



Friends of Alwoodley Primary

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and families for your incredible support and attendance at our recent school fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised over £6000, which is just phenomenal!

We are thrilled to announce that the funds raised have gone towards our fantastic new fire pit, which we're sure you have all noticed on the school field. Friday 4th October is a teacher training and staff are going to be trained on how to safely light a campfire, and explore the many ways we can integrate this resource into the curriculum. The Alwoodley team are really looking forward to using the fire pit with pupils as part of their learning experience.

The group of parents who were central to organising the school fair have decided to formally come together under the name 'Friends of All Woodley'. They will be holding their first AGM on Monday, 14th October, at 6:30 pm at the school. If any parents would like to get involved with this group, which will include planning and organising future fundraising events, you are warmly invited to attend the meeting.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents who have so kindly donated coins for the Alwoodley Wombles to hide in

our digging area! The children have been thrilled to discover these hidden treasures during their outdoor explorations. We were particularly pleased to find some broken jewellery among the donations, which has added an extra layer of excitement for our young diggers.

If you have any other non-sharp items that you think would be fun for the children to unearth, please feel free to drop them off at the office for the attention of Miss Hill. Your contributions help make our digging area a special place for creative play and discovery.

School gates

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we have reviewed the opening and closing times of some of the school gates. We have observed that a number of pupils have been arriving at school very early and waiting unsupervised on the playground. In some cases, they were moving between the playground and the local play park. Please note that fluid entry into school begins at 8:40 am, so the earliest we expect children to be on the playground is 8:30 am. To support this, we have decided to keep the Cranmer Bank gate locked a little later in the morning.

Diary Dates

Friday 18th October – Harvest Festival

Wednesday 23rd October – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Parents' Evening, 2:15pm to 7.15pm

Thursday 24th October – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents' Evening, 2:15pm to 7.15pm

Friday 25th October – Last day in school before half-term break

Wednesday 20th November – Nursery Open Day;
 • 9.30 – 11.00
 • 13.15 – 14.45

Wednesday 27th November – Reception Open Day;
 • 9.30 – 11.00
 • 13.15 – 14.45
 • 17.30 – 18.30

Training Days


Friday 4th October 2024
 Monday 4th November 2024
 Monday 6th January 2025
 Monday 21st July 2025
 Tuesday 22nd July 2025


Uniform


Scan the QR code below to access the uniform exchange page on Facebook.



Safeguarding Team: Mr. German, Miss Hill, Miss Pattenden, Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Shaw & Mr. Arundale.

Website:  www.alwoodleyprimary.net

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Additionally, we have noticed that some high school students have been entering our site after school hours, choosing to play on our grounds instead of the nearby play park. To maintain the safety and security of the school grounds, the Cranmer Bank gate will be locked at 3:30 pm daily. After this time, anyone wishing to leave the site can do so from any of the other exits.

Uniform

Last week, the rain came down heavily! With autumn around the corner, we've noticed some children arriving at school without a coat. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat each day, as we are encouraging all pupils to wear them and keep them on during playtime.

Additionally, please ensure that all school uniform and outerwear is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This helps us return any lost items directly to the children, rather than placing them in the lost property bins.

On the subject of uniform, you may have noticed the white clothing bank located outside the main entrance. This is where you can drop off old clothing and shoes to be recycled. Each time the bin is emptied, a donation is made to the school. If your child has outgrown any school uniform that is still in good condition, you can also pass it on through the school uniform page on Facebook. The QR code for the page is included in this newsletter.

Air Pollution

We would like to bring your attention to the current levels of air pollution around our school, as shown on the link <https://map.purpleair.com/1/mAQI/a10/p604800/cc0#10.41/53.7713/-1.5573>

Unfortunately, pollution levels are particularly high in our area. We understand that many families drive their children to school due to work schedules, making walking or cycling less feasible. However, one simple step we can all take is to turn off car engines while waiting. Idling cars contribute significantly to air pollution, which can exacerbate conditions like asthma, especially in children. We believe that, together, we can make a positive difference in reducing air pollution around our school. Let's work as a community to ensure a healthier environment for our children.

Attendance


Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target and it stands at 95.6% Please help by making attendance and punctuality a priority.


The classes with the best attendance this year, so far, are Phase 1 - **Oak 1 97.3%** and Phase 2 - **Cedar 4 - 97.67%** there are still three weeks to go so it can all change.


The classes with the best attendance this half term will get a Pizza Party with an added twist of enjoying it around our new and exciting firepit!

If your child is absent, please telephone the school attendance officer **as soon as possible - ideally before 9am** on the first day of absence (and each subsequent day of absence) on 0113 2686104

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