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Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 25th June 2026



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Medical and Dental Appointments

We understand that medical and dental appointments are sometimes unavoidable. However, we have recently seen an increase in children being collected early from school, particularly on Friday afternoons, for appointments, holidays and other arrangements.

Wherever possible, please try to book routine appointments outside of school hours or at times that minimise disruption to learning. Every lesson counts, and Friday afternoons remain an important part of the school week, with valuable learning and enrichment activities taking place.

We are grateful for your support in helping us maximise every child's time in school and ensuring they benefit fully from the opportunities available to them.

School Reading Books

We are kindly asking for all school reading books to be returned between the 6th and 8th of July.



We know this is a short window, but we're trying to strike the right balance — we don't want to collect books earlier than necessary, as we want children to keep reading for as long as possible. However, we do need time to carry out a full audit of our reading book stock before the end of term.

Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Newsletter

Our Summer Term Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Newsletter is now available to read on the school website. The newsletter contains useful information, guidance and advice for families, with a particular focus on issues that are especially relevant at this time of year, including online safety, sun safety, water safety, wellbeing and keeping children safe during the Summer months. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read the newsletter, which can be accessed via the school's website. <https://www.alkrington.rochdale.sch.uk/newsletters-1/safeguarding-newsletters>

Year 6 Leavers' Show Tickets

Tickets for our Year 6 Leavers' Show, taking place on Wednesday 8th July at 7.00 p.m., are now on sale from the school office. Tickets are priced at £4 each, with a maximum of three tickets per family available.

Catering Provision Competition

As part of our ongoing work to further improve lunchtime provision at Alkrington Primary School, we have been encouraging children to play an active role in shaping the future of our school catering service.

Over the coming weeks, pupils will have the opportunity to suggest a name for our catering provision and create designs that could be used for new signage around the dining hall and across the school. This exciting



project will support the launch of a new, healthier menu in September 2026, featuring nutritious, child-friendly meals complemented by fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs grown by the children in our school allotments.

We are looking forward to giving our pupils a real sense of ownership over this development and celebrating their creativity as we continue to promote healthy eating across the school. Please ensure that any name suggestions and design entries are handed to an adult in your child's class by tomorrow, **Friday 26th June 2026**.

Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

We encourage all parents and carers to check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), even if their child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

Registering for FSM can provide access to additional support for families, including holiday activity programmes and food vouchers when available. It also enables the school to receive valuable Pupil Premium funding, which helps us provide extra support and opportunities for children. In some cases, children who qualify may have their entitlement protected for several years, even if family circumstances change.

A direct link and QR code to the application form are included below. If you are unsure whether



you may be eligible, please apply or contact the school office for advice and support.

www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals

Summer Fair – 27th June 2026

Our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 27th June from 12pm – 3pm.

Our last Own Clothes Days is tomorrow, **Friday 26th June**, we will be collecting cake donations for our popular cake stall.



Summer Fair Prize Draw

Raffle tickets for our Summer Fair Prize Draw are now on sale from the school office at just £1 per ticket. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs this year, including a luxury BBQ, Ninja Food Blender, England football gifts and the ever-popular Dumpling Squishies, along with a range of other exciting prizes. Every ticket purchased helps to support the school, so please pop into the office to get yours and be in with a chance of winning one of these amazing prizes. Good luck!

PiraMidd Dance Competition

On Tuesday, a group of children from Upper School proudly represented our school at the annual PiraMidd Dance Competition, held at St Anne's High School. The children had an amazing time taking part in the event and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their talents alongside pupils from other Middleton schools. Their enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork were a credit to the school, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and performance.



Summer Club 2026

It is now possible to book a place in the school's Summer Club via Arbor. The club will run from 20th July to 14th August 2026. The deadline for booking is 2nd July

Coming up in the Summer term

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

- 27th June from 12p.m. to 3p.m. - School Summer Fair
- 1st July - Nursery Graduation
- 3rd July - Treetop Nets Trip (Y6)
- 6th July - Awards Evening
- 7th July - Transition Day
- 8th July - Sports Day Y3, Y4 (10.30 a.m.), Y5 & Y6 (1.30 p.m.)
- 8th July at 7.00 p.m. - Y6 Show
- 9th July - Sports Day Reception (9.30 a.m.), Y1 & Y2 (10.30 a.m.)
- 9th July - Year 6 Adventure Day
- 9th July - Fireground Museum Trip
- 14th July - Year 6 Disco
- 16th July - School Closes for the Summer Holidays

School Attendance – Week beginning 15th June

1st – 5E 98.7%

2nd – 1C& 2A 98.6%

Whole School – 94.3%

School Matters!



School Meal Increase

From September 2026, and set by the LA, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.95 per day. This increase is necessary to help meet the rising costs of food, staffing and meal provision.

School Meal Menu

The school menu can be found on the school website. Please look under:

Parents and Carers/School Dinners

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Andrew Nott (Headteacher)