

Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

### **Back to school reflections**

It's hard to believe how quickly this half term is going — we're already heading into the final three weeks! We're incredibly proud of the children for their hard work, resilience, and positive attitudes. They've shown real determination and enthusiasm in everything they do.

We have had multiple clubs up and running including: geography, maths brain teasers and friendship builders. Next half term there will be more on offer so do look out for the sign-up form which will come out shortly.

As we approach the end of term, please be mindful that children may start to feel more tired. Early nights and relaxed weekends can really help them stay focused and feeling their best during the school day. Let's keep the momentum going and finish the half term strong.

### **Film night**

We are looking forward to movie night this week in school. This is an event organised by FOA who are working to support the further development of our outdoor areas.

**MOVIE**  
Night



### **School social media**

We have a new Instagram account — please follow us

**@alwoodleyprimaryschool**

### **End of Term Celebrations – Friday 24th October**

As we wrap up the term, we're excited to celebrate two special events on the last day.

**Diwali Week** – To mark the Festival of Lights, we're inviting all pupils to come to school dressed in bright, multicoloured clothes. Diwali is all about light, colour, and joy, and we'd love to reflect that in our school community. It's a great way for children to learn about and celebrate different cultures together.

**Harvest Festival** – We'll also be celebrating Harvest Festival by collecting donations for a local food bank. We kindly ask parents to send in tins, cans, dried food, and other non-perishable items to support families in need. Donations should be brought in on Friday 24th October, and your generosity is truly appreciated.

*On the note of Diwali – we recognise that for some families this may coincide with your parents' evening appointment. If this is the case, please arrange an alternative date and time with your child's class teacher.*

### **Wellie weather**

As the weather starts to change, we want all children to continue enjoying the full OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) experience at lunchtime. Many of our play areas are on the field or grassy spaces, which can get muddy — so **wellies are now needed!**

Wellies are listed in the school's uniform policy, and if you haven't already sent a pair in, please do so as soon as possible. Make sure they are **clearly labelled with your child's name and class.** We'll store them in the class's allocated space so they're easy to grab at playtime. Unfortunately, children without wellies will need to stick to the non-grassy areas.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Teacher Training Days**

3rd November 2025  
19th December 2025  
20th July 2026  
21st July 2026.

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 wood walks.

21<sup>st</sup> October – Parents Meetings for R, 1, 2, 3

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Parents Meetings for 4, 5, 6.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day in school before the half-term.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – First day in school after the half-term break.

19<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Open Day

26<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Open Day

1<sup>st</sup> December – Flu Immunisations

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 5 to Yorvik

6<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of Alwoodley Winter Fair

11<sup>th</sup> December – 1, 2 & 3 to the Carriageworks

12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 to a sporting Event

18<sup>th</sup> December – 4, 5 & 6 to Leeds Playhouse.

18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day in School.

Christmas Parties and Productions – Dates to Follow.

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**SEND Parent/Carer drop ins**

Whether you're navigating services or facing the challenges of raising a child with possible or diagnosed additional needs, you're not alone. These sessions are designed to empower parents and carers, helping you feel supported, informed, and confident in speaking up for your child's needs. Amanda Parkinson, SEND Specialist Co-Ordinator at Chapeltown Family Hub, will be hosting these sessions each month. With over 30+ years' experience in a variety of roles, Amanda brings her knowledge, access to useful resources, and a compassionate approach.

**When:**

9:30am-12pm  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Where:**

St. Reginald Centre  
 263 Chapeltown Rd  
 LS7 3EX



**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. Last month, we held a break the rules day and this generated approximately £900 which along with ice cream sales is funding our much needed new scooters.

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

**Attendance**

Our school Attendance target for this year is 97%. At present the classes with the best attendance across the Key stages are:

Key stage 1 - Cherry 3 - 96.99%  
 Key Stage 2 - Rowan 5 - 97.92%

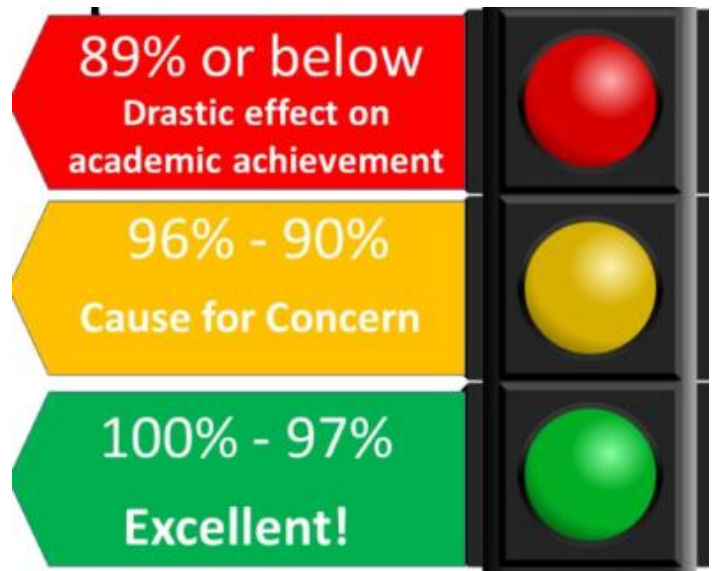
With two weeks to go who will be the half term winners?

**Medical Appointments**

This term we have noticed an increasing number of medical appointments being taken during school hours. Whilst we understand that medical appointments are sometimes necessary during the school day. We kindly ask that, where possible, non-emergency appointments are scheduled outside of school hours.

Taking children out of lessons not only disrupts their own learning but can also affect the flow of teaching and learning for others in the class.

Thank you for your continued support.



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