



### **Welcome back**

We hope you all had a wonderful summer; we have enjoyed hearing about your exciting adventures through the pupils this week. They have settled back into school brilliantly, which is a real testament to the partnership between school and families in establishing positive routines.

Our OPAL playtimes are already in full swing, and the pupils have embraced the variety of weather this past week has thrown at us. As we move into the changing seasons, please be reminded that wellies are part of the uniform. Pupils will need them to access the field during playtime. Without wellies, they will be restricted to certain areas of the playground.

If you haven't yet sent a pair of wellies in, please do so as soon as possible. Also, remember to clearly label all uniform and wellies. This helps us ensure that lost items can be returned promptly to classrooms.

We kindly remind parents and carers that if your child's hair is longer than shoulder length, we ask that it is tied up for school. This helps ensure safety and comfort throughout the day. Additionally, please keep hair accessories simple and in line with our uniform colours. For earrings, we request that only small, stud earrings are worn.

### **Safeguarding reminders**

We would like to remind all parents and carers of a few important safeguarding measures in place to ensure the safety of all children: Siblings under the age of 14 are not permitted to collect younger children from school. This is because they cannot be expected to take on responsibility for younger siblings at this age, and we must prioritize everyone's safety.

Siblings over the age of 14 are welcome to collect their younger brothers or sisters. However, please ensure they do not bring friends onto the school site unless they are also collecting a sibling.

Mobile Phones: Children who have permission to walk home alone may bring a mobile phone to school. Phones must be handed in to staff upon arrival and will be returned at the end of the day. We ask that children do not use their phones while on school grounds, and we kindly request that adults collecting children also refrain from using phones on site.

### **Music lessons**

Music lessons have all commenced this week and we have been thrilled with the uptake. We do have some woodwind and violin spaces left. If your child is interested in these and they are in Y3 -6 please email [office@alwoodley.net](mailto:office@alwoodley.net)

### **Diary Dates**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Alwoodley Ambassadors Summer / Autumn Fair

**W/B 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 Bikeability

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents' Evening, 2:15pm to 7.15pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day in school before half-term break

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery Open Day;  

- 9.30 – 11.00
- 13.15 – 14.45


**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Open Day;  


- 9.30 – 11.00
- 13.15 – 14.45
- 17.30 – 18.30


### **Training Days**

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

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

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### **Fundraising**

We are immensely grateful to the group of parents who are working tirelessly to plan our upcoming school fair. Mark your calendars for Saturday 21st September, and we hope to see you all there!

This year, our fundraising efforts aim to cover the costs of installing a fire pit, which is set to be completed by the end of September. The fire pit will be located in an undercover area with seating, providing pupils with a fantastic space to enjoy during OPAL sessions. Staff will also use the fire pit to teach bush craft skills and to reward pupils who consistently follow our school rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

Looking ahead, future fundraising events will focus on raising funds to build a permanent canopy over our sandpit and to support a number of other exciting grounds projects. We hope you can see how these improvements will enhance the school environment for our pupils, and we truly value your continued support.

If you shop at Asda, please follow this link and the simple instructions – this means each time you shop, a donation is made to school:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **Request for coins**

Our Wombles club hid copper coins in the digging area last term and the pupils love finding these at playtime. If you have any old coins, coppers, foreign currency etc. that you no longer need, please send this into school so we can bury it!

### **Goats**

Nico, Nero, and Noodle have truly become part of the Alwoodley family! They love their daily visits from the children and especially enjoy joining in with OPAL during nice weather. Our goat care group has grown to include 40 wonderful families who volunteer to take care of them. This involves helping with feeding, petting, and cleaning the goats on a rota basis. Every family that's participated so far has found it to be a rewarding experience.

With over 40 members, you'll only be asked to help once or twice a year, so it's a light commitment but a lot of fun! If you'd like to join the goat care group, please email [office@alwoodley.net](mailto:office@alwoodley.net).

### **Staff News**


A big congratulations to Mr. Arundale, who got married over the summer – we wish him and his new wife a lifetime of happiness.


We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Fairbanks, who welcomed two baby girls in August. We send her and her family all our best wishes.

### **Attendance**

Our school target is 97%  
The classes with the best attendance this year, so far, are Phase 1 - Willow 3 - 96.95% and Phase 2 - Poplar 5 - 98.67%.

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