



Welcome back

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils and families back to school for the start of a new academic year. We hope you all enjoyed a happy, restful summer and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

School has quickly been filled with the excitement, enthusiasm and energy that make our community so special. Our pupils have settled brilliantly into their new classes, and we are looking forward to a year full of learning, achievement, friendship and memorable experiences. A particularly warm welcome goes to all of our new pupils and families joining us this year. We are delighted that you are now part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months. We are excited for the year ahead and all that we will achieve together.

Baby news

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Richardson welcomed baby Archie into the world at the end of July. Mrs Richardson is now enjoying her maternity leave as she spends precious time with Archie and her family. We send our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to them all as they settle into life as a family of four and enjoy this special chapter together.

Reporting to Parents

The Department for Education requires schools to keep parents informed about both their child's attainment and attendance. We know that meaningful communication between home and school is an important part of helping every child to thrive, so this year we are making some

changes to how we report on pupil progress.

Following feedback and reflection, we believe a revised approach will provide more timely and impactful information for families.

Autumn Term

In October, we will hold our Parents' Evenings. These face-to-face meetings will give teachers the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group, share information about the academic standards they are currently working at, and identify any potential barriers to learning, including attendance where relevant.

Spring Term

During the spring term, parents will receive assessment information showing how their child is progressing towards age-related expectations. Alongside this information, teachers will provide suggestions and guidance on how you can support your child at home to help them achieve their targets.

Summer Term

At the end of the academic year, you will receive a short, written report containing your child's final attainment outcomes and teacher comments that summarise their achievements, progress and overall year in school.

We hope this revised approach will strengthen the partnership between home and school by providing clear information at key points throughout the year. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your views and would be pleased to hear from you via **office@alwoodley.net**.

Diary Dates

28TH September to 2nd October – Year 6
Bikeability

2nd October – break the rules day FOA- more information will follow

5th October – School is closed to all pupils – Training Day

16th October – Nursery to Y6, Flu Immunisation

22nd October – Year 6 to Armley Mills

Local author Grace Olsen, who has previously visited school to share her children's books, is launching her new book locally. The launch event will take place on **Sunday 27th September 2026 from 11am to 3pm** at Hope Pastures.



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End of the School Day Collection Arrangements

We'd like to remind parents that school finishes at **3:10pm**. It is important that pupils are collected promptly because staff often have meetings, training or clubs to attend after school. Any child who is not collected on time will be taken to our after-school club for supervision, and a charge will be applied. This is to ensure all children remain safe and appropriately supervised at all times.

Please make every effort to arrive on time and contact the school office if you are running late.

We would also like to remind families that, for safeguarding reasons, we do **not** permit siblings under the age of **14** to collect pupils from school. While we appreciate that older brothers and sisters may be keen to help, we have a duty to ensure that children are collected by individuals who are considered old enough to take responsibility for them and respond appropriately should an issue arise on the journey home.

If an older sibling (aged 14 or over) will be collecting your child, they must be listed as a named contact on **Arbor** and teachers must be informed in advance. This helps us ensure that collection arrangements are clear, safe and in the best interests of all pupils.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for learning, wellbeing and success. Our school attendance target is **97%**, and we appreciate your partnership in helping every child achieve their full potential.

If you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact **Jo Shaw, Attendance and Family Support Worker**. We are here to offer advice, guidance and support, and encourage families to get in touch with any concerns.

Reminders

A polite reminder that pupils should not bring items from home into school, including toys and fidget toys. Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with free fruit at playtimes. Pupils in Year 3 and above may bring a small healthy snack for breaktime; however, we ask that this is a piece of fruit or another snack that does not come in a wrapper. This helps us to minimise litter, support healthy eating habits and maintain consistency across the school.

Uniform Reminder

Our active uniform helps to keep expectations simple, practical and consistent for all pupils across school. It also supports our commitment to outdoor play through our OPAL programme, ensuring that children are always ready to learn, play and be active throughout the day. We have recently noticed that some pupils are not fully adhering to our uniform expectations. To ensure fairness and consistency for all children, we ask parents and carers to support us by following the published uniform policy. Common issues include wearing Crocs instead of trainers, the use of jewellery, make-up, nail varnish and nail extensions, and shorts that do not provide appropriate coverage for active participation in school life. Shorts must remain visible when a hoodie is worn. Where these items are seen in school, staff will remind pupils of our expectations and ask them to comply with the policy.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a consistent approach across the school. If you would like to refresh your understanding of our uniform requirements, please visit the **Parents** section of the school website, where the full uniform policy can be found.

Parking Around School

We appreciate everyone's efforts to park safely and responsibly around school. Our staff are regularly outside to support with this, and you may have noticed our local police officers on site this week. They work closely with us and are a valued part of our efforts to keep children safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Please do not park on yellow lines, dropped kerbs or on corners, particularly at the top of Cranmer Bank and Deanswood Drive. These areas are pinch points where visibility is severely reduced, and parking in these locations can prevent children and families from crossing safely. PCSOs will issue tickets to vehicles parked in these dangerous spots.

A reminder that the school car park is for staff use only, with the exception of families who need to access the disabled parking bay and display a valid Blue Badge permit. The car park should not be used for routine drop-offs or collections.

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