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Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 21st May 2026



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House of Lords Recognition for Our Early Years Team

We are incredibly proud to share that Lauren Harris and Claire Lowe attended a special event at the House of Lords yesterday, hosted by The Rt Hon. the Lord Boateng CVO and Rambert. The event celebrated the impact of the 'Early Moves' programme, an innovative project supporting workforce wellbeing and improving school readiness for children under five across Greater Manchester nurseries.

Lauren and Claire were invited in recognition of the dedication and hard work they have shown in successfully delivering the programme within our Nursery. The event showcased the positive difference the programme is making to young children and early years practice, and we are extremely proud of their achievement and the continued excellent work taking place within our Early Years provision.



Cultural Celebration Week

This week has been our Cultural Celebration Week, a special time where children where the children have taken part in activities and experiences that help them learn about and celebrate different cultures—especially those represented within their own classrooms.



Throughout the week, there have been visitors from the Neeli Mosque and United Reform Church, Bollywood dancing and African Drumming giving pupils a chance to experience new traditions and customs in an engaging way. This week reflects our ongoing commitment to celebrating the rich diversity of our school community and ensuring every child feels seen, valued and included.

Planetarium Experience

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June, we are excited to welcome a mobile planetarium into school as part of our upcoming 'Wow Writing Week'. This exciting experience will provide 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.



New Starters Events

We have already begun a series of transition events to help children settle in.



Children joining the Rising 3's and Reception will have several transition opportunities in June and July; dates will be confirmed shortly.

We would also like to invite all parents and carers of children starting in Rising 3's, Nursery and Reception this September to attend an important information meeting on:

Wednesday 3rd June

- 5:30 pm – Nursery & Rising 3's
- 6:00 pm – Reception

During these sessions, we will share key information to support your child in making a successful start to school. The meetings will last up to one hour, and your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Summer Fair – 27th June 2026

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

We are looking forward to a fantastic afternoon for all the family, with lots of exciting stalls and activities including face painting, food and drink, donkey rides, a fair, Ice cream and popcorn parlour, games and much more!

To help us prepare for the event, we will be holding a series of Own Clothes Days in exchange for donations towards the fair.

On **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.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair!

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 from 28th April 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

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 🌱

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Coming up in the Summer term

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

- 25th May to 29th May - Half Term Holidays
- 1st & 2nd June - Whole School Wow Writing Week - on -site Planetarium
- 3rd June - EYFS Open Evening 5.30 p.m. (Nursery & Rising 3's) and 6.00 p.m. (Reception)
- 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 11th May

1st – 6W 99.35%

2nd – 5T 99.31%

Whole School – 95.45%

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.



Andrew Nott (Headteacher)