

Outwood Academy City Fields

What a year it's been! We couldn't be more proud of our school community for what they've achieved over the past year despite what has been thrown our way. As staff and students start their well earned break we have lots to keep you busy over the holidays.



The last few weeks of the academic year have been non-stop! From cooking to, designing business logos and 3D modelling.

Innovation and Inspiration

Year 8 have been use CAD to design logos for their confectionary companies. They look professional and we're very proud of their hard work!



Engineering

Our year 9 engineering group have been designing their keyboards. They've been building an accurate 3D model in Google SketchUp. Impressive!



Culinary Delights

Our young chefs continue to amaze us with their quality of cooking. Year 7 and 8 have been making omelettes this week. They have been focusing on core skills and presentation. We'd agree that they look fantastic!



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Over the past couple of weeks we have been able to praise and celebrate our wonderful students across a range of events.

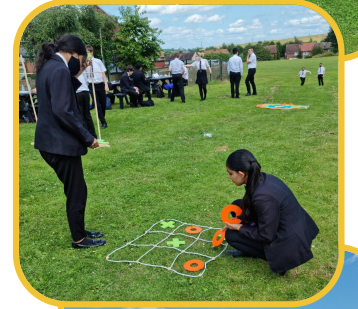
On Friday we celebrated our students with 99% - 100% attendance since lockdown ended with an ice cream party in the sunshine. This year has posed a challenge for many students with lockdowns, isolation, bubble closures and uncertainty. The students we celebrated have been in school every day that they were able, making sure that they did not miss any learning. The students were rewarded with ice cream, chocolates, and party games on the field.

Monday saw our first in person praise assembly in over a year. Each subject nominated students from each year group for progress, effort, attainment and special mention awards. Miss Marriott handed out over 180 certificates to our most deserving students.

The assemblies were a pleasure to see, not just because staff were able to celebrate the achievements of the students but the students were able to celebrate each other. Congratulations to all of our nominees and our winners.

We also took the opportunity to celebrate our top super star students and praise recipients for over the entire academic year! Each week staff are asked to nominate super star students who go above and beyond in lessons. These are then shared across the academy to highlight these outstanding students but we wanted to go the extra mile to say thank you to all of these students by providing them with a special lunch.

Last but not least we announced our summer praise challenge winners! At the end of every term students receive a praise card to be completed with as many stamps from their teachers as possible. These are then put into a prize draw for Love2Shop vouchers. If students missed any of these events, please don't worry, the certificates will be posted home and the vouchers will be kept safe in school until we return.



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to every single student that makes working at Outwood Academy City Fields such a joy. A school isn't just a building filled with teachers, it's the students that make a school what it is and our students are amazing!

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Summer Activities



Festival Of The Earth

An exciting collection of events, activities, workshops and more taking place across the district, brought to you by Wakefield Council. There are lots of free events taking place, some of which need booking in advance.

See more [here](#).

'A-maize-ing' Activities

If you enjoy mazes then you're spoilt for choice. There are five huge mazes made from maize in and around the local area. Don't forget the suncream!

See more [here](#).

No Booking Needed

Need somewhere to go last minute? There is a lot to do around the area where booking is not necessary. They're all great ways of seeing the great outdoors. See more [here](#).



Family Walks

There are some fantastic walks around Wakefield which offer an opportunity to see what our local area has to offer! Lots of the walks include historical links to the area so it's a great way to find out more about Wakefield's heritage.

See more [here](#).



Happy Healthy Holidays

The WF Happy Healthy Holidays programme is aimed at providing healthy food and enriching activities for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for income based free school meals. For the summer holidays eligible children can access a variety of activity and sport sessions at no cost to you. The session will also include a healthy meal.

See more [here](#).

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**NIGHT
OWLS**

Overnight West Yorkshire
Listening/Advice Service

Night OWLS is a confidential support line for children and young people in crisis. Helping them, their parents and carers living in Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield.

Call 0300 2003900, text 07984 392700 or chat at wynightowls.org.uk (8pm-8am).

Slow internet?

The 'Gigabit Voucher scheme' could potentially offer upto £2500 to get improve your connection. It is funded by the Government's Getting Building Fund through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and will subsidise the cost of installation of faster internet speeds in some areas.

Find out more [here](#).



How a **free qualification** could help you get ahead in work



A Free Qualification

A free qualification could help you get ahead. Hundreds of free courses are available through the government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee scheme. The courses are designed to boost your job prospects in the industries that are looking to hire.

Find out more [here](#).

Wellbeing Update

We continue to examine different ways we can aid all our community with wellbeing. This month Year 10 are exploring different health issues around staying safe and Year 7 are looking into our digital footprint with cyber bullying, grooming and fake news and the impact it has on our lives.

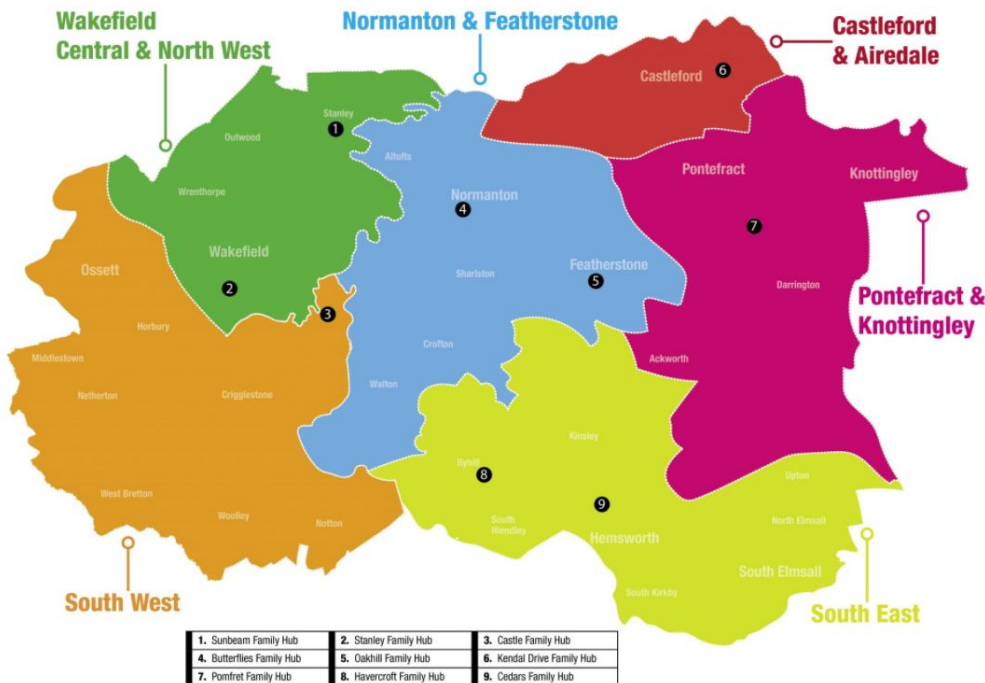
But there are a variety of resources that all of the community can use, below are a selection of Wakefield resources and new opportunities and a selection of national services that can help to improve wellbeing.



Wakefield Families Together are a group of people and services who are working together to make it easier for you to find and access the support you need, at the earliest opportunity.

They have joined up services and linked staff together from different services so if you have an issue or concern affecting a child, young person, or family member, you only need to have one conversation with them. The area has been split into 6 clusters.

Wakefield Families Together Clusters



WF-I CAN

Wf-i-can is an online resource for children and young people to provide support and advice as well as self-help tips to improve confidence and resilience.

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Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people.

★ Stonewall

Acceptance without exception

LGBTQ+ support.



Provides confidential emotional support 24/7 to those experiencing despair, distress or suicidal feelings.

iSPACE⁵

Peer mentors who provide support for the community.

Find more useful links at:
www.cityfields.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing

National Wellbeing Resources

Choose well for mental health

The NHS have launched a new guide to help adults in Barnsley, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield to 'choose well' when looking after their mental health and wellbeing.

Based on the national NHS 'choose well' campaign – which historically focuses on physical health only – the new guide showcases examples of how a person may be feeling alongside some of the support available in these different circumstances. It's hoped that the guide will help local people to know:

- How they can look after their own mental health and wellbeing
- Who else can help and provide mental health and wellbeing support
- Where to go for help and support.