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# Alkington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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## **Parents' Evening**

This will take place on **Wednesday 1st April**. Time slots are available for parents of children in Rising 3s, Reception and Years 1-6 to book using Arbor. Due to the different nature of the Nursery meetings, these times will be arranged directly with parents by the Nursery team. If you need any assistance with arranging your meeting, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## **World Down Syndrome Day**

This week, Miss Fairbrother, a Teaching Assistant in Year 5, delivered an assembly about Down Syndrome, helping the children understand the condition.

Through engaging discussion and thoughtful examples, she explained what Down Syndrome is and how we can celebrate and support inclusion.

To recognise World Down Syndrome Day, we will be selling gingerbread "sock" biscuits tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for £1 each, with all proceeds going to the DS East Lancashire Group.

To mark the occasion, children are also invited to come to school wearing odd socks—the brighter and more colourful, the better!



## **Easter Events**

The Easter Bonnet parade takes place on the last day of this term, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. I encourage

you to make an Easter Bonnet with your child, for those in the Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 class. On that morning there will be a parade and prize giving.

For KS2 children we have a Decorated Egg Competition for KS2.

Entries are displayed in school and there are also prizes for the winning entries. See the pictures for some of the bonnets and decorated eggs from previous years.



## **Rising 3's Easter Egg Hunt**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00 p.m., we invite parents and primary carers (maximum of 3 people) to join the children in an Easter egg hunt at school.

## **Easter Raffle**

Tickets are available to buy from the school office. £1 per ticket for a chance to win Giant Easter Hampers! The raffle draw will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## **Toys in school**

We have noticed an increase in children bringing toys into school. May we kindly remind

parents and carers that, apart from specific resources that some children are given permission to use to support their concentration, toys should not be brought into school.

Toys can easily become a distraction during learning, may cause disagreements between children, and can also lead to upset if they are lost or damaged. We appreciate your support in helping us keep the focus on learning and ensuring a calm environment for all children.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Easter & Summer 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 27th March 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.

### **Cross Country**

We were incredibly proud to take 45 children from Years 2, 3 and 4 to our final lower school cross country race at Parkfield Primary School on Tuesday 17th March. The children ran brilliantly, representing the school with pride and determination, and we are delighted to share that we have been crowned Y2, Y3 & overall Lower School (Y2, Y3 & Y4) Middleton Cross Country Champions!

We now look forward to our final Upper School race next Monday at St Michael's Primary School, where we hope to retain the Upper School Championship title as well.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who continue to support these events, whether

through helping with transport or offering enthusiastic encouragement on the sidelines. It is a wonderful community event that everyone enjoys!



### **Labelling School Uniform**

Please can we remind you to write your child's name and class clearly inside all school uniform, especially coats.

As the weather starts to improve, many children take their coats off during break and lunchtime and occasionally forget to bring them back inside. Having names and classes clearly labelled will help us return any misplaced items to their owners much more quickly. Thank you for your support.

### **School Attendance – Week beginning 9th March 2026**

1st – 3L (100%)

2nd – 2H (99.6%)

Whole School – 96.5%

### **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 blue ink that reads "A. Nott".

Andrew Nott (Headteacher)