



— A Learning Journey —

# Alkington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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## Coming up in the Spring Term

Lots of exciting things are happening in school during this term – up to the Easter holiday:

- Chocolate Bingo Event on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Year Group Assemblies  
Parents/carers are invited to come and watch, the first of which is Y4 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March January at 9.05 a.m.
- Parents Evening R3 to Y6 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Easter Bonnets Parade for N, R and Y1&2 and Decorated Egg Competition for KS2 on the last day of term, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



## World Book Day

Today we have been celebrating World Book Day by immersing children in all things books and reading. Throughout the day, pupils were taking part in a range of exciting book-based activities planned by staff to celebrate a love of stories and reading. The children looked fantastic dressed as a favourite book character or in their pyjamas.



Thank you to everyone that supported our World Book Day breakfast at our 'Starbooks' café this morning, it was lovely to see so many children, parents & carers and staff members enjoying breakfast together – another great community event!



## Arrivals and Collection Procedures

To help keep all of our children safe at the start and end of the school day, we would like to remind parents and carers of a few key points from our Arrival and Dismissal Policy.

## Morning Arrival

- School doors for Reception to Year 6 open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am.
- Rising 3s and Nursery doors open at 8.55am.
- Children arriving after 9.00am will be marked late.
- Children should not arrive before their allocated opening time, as supervision begins when doors open.

## End of the School Day

- Nursery and Rising 3s finish at 3.00pm.
- Reception to Year 6 finish at 3.20pm.
- Children must be collected by a parent, carer or authorised adult.

## Siblings Collecting Children

To ensure everyone's safety, the following rules apply:

- Siblings collecting children must be at least 14 years old to collect pupils in Year 2 to Year 6.
- Siblings must be 18 to collect children in Year 1, Reception, Nursery or Rising 3s.
- Written parental permission must be provided before this arrangement can begin (email made to the school office).
- The school may refuse or withdraw this arrangement if there are safety concerns.

## Independent Travel

- Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 may walk home independently only with

written parental permission.

### **Late Collection**

- If a child has not been collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken to the school office.
- From 3.35pm, they will be placed in After School Club and charges will apply.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all of our children safe at the start and end of the school day.

The full Arrival and Dismissal Policy is available on the school's website.

### **Cycle and Scooter Safety**

As a school, we are pleased that many of our children choose to cycle or use scooters to travel to and from school each day. We fully support this, as it is a great way to promote physical activity, build independence and develop healthy habits.

However, the safety of our pupils is always our priority. For this reason, we are asking that all children who cycle or use a scooter to travel to and from school wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet is a simple but very important way to reduce the risk of head injury should a fall occur. We would greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping us reinforce this important safety message.

### **School Dinner Payments**

A reminder to parents and carers whose children have school dinners to please ensure payments are made at the start of each week. This helps us greatly with our administration and planning and ensures the smooth running of our meal service. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Cross Country**

We were delighted to see the cross-country season resume this week, with our first race, since the short break, taking place on Wednesday 4th March at St Mary's, where children from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 all ran brilliantly. The children represented the school extremely well, showing great determination, effort and team spirit throughout their races.

We are incredibly proud that we continue to lead the Middleton League which is a fantastic achievement for our runners. Thank you to everyone who took part and represented the school so positively.

A reminder to parents and carers that the next race is for Year 5 and Year 6 and will take place at Elmwood Primary School on Monday 9th March 2026. We wish all of our runners the very best of luck!



### **Family Bingo Night**

On Friday 20th March, we will be holding a family bingo evening, where you can enjoy a few games of bingo and win lots of chocolate. Tickets are sold out. If you have bought a ticket and no longer intend to go on the evening, please let us know so that we can refund you and sell the tickets onto another family.



To play, bingo game books must be bought for £5 per book - these can be bought on the

night. The money raised will be used to provide enrichment activities across school.

In preparation for this, we will be holding a number of own clothes days (see dates below) in return for Easter chocolates items that will be used to create our Easter raffle prizes as well as prizes given out on the night of the bingo.

- **Tomorrow Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Easter Club 2026**

Our Easter Club will run from Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April 2026, from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. each day. The club offers a fun-filled week of activities and is open to all pupils. The last day to book a place is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### **Applying for a place in the Rising 3's and Nursery classes for Sept 2026**

To do this you must complete and return an application form available from school or the school's admission page on the website. The deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Offer letters will be sent out in the weeks following this date.

### **School Attendance – Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> – 5T (99.3%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3L (98.6%)  
Whole School – 95.3%

### **School Meal Menu**

The school menu can be found on the school website, look in: *Parents and Carers/School Dinners*

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'A Nott'.

Andrew Nott (Headteacher)