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Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 10th September 2026



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Parking

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our residents and the safety of our children when parking near school at drop-off and pick-up times. We know that, as a large school, the roads around us can become very busy, but it is important that cars are not parked on the kerb, on yellow lines, or in front of driveways.

Please also take extra care to drive slowly and cautiously – with so many young children and families walking along the paths, even a small lapse in attention can be extremely dangerous. In addition, we ask that engines are switched off while waiting. Idling not only adds unnecessary pollution to the air our children breathe but also increases noise and fuel use. Your consideration helps to keep everyone safe, healthy, and ensures we remain good neighbours within our community

Walk to School Bus – Starting Thursday 17th September

We are pleased to announce that our Walk to School Bus will be starting again from Thursday 17th September. We will be using a new meeting point this year, which we hope will make it easier for more children and families to join us. Please see the attached link for the exact meeting point. Mr Richards and I will arrive at 8.20am, with the Walk to School Bus setting off promptly at 8.30am for school. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ueZ2f5GH3zV251Q89>

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curricular clubs have now started for the term and we

are delighted to share that all places are currently full. We are proud to be offering over 300 places each week across a wide range of activities. Please note that our clubs change at different points in the year, which means new places will become available. We will notify families when these go live on ARBOR so that you have the chance to sign up.



Welcome Meetings

We will be having a **Welcome Event** in most year groups the week – beginning 14th September. I hope that you are able to join the class staff for 20 minutes from 3.30 p.m. on the following days:
Monday 14th September – Y4
Tuesday 15th September – Y1, Y2, Y5 & Y6
Thursday 17th September – Y3

Arrangements for **Reception and Nursery** will be different and will be shared with you later.



On that afternoon, come into school and to the classrooms at 3.30 p.m. Adults can join the teacher in one room whilst your children can go into the other

classroom with the Teaching Assistant.

I appreciate that you may, for instance, have children in different year groups on the same day and will not be able to attend both. I suggest that you attend the younger siblings Welcome Event and approach the teacher of any others later, and they can share some of the information with you.

House Cross Country Competition – Thursday 17th September

Next Thursday, 17th September, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in our annual House Cross Country Competition. It is always a fantastic event and a great deal of fun, with children of all abilities taking part, supporting their friends and doing their very best for their House. The emphasis is very much on participation, enjoyment and teamwork, so every child can get involved and feel a sense of achievement. All children in Years 1–6 can come to school in their PE kits on Thursday so they are ready to take part.

Rochdale Neurodiversity Hub

The Rochdale Neurodiversity Hub is a multi-agency service supporting children and young people who are neurodivergent or have social communication differences. It is a needs-led service, meaning that children do not need a formal diagnosis to access support.

The Hub can provide parents and carers with advice, practical strategies, information and signposting to appropriate services, as well as workshops and opportunities to connect with other families. The team

works alongside families and professionals to help understand a child's needs and identify the most appropriate support. For further information including dates for their workshops and sleep drop-ins, see the school's website.

<https://www.alkrington.rochdale.sch.uk/admin/sites/page/key-information/send>

Applications for High School places for Sept 2027 – now open

To do this you will need to visit the Rochdale Council School Admissions website and make an online application. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

Applying for a place in the Reception Class at Alkrington Primary School for Sept 2027

This also has to be done online with Rochdale LA and opens on 14th September 2026. Details can be found at:

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-primary-school-place>

This process is managed by Rochdale LA and not the school. Children who currently attending our Nursery class must still apply for a Reception place and there is no automatic allocation of a place if your child has attended our Nursery.

Rising 3's, Nursery & Reception Open Evening

We are delighted to invite all parents/carers and their children who are considering a place in our Rising 3's, Nursery or Reception for September 2027 to our Open Evening on Tuesday 20th October from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30p.m.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our staff team, explore the learning environments, and ask any

questions you may have about our Early Years provision.

Applying for a place in the Rising 3's and Nursery classes for Sept 2027

To do this you must complete and return an application form available from school or the school's admission page on the website.

<https://www.alkrington.rochdale.sch.uk/parents-carers-information/application-forms>

The deadline is March 2026.

Trips to Robinwood

The trip for Y5 children is booked for Mon 30th November to Wed 2nd December 2026.

A letter inviting the Y5 children to sign up was given out before the Summer and most, but not all children have signed up to go. I urge you to encourage your child to go on this trip, at the heavily subsidised rate of £90 per child or £60 if your child is currently entitled to free school meals.



I am happy to take any questions or respond to any concerns that you

might have about sending your child on this trip. I strongly believe that it will be of great benefit to all who attend.

There will be a meeting for parents/carers and children on Wednesday 21st October at 6.00 p.m. to prepare the children for the trip.

Individual Photographs – Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd September

Our school photographer will be visiting on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September to take individual photographs of the children, as well as photographs of groups of siblings.

If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, please let us know in advance. We are also happy for pre-school children to have a photograph taken with their school-age siblings, provided you let us know beforehand.

If your child's PE day falls on either of these dates, please send them to school in their PE kit as usual. We will ensure that their photograph is taken on the day when they are wearing their full school uniform.

Crucial Crew

Our Y6 pupils will be attending Crucial Crew on Wednesday 23rd September. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency event organised through schools, by the police and supported by the fire service.

They aim to raise awareness of safety issues to school children in Year 6 (aged 10-11).

The event takes the form of a range of 20-minute interactive scenarios which cover a wide range of topics, each educating the students in a specific risk.

School Attendance – Week beginning 31st August 2026

1st – 1H & 5A (100 %)

2nd – 1C (98.1%)

Whole School Attendance Since September 3rd 2026 – 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.

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Andrew Nott (Headteacher)