



Alanbrooke Academy Newsletter October  
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***'No Child Gets Left Behind'***

**Respect, Resilience, Courage, Acceptance, Kindness**



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Good afternoon,

What a busy half term it has been! We can't believe we're already heading into the final week of Autumn 1. Over the past seven weeks, so many exciting things have happened: our new breakfast club has launched, we've introduced even more after-school clubs, Key Stage 2 started GOAL and Mini Police, and Key Stage 1 attended their first competition!

Our pupils continue to amaze us with their positive attitudes and incredible work ethic – we couldn't be prouder of them. We're looking forward to celebrating the end of this half term with our Halloween Disco on Thursday. We hope to see all the children there.

Wishing you a lovely half term when it arrives!

***Mrs Long***

*Deputy Headteacher*

## Quick-sticks Hockey Tournament

Our Year 3& 4's had an amazing time at their Quick-sticks hockey tournament at Thirsk High School. The children showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout and represented Alanbrooke with enthusiasm and pride. They even won one of their matches, giving everyone a boost and added to the fun of the afternoon.







## Halloween Disco



We are holding a Halloween disco for all pupils on **Thursday 23rd October 4-5pm**. Tickets are £2.50 and ticket price will include a hot dog and drink, as well as dance prizes.

Access to the disco will be through the front entrance.


At the end of the disco, pupils are to be collected from their usual playground exits.

## Poppy Appeal



We are proud to once again be supporting the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** this year.

**Poppies and poppy-related items** will be available from the school office, and members of the School Council will also be visiting classrooms to give pupils the opportunity to make a donation and choose a poppy or related item.

 All contributions—big or small—are greatly appreciated and go towards supporting a very worthy cause.

## October Half term holiday dates



Reminder about the upcoming half term and important dates for your diary:

### **Half Term Holiday:**

School will be **closed to pupils from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October** for the half term break.

### **Staff Training Days:**

Please note that school will also be **closed on Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November** for staff training (INSET days). These are not teaching days for pupils.

### **Return to School:**

Children will return to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

## Safeguarding alert

*Dear parent/Carer,*

*Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books*

*We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.*

*Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.*

*The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.*

*What this means for you:*

*If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.*

*It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.*

*We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.*



## Alanbrooke Breakfast Club



### Breakfast Club Now Open at Alanbrooke!

We're excited to share that our Breakfast Club is now up and running! Open every weekday from **8:20 to 8:50am** (Monday to Friday), the club offers a great start to the school day for just £1.50 per session, payable via ParentPay.

It's a valuable resource for our families, and we love to see pupils making the most of it — spread the word!

If you have any questions about registering for this please pop along to the School Office.

## ParentPay

Please can we politely remind parents to keep their ParentPay account in Credit to pay for school meals and any other events or trips. As we are a small school we can't afford to have accounts in arrears. Thank you very much for your support with this.

## Child Absence and Sickness

May we respectfully ask that if your child is ill could you please ensure that you phone the school and leave a message on the dedicated absence line or messages can be left on our school email.

**If your child is unwell and has had sickness and/or diarrhoea they are required to remain at home until 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to avoid spreading germs across the school.**

School Office 01845 577 474 or [admin@alanbrookeacademy.org](mailto:admin@alanbrookeacademy.org). Please let school know on a daily basis.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Dates for your diary

### OCT 2025

**Thursday 23rd- Dark Nights presentation Y1-Y6**

**Thursday 23rd- Halloween Disco 4-5pm**

**Friday 24th- Staff training day- Pupils NOT in school**

**Monday 27th-Friday 31st October- Half term holidays**

**Monday 3rd- Staff training day- Pupils NOT in school**

### NOV 2025

**Tuesday 4th November- Pupils return to school**



**Fri 7th- Remembrance service at Ripon Cathedral for Armstrong class**

**Tuesday 11th- Armistice Day Service at Topcliffe Church**

**Friday 14th- Children in Need**

**Tues 18th- Crucial Crew @ Carlton Lodge Y5&Y6**

## **Contact Us**

Please continue to use Class Dojo for communication to teachers. If your child is going to be absent please email or call the office.

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