



— A Learning Journey —

# Alkington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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## **Class Photographs**

Class photographs will be taken in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in full school uniform on this day. This includes children in Year 1 and Year 2, who would usually wear their PE kits on a Monday—they should attend in their normal uniform instead so that they are ready for the photographs. Thank you for your support.

## **Parents' Evening**

This will take place on

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.** Time slots will be available for parents of children in Rising 3s, Reception and Years 1-6 to book using Arbor from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. 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**

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

Through engaging discussion and thoughtful examples, she will explain 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 on 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, Friday 4<sup>th</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 will be available to buy from the school office from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. £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.

## **School Book Fair**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting the recent School Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity, the fair raised an amazing £1,298.68. This means the school has earned £714.27 in rewards to spend on new books for our classrooms and library. Your support helps us continue to promote a love of reading across the school, and we are very grateful.

## **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.

## **Arrivals and Collection**

### **Procedures**

To help keep all of our children safe at the start and end of the school day, we would like to remind parents and carers of a

few key points from our Arrival and Dismissal Policy.

### **Morning Arrival**

- School doors for Reception to Year 6 open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am.
- Rising 3s and Nursery doors open at 8.55am.
- Children arriving after 9.00am will be marked late.
- Children should not arrive before their allocated opening time, as supervision begins when doors open.

### **End of the School Day**

- Nursery and Rising 3s finish at 3.00pm.
- Reception to Year 6 finish at 3.20pm.
- Children must be collected by a parent, carer or authorised adult.

### **Siblings Collecting Children**

To ensure everyone's safety, the following rules apply:

- Siblings collecting children must be at least 14 years old to collect pupils in Year 2 to Year 6.
- Siblings must be 18 to collect children in Year 1, Reception, Nursery or Rising 3s.
- Written parental permission must be provided before this arrangement can begin (email made to the school office).
- The school may refuse or withdraw this arrangement if there are safety concerns.

### **Independent Travel**

- Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 may walk home independently only with written parental permission.

### **Late Collection**

- If a child has not been collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken to the school office.
- From 3.35pm, they will be placed in After School Club and charges will apply.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all of our children safe at the start and end of the school day.

The full Arrival and Dismissal Policy is available on the school's website.

### **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.

Our final own clothes day in return for Easter chocolates items that will be used to create our Easter raffle prizes as well as prizes given out on the night of the bingo.

### **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.

### **Applying for a place in the Rising 3's and Nursery classes for Sept 2026**

The deadline for applications is tomorrow. Offer letters will be sent out in the weeks following this date.

### **School Attendance – Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2A (99.7%)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3L (99.6%)

Whole School – 96.8%

### **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)