



# Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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## **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 **Friday 26th June 2026**.

## **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, whose staff will be happy to help and offer advice.



[www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals](http://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 – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> June**, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a bottle donation.

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Cheshire Ice Cream Farm Trip**

Our Nursery children had a fantastic time on their trip to the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm! They enjoyed exploring the adventure playgrounds, getting creative in the sand and water play zones, and of course, tasting some delicious ice cream. A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came along and supported the day — we couldn't have done it without you.



### **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 runs until 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 Alkington Primary School

Where to vote:

- Tesco Alkington 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 20<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026. The deadline for booking is 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Coming up in the Summer term**

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> June from 12p.m. to 3p.m. - School Summer Fair

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

### **School Attendance – Week**

#### **beginning 1st June**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2H 99.3%

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4B 98.9%

Whole School – 94.9%

#### **School Matters!**



### **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.alkington.rochdale.sch.uk/parents-carers-information/term-dates>

### **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.

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Andrew Nott (Headteacher)