys or sensory equipment in from home. This helps us avoid loss or damage and ensures consistency for all children in school. Where sensory support is needed, staff will provide appropriate equipment for children during the school day. Thank you for your support with this

Attendance and Holidays

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning and wellbeing. We ask that holidays are kept to the published school holiday dates wherever possible. Absence during term time can have a significant impact on children's progress.

Dates and Payments

Please make sure you regularly check the Dates for the Diary and keep up to date with any payments on Arbor to avoid missing important events or deadlines.



Harrison Wellbeing Hub

Children have been enjoying their time in the Harrison Wellbeing Hub, where targeted interventions and access to a regulation space are supporting emotional wellbeing and self regulation. This is helping children feel calmer, more confident, and ready to learn back in the classroom.



Little Oaks and Acomb First School Toddler Group

We are delighted to share that we will be launching a new toddler group on Fridays in our new Harrison Wellbeing Hub from 1:00 to 3:00. This will be a welcoming, relaxed space for young children and their families to play, explore, and socialise. We are really looking forward to opening our doors to the wider community and will share further details very soon.

There will be a suggested donation of £2.50 per session.

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Children fundraising for charities

We are incredibly proud of a number of children across school who have been raising money for a range of charities. These initiatives have been child-led and show real determination, creativity, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

Through their fundraising, the children have been developing key Skills Builder skills, including teamwork, communication, leadership, and problem solving. They have planned events, promoted their ideas, and worked together to make a positive difference for others, which is exactly what we aim to develop through our Skills Builder approach.

We would like to congratulate all the children involved and thank families for the support you have shown. These experiences are a powerful reminder that learning goes far beyond the classroom.

Supporting Lily's Fundraiser

Lily (8) is raising money to help buy new sport and playground equipment for our school. She has shown amazing initiative, creativity, and community spirit in setting up this campaign. Your support – whether through a donation, a share, or kind words – will help make playtimes even better for all children. Every contribution counts and is greatly appreciated!

Click on her go fund me:
<https://gofund.me/fda0941ba>



Supporting Wilf's fundraiser

Wilf & Isaac's January Challenge

Wilf (7) is running & Isaac (9) is cycling 31 miles this January.

They're taking on this challenge to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Their wonderful Grandad is living with MND, and the boys want to do something meaningful to help. Every donation supports the charity's vital work helping families affected by MND and funding research towards a cure.

Thank you for supporting their challenge, your kindness means more than you know.

.Check out their Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wilfandisaac>



Little Oaks Wrap Around Care.

We are very lucky that Little Oaks offer both Breakfast Club and After School Club to support our families.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am and costs £6 per session. For children arriving after 8:30am, the cost is £3. Breakfast is provided, giving children a calm and positive start to the school day.

Our After School Club runs from 3:00pm to 6:00pm and costs £6.50 per hour, with a reduced sibling rate of £5.50 per hour. The session includes tea, along with a range of activities in a safe and supportive environment.