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School Update

After twelve years at West End, I will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. I have seen the school grow and flourish over the years and it has been a privilege to have been the headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, parents and governing body who have always been so supportive during my time at the school. The academy is in a strong position for the new headteacher. Interviews will take place next week. After half-term, I will be able to provide further updates.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all the children who completed their year 6 SATs this week. The children have worked extremely hard and have all done their best! We will get the results in July and will be informing parents when they receive their child's report.

Read Together

Thank you to all the parents who visited the Read Together session in our Upper Foundation, year 1 and year 2 classes this week. As a school, we continue to focus on developing our children's reading skills. Reading to, and with, an adult is one of the ways that we do this with our younger children every day. I hope that you could see the benefit of this work and enjoyed spending time in the classroom.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 1 for having an attendance of more than 98%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
92.1%	98.6%	95.2%	85.2%	91.7%	94.9%	93.3%	92.9%

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Compass Charity offers an emotional and mental wellbeing service for children and young people across the Wakefield district.

The charity can support children with problems such as low mood, anxiety and loneliness. They can also help children to manage emotions like anger or fear. This free support can be accessed by texting BUZZ to 85258. The WF I-Can website also provides self-help, information and advice on children's mental health and wellbeing. Please click on the following link to access this website: <https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

