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Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 4th June 2026



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Our New Forest-Themed Library is Open!

Today marked the official opening of our brand-new school library, and what a fantastic start it has been! The library, which has been beautifully designed around a forest theme, provides a warm, inviting and inspiring space for children to enjoy reading and develop a love of books. The library will be open during breaktimes and lunchtimes, allowing children to change their reading books and spend time enjoying the space. It will be managed by a team of 30 specially trained Year 5 librarians, who have already done a wonderful job supporting their peers. We were delighted to see over 100 children using the library on its first day, with many commenting on how much they loved the woodland-themed environment and cosy atmosphere.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Harasiwka, our English Lead, whose vision, creativity and hard work have transformed the area into such a beautiful and engaging library for our children. We are excited to see the positive impact this wonderful new space will have on reading across the school.



Planetarium Experience

This week we have welcomed a mobile planetarium into school as part of our 'Wow Writing Week'. This exciting experience provided the children with the opportunity to explore space in an immersive and engaging way, helping to inspire their imagination and creativity in their writing.

Our termly 'Wow Writing Weeks' are designed to give children memorable real-life experiences that stimulate high-quality writing across the curriculum, and we are sure this latest event will capture the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

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

Registering for Free School Meals can unlock a range of additional benefits for families, including access to holiday activity and food programme vouchers, supermarket food vouchers during school holidays when available, and other forms of

support. It also brings valuable additional funding into school through the Pupil Premium, enabling us to provide extra support, resources and opportunities for eligible children. Importantly, children who qualify for Free School Meals may have their entitlement protected, meaning they can continue to receive free school meals for the next six years, even if family circumstances change.

To make the application process as simple as possible, we have included both a direct link and a QR code below for parents and carers to access the application form. If you are unsure whether you may be eligible, we would encourage you to apply or contact the school office, who will be happy to help and offer advice.



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

Pupil Collection Arrangements

To help us keep all children safe, please ensure that you inform school if someone different will be collecting your child at the end of the day. For children in Years 1–6, please send a message via Class Dojo. For children in Rising 3s, Nursery and Reception, please use Tapestry. Alternatively, you can contact the school office by email or telephone.

Letting us know in advance is important as it enables staff to verify collection arrangements and ensures that every child is released safely to an authorised adult. Thank you for your support in helping us safeguard all of our children.

Summer Fair – 27th June 2026

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 27th June from 12pm – 3pm.

To help us prepare for the event, we will be holding a series of Own Clothes Days in exchange for donations towards the fair. Tomorrow **Friday 5th June**, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate donation. On **Friday 12th June**, we are asking for bottle donations. On **Friday 19th June**, lower school (EYFS & Y1, Y2 & Y3) children should bring a chocolate donation and upper school (Y4, Y5 & Y6) children should bring a bottle donation. Finally, on **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 will be on sale from the school office from Monday 8th June 2026 at just £1 per ticket. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs this year, including a luxury BBQ, England football gifts, a wine hamper, 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!

School Calendar Dates for 2027/28

The school calendar dates for 2027-2028 are also available on the school's website, please click on the link below:

<https://www.alkrington.rochdale.sch.uk/parents-carers-information/term-dates>

Tesco Stronger Starts – Support Our School!

We're excited to share that we have been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts in-store voting programme!

Our focus is the 'Eco Greenhouse/allotment to Kitchen project'.

How you can help:

- 🗳️ Voting to the end of July 2026
- 🛒 Every time you shop in Tesco, you'll receive a blue token (no minimum spend required)
- 🟦 Simply place your token in the box for Alkrington Primary School

Where to vote:

- Tesco Alkrington Express
- Tesco Middleton Extra
- Tesco Middleton Oldham Rd Express
- Tesco Middleton Langley Express

Why it matters:

- 🥇 1st place: up to £1,500
- 🥈 2nd place: up to £1,000
- 🥉 3rd place: up to £500

Please support us!

Encourage friends, family, and the wider community to vote whenever they shop. Every token counts and will help us bring this exciting eco project to life for our children 🌱

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:

- 8th June to 12th June -

Lower School (Y1-Y3) Music Week

- 10th June - Ice Cream Farm Trip (Nursery)
- 15th June to 19th June - Upper School Music Week –
- 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 18th May

1st – 4E 98.4%

2nd – 4B 96.8%

Whole School – 93.00%

School Matters!



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 black ink that reads 'A. Nott'.

Andrew Nott (Headteacher)