

Alkborough Announcer

Weekly Newsletter of Alkborough Primary School 21st March 2025

Attendance

In our ongoing efforts to improve communication with you, we will be sending a weekly copy of your child’s attendance record. This will ensure that you are always up to date with their attendance status.

As you know, regular attendance is essential for a child's success at school. It helps establish a lifelong habit of being present, which will benefit them in high school and beyond in the workforce. Additionally, it is currently a legal requirement for children to attend school. There is a strong connection between poor attendance and lower educational outcomes. This is why it is vital that we work together to address any barriers to regular attendance as early as possible.

When we refer to attendance percentages, it’s important to understand their true meaning. For example, a 90% attendance rate might seem like a positive score, but it actually classifies a child as "persistently absent." If a child maintains less than 90% attendance throughout their school years, they will have missed a full year of school by the time they reach Year 9. Together, we can ensure that your child gets the most out of their education by fostering good attendance habits from an early age.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We understand that it’s common for children to catch illnesses as bugs make their rounds, especially during this time of year. However, we kindly ask that, whenever possible, children continue attending school to maintain their learning routine and minimize any disruption to their education.

If your child is unwell, we certainly understand the need to rest and recover at home. But if they’re feeling well enough, we encourage their attendance to ensure they don’t miss important lessons and activities.

What Does My attendance % and lates add up to?

Please see below the impact on late arrival / absences from school to your child’s education;

If your child arrives late daily by	Days of a child’s education lost (Yearly)	Days of a child’s education lost (In primary. 7 Years)	Days of a child’s education lost (In school life. 14 Years)
5 minutes	3	21 days	42 days or a half term
10 minutes	6.5	45.5 days or half a term	91 days or half a year*
15 minutes	10	70 days or a term	140 days or 2 terms
20 minutes	13	91 days or half a year	182 days or 1 year*
25 minutes	19	133 days or 2 terms	266 days or 4 terms/1 year* 1 term

If your child’s attendance percentage is	Days/weeks of a child’s education lost (Yearly)	Days of a child’s education lost (In primary. 7 Years)	Days of a child’s education lost (In school life. 14 Years)
95%	10 days or 2 weeks	70 days or a term	140 days or 2 terms
90%	20 days or 4 weeks	140 days or 2 terms	280 days or 1 and half years*
85%	30 days or 6 weeks	210 days or 1 year 20 days	420 days or 2 years* 1 term
80%	A full half term	280 days or 1 and half years*	560 days or 3 years*
75%	Almost 10 weeks	350 days or 2 years*	700 days or 4 years*

*A school year is 190 days in school.

Headteacher's Surgery – Friday Afternoons

Mr. Woolley would like to introduce a new initiative called the **Headteacher's Surgery**, which will take place on Friday afternoons. This will provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet with the Headteacher to discuss any concerns or issues you may have. If you wish to attend, please contact the school office to secure an appointment and include an outline of the topics or concerns you would like to discuss. We look forward to hearing from you!

Oak Class Trip to Robinwood

Dates: Monday 2nd June – Wednesday 4th June

Departure: Approx. 9:00 AM from school

Return: Approx. 5:00 PM (exact timings TBC)

Cost: £353 per child

This fee includes full board and all activities at Robinwood. The school will cover the cost of travel to and from the venue.

Payment Deadline: All payments must be made no later than Monday 7th April.

Maths and Reading Booster Club

It's time to ensure our Year 6 students are fully prepared for their upcoming SATs. We would like to invite your Year 6 child to join our Maths and Reading Booster Club, which will take place after school on :-

- Maths- Mondays from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

- Reading- Tuesdays from 8:10am to 9am.

The aim of the booster sessions is to provide additional support and guidance in mathematics and reading, helping our students to build confidence and enhance their skills in preparation for the tests. These sessions will be engaging and interactive, ensuring students have a positive learning experience. We strongly encourage your child to attend these sessions as they will provide excellent opportunities for revision and a chance to clarify any concepts they may find challenging.

If your child would like to participate please contact Mrs Kemecsei

Exciting Opportunity for the Spring Term – Incubator and Chicks!

The PTA has been given a wonderful offer of an incubator and a selection of chicks, which could potentially include a Peacock chick, for the school! This would be a fantastic learning opportunity for the students as we approach the Spring Term.

The incubator and chicks would be in place for 28 days, starting at the beginning of the term.

Nursery Admissions

If your child is of nursery age and you would like to express your interest, we have **Nursery Expression of Interest Forms** available for you to complete. These forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from our website.

[Admissions | Alkborough Primary School](#)

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We are currently looking into whether it would be viable to offer some full day nursery sessions. We would appreciate you completing this form so that we are able to gauge interest and preferences from parents/carers.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gN2YW0AGSP>

Breakfast Club

<https://forms.office.com/e/wRNSDHJLzi>

The cost is £4 per day, payable via parent pay.

For short notice sign-ups, please contact the admin office instead of filling in the form.

Afterschool clubs

Our afterschool club runs daily from 3:30 until 4:30pm. Please book using the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wRNSDHJLzi>

The cost is £3.50 per day payable via parent pay.

We also run a Sports Club on a Friday between 3:30-4:30pm, bookable via parent pay.

School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 24th March

[School Meals | Alkborough Primary School](#)

Please be reminded that school lunches should be paid for in advance. A packed lunch will need to be provided if the account is in debt. School lunches are £2.60 per day, payable via parent pay.

Reporting Children Absent

Please call the main reception on 01724 720301 by 9.30am each day to report a child absent in the event of illness only. Please be reminded that if your child has a sickness bug, they need to remain at home for 48 hours.

NB: Welfare checks will be carried out if absence persists, especially around end/beginning of term and weekends.

Leave of Absence

We would also like to remind you that any requests for leave of absence/holiday requests must be made in writing via a leave of absence request form. These can be downloaded from our website or collected from the school office.

Leave requests can only be authorised if there is an exceptional circumstance for the leave, the purpose of a family holiday is not considered exceptional. Any unauthorised absences are referred to the Education Inclusion Service, who may issue a penalty notice.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st April 2:30pm- Rainbow and Year 2 Easter Stay and Share

Wednesday 2nd April 2:30pm- Oak Class Easter Stay and Share

Wednesday 2nd April – Get Ahead in School- Orienteering (all children in their PE kits)

Thursday 3rd April 2:30- Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Stay and Share

Friday 4th April- Easter Egg Hunt at 2:30pm

Friday 4th April - Special Stars Assembly (2pm)

Friday 4th April- School closes for Easter Break

Thursday 15th May – Year 5 Bikeability (info to follow closer to the time)

Friday 16th May Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 2nd June - Robinwood Residential Oak Class

Monday 9th June - Y6s to Lincoln University

Wednesday 18th June - Get Ahead Ninja Run (all children in their PE kits)

Friday 20th June - Sports Day

Friday 4th July - Reserve Sports Day

As we approach Easter and the warmer weather, I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the school uniform policy should you be using the Easter break to purchase any new uniform for your child.

Our School Uniform:

- Grey trousers / shorts / skirt
- White polo-shirt / shirt / blouse
- Navy jumper / cardigan (with or without logo - logo items available from Shahs in Scunthorpe)
- Grey / white / black socks
- Grey / black tights
- Navy blue gingham dress / playsuit
- Plain black school shoes (We request that smart shoes are worn with a wide heel base.

(Trainers are not acceptable as school shoes and should only be worn as part of the PE kit.)

Our PE uniform:

- White plain T-shirt / polo-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts / plain black or navy leggings
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms can be worn as an alternative to shorts and leggings on

Outdoor pe days

- Navy jumper / hoody for outdoor pe days
- Trainers / plimsolls
- Bare feet are the rule for gymnastics and dance lessons, unless a child has a verruca, in which case plimsolls/verruca sock should be worn.

Please send your child in their PE kit as listed above on PE days.

Jewellery:

- Please ensure that pupils do not wear jewellery to school. Not only does it cause issues around safety, but individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing or gets broken.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, ONLY plain studs may be worn, and to comply with health and safety regulations these must be removed by the child or covered with a plaster or medical tape during all PE activities.
- Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost or broken, and all pupils will be asked to remove anything other than plain studs and watches.
- Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed before any PE lessons and kept in a container for safe storage in a pupil's bag, unless it is a form of exercise monitoring watch.
- *Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost or broken.* Children are not allowed to wear watches that have games or contacts on them.

Make-Up and Nails:

- No make up to be worn at any time (including nail varnish), children will be asked to remove makeup if they come to school wearing it.

Pupils:

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than on specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

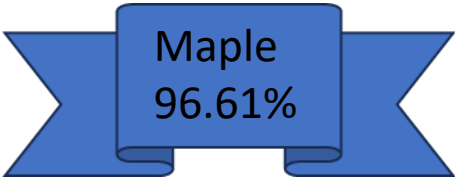
You will find a complete copy of the uniform policy on our website at the following address:

[Policies | Alkborough Primary School](#)

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is:

Well done Maple Class!!



Celebrations

Stars of the Week – Community: British Value of Tolerance

We are delighted to celebrate our stars of the week children this week who are:

Name	Class
Margo	Rainbow
William	Maple
Harrison	Oak



Our Lunch time Star of the Week voted for by our Lunch time supervisors is: George
Our Kindness Star of the Week voted for by pupils across school is:



Reading Stars of the Week

Our star readers for this week are:

Name	Class
Mijka	Rainbow
Ruqayya	Maple
Anabelle	Oak

Caught being Good!

The children are working together as a team to earn points!

The winners from the raffle this week are:

Name	Team
	Blue Team
	Yellow Team
	Green Team
	Red Team

Garden and PE

Please note the school pe days and garden days for the week commencing the 6th January 2025. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day. Children need to come to school on their gardening day in appropriate clothing: e.g. trousers/joggers (not skirts/shorts) and appropriate shoes to be worn. Please send some wellies in a bag.

Day	Event	Class
Monday	PE	Oak and Rainbow
Tuesday	PE	Oak
Wednesday	PE Garden day	Rainbow Rainbow, Year 1, Year 2.
Thursday	PE	Maple
Friday	PE Groups with Peter	Maple

Homework Apps

Children all have logins for Times Table Rock Stars, EdShed (for spelling) and Numbots to practise these key skills at home.

Reading Homework

We also ask that everyone reads at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in your child's reading diary. Those who are on Little Wandle books will bring them home once they have completed their 3 reads in school with a second book for sharing together. If you read a different book with your child, this can be recorded in their diary too.

Year Group	Grammar Book	Maths Book
Year 1	Pages 8 and 9	
Year 2		Page 36
Year 3		Page 46
Year 4	Page 62	Times Tables
Year 5	Page 38	Pages 16 and 17
Year 6	Page 11	Page 14



Easter Holiday Girls Multi- Sports Camps

Ages
7-12
Years



Tuesday 15th April
Outcast CC
Hirst Priory, Crowle, DN17 4BU

Thursday 17th April
Bracebridge Heath CC
Cross O'Cliff Court, LN4 2 HL



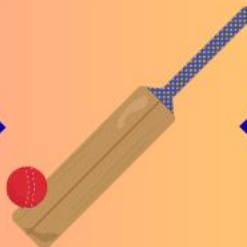
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£30.00
per day



16 spaces
per day
available



Times:
10:00 -
15:00

For more information, contact Justin.owen@lincscricket.co.uk or
katie.hill@lincscricket.co.uk



Easter Holiday Cricket Camps



Tuesday 8th April
Grimsby Town CC
Augusta Street, DN34 4TX

Wednesday 9th April
Sleaford CC
London Road, NG34 7LE

Thursday 10th April
Bracebridge Heath CC
Cross O'Cliff Court, LN4 2HL



All Stars Session
4-8 Years Old
10:00-12:00

Dynamos Session
8-11 years Old
13:00-15:00

Hardball Session
11 -14 Years Old
15:15- 17:15

*All Camp Days will offer all 3 sessions



Only 16 Spaces Available per Session

**£10.00
per
Session**

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