



Let's celebrate

We have been awarded the PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark). The Primary Science Quality Mark recognises a whole school commitment to raising the profile and quality of science education, helping children recognise the value and relevance of science in their lives – both now and in the future. Achievement of the Quality Mark reflects the development of effective science leadership, visionary curriculum design and excellent teaching practice which is positively impacting on children's learning across the school.



We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the SuperKind Award! This award recognises schools that actively promote kindness, empathy, and positive social action among pupils. It celebrates the efforts of our children in showing compassion, supporting one another, and making a positive difference in their school and wider community. We're incredibly proud of our pupils for embracing these values and demonstrating that kindness truly matters.



We are delighted to share that Haadiya Mumtaz from Juniper 6 was awarded a bronze medal for Karate at the North of England Under-16 Championships held in Barnsley on Sunday. Well done Haadiya – we love to hear about achievements outside of school.

Looking Back, Moving Forward

As we approach the end of another academic year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the many successes across our school community. From fantastic outcomes in the Multiplication Check, Phonics Screening Check, and end of Key Stage 2 assessments, to sporting triumphs and the achievement of quality marks, our pupils have truly shone. We were thrilled to welcome Shelly to our school family and proud to launch our new Friends of Alwoodley (FOA) group, which has already made a wonderful impact.

As we look ahead to more exciting developments next year, we also take this time to say farewell to some valued members of our community. We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best as they move on to high school—your journey is just beginning! Congratulations to Mr Arundale, who has secured a new role as a trainer supporting adults, and to Mrs Cowan, who is retiring after many dedicated years as an LSA. We also say goodbye to Miss Spenser and Miss Stabler, who are continuing their teaching journeys in new schools. We would also like to thank Ian Lenihan and Harvinder Sehbey who both ended their terms as governors this academic year. They have been crucial in helping shape and support the school. Thank you to all of our staff for their hard work, commitment, and care throughout their time at Alwoodley.

Diary Dates

W/B 7th July – reports will be emailed out.
 9th July – Reception show and picnic.
 11th July- Year 5 Samba
 11th July – Year 6 Leavers' event
 14 & 15 July – Artist to work with year 3.
 14th – 18th – Rock School for Year 6.
 18th July – Last day in school.


Teacher Training Days


1st September 2025
 3rd November 2025
 19th December 2025
 20th July 2026
 21st July 2026.


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/>

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We're Moving to Instagram

For several years, we've used X (formerly Twitter) to share updates and celebrate the wonderful things happening at Alwoodley Primary. To help more families stay connected and get a real glimpse into daily school life, we're excited to announce that we're now moving to Instagram!

You can find us at **@alwoodleyprimaryschool** – we'd love for you to follow us and join us in celebrating our pupils' achievements, special events, and everyday moments that make our school so special.

Year 5 Choir Members Shine at Leeds Arena!

On 1st July, seven talented Year 5 pupils from Alwoodley Primary took part in Leeds Youth Music Festival Celebration Concert at Leeds Arena, joining a massed choir of hundreds of children from primary schools across the city. This incredible event celebrated musical talent throughout Leeds, and our children performed with enthusiasm, energy, and commitment. We couldn't be prouder of them for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school. It was a truly unforgettable experience—one that created memories that will last a lifetime.



Music Lessons

We still have a few places available for children in current years 2-5 wanting to have peripatetic lessons on the keyboard, violin or flute/clarinet. Lessons are £105 per term or £210 per year. These are held in small groups during the school day. If you would like to sign your child up, please email office@alwoodley.net

OPAL

We were awarded the *Most Innovative School Award* at the OPAL Northern Regional Conference. The event was hosted at another school; Mr Ryder and Miss Hill attended on our behalf. They returned full of inspiration and fresh ideas, reaffirming something we already knew: our OPAL journey is far from over.

Although our official OPAL mentoring support concludes in January 2026, this award has only strengthened our commitment to continuing and growing our outdoor play and learning provision. With that in mind, starting next academic year, we will be launching a half-termly OPAL newsletter. This will keep you updated on all our developments, plans, and successes as we move forward. Of course, none of this would be possible without you—our amazing school community. Whether it's sending in items, helping out at events, or supporting our fundraising efforts, your involvement has been invaluable.


End of year reports


As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your child's progress, schools are required to report to parents at the end of each academic year. Your child's end-of-year report will be emailed to you during the week beginning Monday 7th July, and no later than Friday 11th July. If you do not receive the report by then, or if you would like to share any feedback about your child's year at school, please contact us at office@alwoodley.net.


Following a recent review of our policy on children walking home alone, we would like to clarify the following:

- **Only Year 6 pupils** may walk home alone, and **only with parental permission**.
- If you wish to give permission for your Year 6 child to walk home alone, please give consent in your parent Arbor account or contact us at office@alwoodley.net for assistance.
- Even with permission, **Year 6 pupils are not allowed to be responsible for younger siblings** on the journey home.

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