



Thank you

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your commitment has played such an important role in helping our pupils grow and thrive throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September** for the start of a new and exciting year.

PGQM

We are incredibly proud to share that we have successfully achieved the Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM). The moderator spoke very highly of their visit, particularly praising the quality of our curriculum and the relevance of the places studied by our pupils. This marks the second round of moderation in which we have been awarded Gold Hub status, and we are delighted to be one of only six primary schools in the whole country to hold this distinction. This recognition reflects the strong outreach work we undertake to support other schools in developing their geography teaching and learning.



Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that Sana Mustafa has been successfully elected as our new Parent Governor. Thank you, Sana, for volunteering to take on this important role, we are very much looking forward to working with you and benefiting from your contribution to the school community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Jaiminee and Gabriella for standing in the election and showing their support for the school. Your willingness to be involved is greatly appreciated.

Phonics Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 1 children, who have achieved a fantastic 92% pass rate in this year's Phonics Screening Check – an outstanding result. This is a real testament to their hard work, enthusiasm and determination when learning to read. A huge well done must also go to our staff, whose teaching and commitment have supported the children so effectively, and to our parents and carers for the vital support you provide at home.

The Phonics Screening Check is an important milestone, as it helps to ensure that children have a secure understanding of the sounds that letters make and how these can be blended to read words. This knowledge forms the foundation of fluent reading, which in turn underpins success across the whole curriculum. Confident, fluent readers are better able to access learning in all subjects, develop a love of books and reading, and build the skills they need for the rest of their education.

Diary Dates

6th July – Year 4 to Murton Park
 6th July – Y3 Drumming Concert
 7th July – Guitar & Violin concerts
 8th July – Grandparents tea in Nursery
 8th July – Great Fire of London Day for year 2.
 9th July – transition day – classes meet their new teacher/s
 10th July – All year 5 Samba session at Pudsey
 10th Reception end of year show.
 W/b 13th July - Year 6 Rock school
20th July 2026 – Training Day
21st July 2026 – Training Day

Friends of Alwoodley

If you would like to know more about our FOA work and how you can help us, please visit the FOA page on the school website. This is such a vital part of our community. We are currently fundraising for a new OPAL area designed to allow climbing, crawling and sliding.

<https://www.alwoodleyprimary.net/friends-of-alwoodley-1/>

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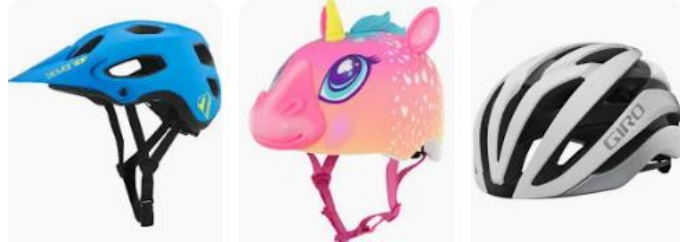
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OPAL Plea:

Do any of you have any spare bike helmets at home? We know how quickly children grow out of them, and we would greatly appreciate any that are no longer needed. If you do have one to donate, please send it into school—thank you for your support!



Summer Reading Challenge

As we head into the summer break, we would encourage all families to keep reading a regular part of daily life. Research consistently shows that children who continue to read over the holidays return to school ready to learn, while long gaps without reading can lead to a loss of progress and confidence. Whether it is sharing a bedtime story, visiting the library, taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge or enjoying a favourite book in the garden, every page makes a difference. We have attached some information about the Summer Reading Challenge and hope that you will encourage and support your child to take part.

Attendance

Our attendance for the year will end on 95.5%. Thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance this year. Although our overall attendance wasn't quite as strong as last year, we truly appreciate the effort so many of you put into keeping routines steady and ensuring children were in school whenever possible. Your partnership makes a real difference, and we're committed to working together to see attendance improve again next year.

The classes with the best attendance this year are as follows:

KS1 - Yew 2 - 96.87%

KS2 - Rowan 5 - 97.28%

Staff News

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the Alwoodley Primary School team. Mr Holder and Miss Garcia will be joining us as teachers, and Mrs Platt will be taking on the role of Senior Inclusion Worker. We are excited to welcome them all and look forward to the expertise, enthusiasm and fresh ideas they will bring to our school community.

We will also be wishing Mrs Manning all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are excited for her and her family as they prepare to welcome a new baby, and we look forward to hearing all about this special new chapter when she returns.

At the same time, we will be saying goodbye to two valued colleagues. Mrs Baxter, who joined our teaching team in 2025, and Mrs Howcroft, who first joined Alwoodley Primary School in 1998 and has dedicated an incredible 28 years of service to our school, will both be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work and the positive impact they have had on the pupils at our school.

The final few weeks and summer fun!

As we enter the final few weeks of the academic year, we would like to thank you for continuing to make attendance a priority right up until we break up for the summer on **Friday 17th July**. Every day in school counts, and there is still lots of exciting learning, celebrations and end-of-year events to enjoy.

Once we reach the summer holidays, we hope that all of our families have a wonderfully restful break, filled with opportunities to relax, spend time together and enjoy some memorable adventures. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

If you are looking for ideas to keep the children busy over the summer, the North Leeds Mumbler Summer Holiday Guide provides an excellent round-up of family-friendly events, activities and days out across Leeds and the surrounding area. You can find it here: [North Leeds Mumbler Summer Holiday Guide](#).

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