

Head of School's Welcome

Dear Families,

As we finish the first half term, I want to warmly welcome all our pupils—new and returning—into our school community. This term has brought changes and challenges, and I'm proud of how well pupils have adapted.

Starting a new year is never easy, but the progress made—academically, socially, and emotionally—has been inspiring. Their resilience and enthusiasm are a credit to them and to your support at home. Thank you for your encouragement and partnership, which help pupils thrive. I also want to recognise our dedicated staff, whose hard work and care make a real difference every day.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the opportunities next term will bring as we continue to create a school where every child feels valued and inspired.

Wishing you all a restful break.

Warm regards,

Jack Ghee
Head of School

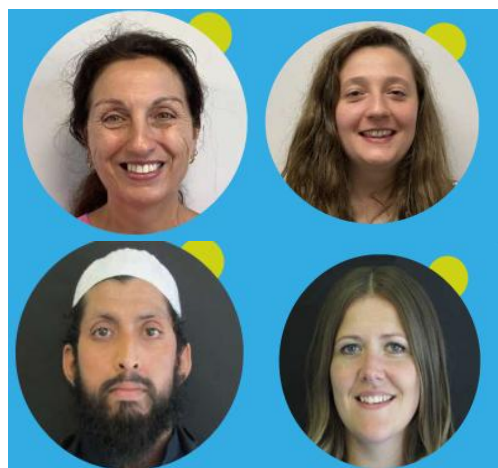


Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and as such we work alongside professionals and families to help keep our pupils safe.

Nikki Wood, Hayley Glover, Mohammed Mota and Taryn Reynolds have responsibility for safeguarding at Reach Academy and are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's).

Please speak to either of the listed names if you have any safeguarding concerns, you can phone them on 01924 478482.



Safeguarding Update

In each of our newsletters we will provide a safeguarding update with this update focusing on, **Online Safety Advice for Parents & Carers**.

Supporting your child's digital well-being is more important than ever. Here are some key ways you can help them stay safe and confident online:

1. Talk Regularly About Online Life

Ask your child what apps they use and why they enjoy them.

Discuss online risks like cyberbullying, oversharing, and inappropriate content.

Encourage them to speak up if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

2. Understand the Law Around Filming & Sharing

Filming in public is usually legal, but sharing videos of others without their consent—especially if upsetting or harmful—can be a criminal offence.

Filming in private spaces (e.g., classrooms, bathrooms, homes) without permission is illegal.

Always remind your child to get clear consent before posting videos of others.

3. Use Parental Controls & Privacy Settings

On Devices: Use tools like Screen Time (iOS) or Digital Wellbeing (Android) to set limits and block content.

On Apps: Help your child set their profiles to private and restrict who can contact them.

On Wi-Fi: Use filters from your internet provider to block harmful content across all devices.

4. Manage Screen Time Together

Set device-free times (e.g., during meals, before bed).

Use screen time tools to encourage breaks and balance.

5. Stay Informed

Ask your child to show you the apps they use and explore them together.

Visit trusted resources like Internet Matters or the NSPCC's Online Safety Hub for up-to-date guidance.

TikTok Tip: Enable Restricted Mode

To help filter out inappropriate content:

Open TikTok and go to your child's profile.

Tap the menu (≡) > Settings and Privacy.

Select *Content Preferences* > *Restricted Mode*.

Turn it on, set a passcode, and confirm. Use *Family Pairing* to manage settings remotely.

Please contact the safeguarding team if you require further support.

Hands-on Science

This half term, pupils have been getting to grips with practical science in the lab. From setting up experiments to observing results and drawing conclusions, it's been great to see their curiosity and confidence grow.



Pumpkin Carving to Celebrate Halloween

As the half term comes to a close, pupils have been getting into the Halloween spirit with some impressive pumpkin carving. It's been great to see their creativity and focus as they designed and carved their pumpkins. The results have brought a festive touch to the school and a lot of smiles along the way. Well done to everyone who took part!



Restart a Heart

This half term, pupils took part in *Restart a Heart Day* training, learning vital CPR skills that could one day save a life. The hands-on sessions gave pupils the confidence to act in an emergency and highlighted the importance of knowing basic first aid.

A huge thank you to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for delivering such an engaging and informative session. Your support helps empower our young people with skills that truly make a difference.



Luna's Birthday

Luna recently celebrated her sixth birthday at The Trust when she turned six last week. Luna thoroughly enjoyed spending her birthday with pupils who took her out on lots of walks!



Outdoor Learning

This half term, pupils have embraced outdoor learning in subjects such as maths, project work, and wellbeing. Taking lessons outside has encouraged active participation, teamwork, and a fresh approach to problem-solving.

Staying active is vital for both physical health and mental wellbeing, and these sessions have shown how learning can thrive in the open air. Well done to all pupils for making the most of these opportunities!



Cooking

This half term, pupils have been busy learning a range of cooking skills, from preparing ingredients to creating delicious dishes. These sessions have not only built confidence in the kitchen but also encouraged teamwork and creativity.

A big thank you to Mrs Cockerell, whose fresh energy and innovative ideas have brought a new buzz to our cooking lessons. We're excited to see what tasty projects lie ahead next term!



Student Council

This half term, our Student Council held its first meeting—and what a fantastic start! We were thrilled to see 31% of the school apply, showing just how strongly pupils value having a voice in shaping school life.

The council will play an important role in sharing ideas and representing their peers throughout the year. They are already full of great suggestions and will focus on improving the school in the months ahead. Mr Ghee, our Head of school, is really looking forward to working with them to make positive changes and celebrate pupil leadership.

Important dates for your diary

- Monday 3rd November – INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
- Friday 19th December – End of half term Celebration Assembly