

Bike Grant

We are delighted that our grant application to Bike Futures has been successful. Thanks to their generosity, our children will benefit from a set of brand-new bikes and helmets to support our cycling provision. This exciting addition will help our youngest learners in EYFS develop confidence and skills, while also enriching our OPAL provision, giving children more opportunities to be active and practise their balance and co-ordination.

We are incredibly grateful - watch this space as the children begin to make the most of this fantastic opportunity! A huge thank you to the team for their hard work at our Bike MOT workshop on Friday 24th April.

Make The Pledge for Walk to School Week

Follow the link here to make the pledge to walk to school <https://www.alwoodley2030.org/cleaner-greener-transport/walk-to-school-week/make-your-pledge>

Make your pledge to actively travel to school during Walk to School Week:

18th - 22nd May. If you make and keep the pledge your child/children will earn a bee or butterfly badge! Pledges must be received by **Friday, 15th May!** Last year we nearly won the inter-school competition - let's go for the win this year!

Enjoy the Walking With Wildways

Fayre on Sunday, 17th May at Allerton CE - open to all. This is our Walk to School Week kick-off and will have a huge range of activities for all ages including

- **Make a pledge to walk, cycle, scoot to work and school [here](#), and** pop down to the event to add your pledge to the Pledge Tree
- Bike and wellie boot decorating
- Creation of massive wildflower street art
- Movement, dance and sensory trails led by the Balbir Singh Dance Company
- Plant Swap

- Repair Café
- Dr Bike (booking required)
- A visit from the Butterfly Conservancy for a range of children's activities.
- **Collect Your Map for [Open Nature-Friendly Gardens Day](#)** and take the children on a group bike ride to visit the gardens at either 11:45 or 2:15 (booking required). [Register here.](#)

4. **Join the 8-mile cycle ride** around the streets and bridleways surrounding Eccup Reservoir on 4th May - May Bank Holiday Weekend. Register [Here.](#)

Poetry Slam

Twelve Year 5 pupils took part in a poetry slam competition at the Carriageworks on the evening of Tuesday 21 April. Earlier this year, all Year 5 pupils worked for a day with poet Andy Craven Griffiths, writing and performing poems based on the theme 'play'.

Following this workshop, two teams were selected to represent Alwoodley Primary School at the finals last week. The children competed superbly against twelve other teams from across the Leeds area, many of whom were secondary school students. After weeks of rehearsing in their free time and carefully designing their performances, both teams impressed the audience with their confidence and high-level oracy skills. Performing in front of parents and pupils in a packed theatre, they did themselves and the school extremely proud.

Such was the quality of their performances that one team achieved third place and brought a trophy back to school. Congratulations to both teams, and thank you to the parents who attended and supported the event.



Diary Dates

7th & 8th May - Year 4 Camp
 7th May – Year 1 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

11th – 1th May – Year 6 SATs
 13th May - Reception visit to Temple Newsam

15th May – Year 1 Den Building

22nd May - Mindmate Coffee Morning 9.30am

W/B 1st June - Year 6 to Herd Farm

June - Year 4 x-tables and Year 1 Phonics Test

9th June - sports day - more info to follow.

11th June- International Day of Play – parents invited to come and play with us from 2:30pm

11th June - Year 4 to Leeds City Centre

19th June - Choir to big sing

24th & 25th - Burley Banksy to work with year 3
 30th June - Year 5 to the sculpture Park

2nd July - Year 3 to visit the city museum

10th July - Year 5 Samba session at Pudsey

W/b 13th July - Year 6 Rock school

20th July 2026 – Training Day

21st July 2026 – Training Day

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. We are currently fundraising for a new OPAL area designed to allow climbing, crawling and sliding.

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

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



International Day of Play – Tuesday 11th June

On Tuesday 11th June, we will be celebrating the International Day of Play, a day that highlights how essential play is for children’s happiness, wellbeing and development. Play helps children build confidence, resilience, creativity and social skills, and supports positive mental health and learning. This day also links closely with our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach, which promotes rich, inclusive and purposeful play opportunities for all children.

To celebrate, we would like to invite parents and carers from Reception to Year 6 to join us for a Stay and Play session from **2:30pm**. This will be a lovely opportunity to see play in action and enjoy some playful time together outdoors. If you can attend, please arrive promptly and we will walk parents/carers to the middle playground. Children will then come and find you when they come out with their class.

Children will be taken back inside at 3:00pm, ready for normal home-time dismissal, ensuring everyone gets home on time.

We hope you can join us for this special celebration of play.

Residential Season Is Upon Us

Residential season is well and truly upon us, and it promises to be an exciting and busy time for our pupils. Over the coming term, **Year 4** pupils will be taking part in the **Big Camp**, held right here on the school field, giving them a fantastic opportunity to build independence and teamwork close to home. Meanwhile, **Year 5** are heading to **Malham** at the end of this week, where they will be carrying out geographical fieldwork and applying their learning in a real-world setting. Looking ahead, **Year 6** pupils are eagerly anticipating their visit to **Herd Farm**, which will take place once they have completed their SATs — a well-deserved and memorable end to their primary school journey.

It is certainly a busy time, and we would like to thank all of the staff who generously give up their own time to support and make these valuable opportunities possible for our pupils.

Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our Governing Board. Parent Governors play a vital role in the life of the school, helping to shape its strategic direction, offering support and constructive challenge to senior leaders, and ensuring that the voice of parents is represented in key decisions.

No previous governance experience is required. We are simply looking for a parent with an interest in education, a commitment to our school community, and a willingness to work collaboratively for the benefit of all our children. Full training and ongoing support are provided.

The Governing Board meets six times a year.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in applying, please contact the school office by emailing office@alwoodley.net.




Attendance


Currently our school attendance is 95.5%. The classes with the best attendance to date are KS1 - Yew2 - 96.9% and KS2 - Rowan 5 with 97.51%.


Lateness

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each morning. Being punctual helps children begin the day calmly, take part in key learning activities, and develop good habits for the future. If you are experiencing any difficulties with morning routines, please let us know — we’re here to help. For further support please contact Jo.shaw@alwoodley.net

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