



Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 12th February 2026



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to be hosting a Macmillan Coffee tomorrow morning from 9.00–10.00 a.m. in the school's main hall, and we would love for parents and carers to join us.

Macmillan Cancer Support raises vital funds to help people living with cancer by providing practical, medical and emotional support, as well as funding nurses, advice services and research. To help make the event a success, we are hoping for donations of bought or homemade cakes to sell on the day.

Any late donations can be brought to school before 9.00 a.m. Any homemade cakes must include a clearly written list of ingredients for display. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in helping us raise money for such an important cause.



Coming up in 2026

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

- Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 13th February
- Break up for one-week February holiday on Friday 13th February

- Return to school on Monday 23rd February
- Book Fair (8.15-8.45 a.m. & 3.20 3.45 p.m.)
In the main hall Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th March 2026
- Year Group Assemblies
Parents/carers are invited to come and watch, the first of which is Y4 on Tuesday 31st March
January at 9.05 a.m.
- Parents Evening R3 to Y6 on Wednesday 1st April
- Easter Bonnets Parade for N, R and Y1&2 and Decorated Egg Competition for KS2 on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April



World Book Day – Thursday 5 March

On Thursday 5 March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by immersing children in all things books and reading. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of exciting book-based activities planned by staff to celebrate a love of stories and reading. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or in

their pyjamas, ready for a cosy bedtime story theme.

To start the day, we will be hosting a World Book Day breakfast from 8.15–9.00am, where parents and children are warmly invited to join us for sausage and/or bacon sandwiches with a vegetarian option also available. We look forward to celebrating this special day together.

Charity Clothes Collection Bin

Due to improvements to our outdoor provision, our clothes collection bin has had to be moved to the school field. Please bring your donations of clothing to the school office, and we will transfer it to the collection bin, where it will go to the homeless charity Cold Hands, Warm Hearts.

Junior Bake Off

We have been contacted by Love Productions to share an exciting opportunity for budding young bakers. Applications are now open for the 12th series of Junior Bake Off on Channel 4. The competition is open to children aged 9–15 who have a passion for baking. Filming will take place from July 2026, and applications close on Sunday 15 March 2026. Interested families can find out more and apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.



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 £1 per person and are now on sale. A ticket must be purchased for every person attending.

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. In preparation for this, we will be holding a number of own clothes days (see dates below) 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.

Friday 27th February

Friday 6th March

Friday 13th March

Dinnertime Play and Outdoor Provision

Following a review of the games children enjoy during dinnertime, we have made some small but important changes to how our playground spaces are used. Football is now timetabled across the week, which has allowed the playground to be shared more equitably and safely, giving all children the opportunity to enjoy a wider range of games without concern about stray footballs. We have been really pleased to see children making the most of this space through imaginative play, group games and quieter activities.

This week we have been installing an additional trim trail with exercise equipment along the right-hand side of the playground (as you look at the school) – see the image to the right.



In addition, our sensory garden is now used daily to support children who benefit from sensory breaks or time away from the classroom. Alongside its use as a calm and regulating space, we will be adding further exercise equipment to support children who need heavier physical activity to help with regulation, focus and emotional wellbeing.

Dance Show

The Dance Show held on Tuesday and Wednesday this week was a fantastic celebration of our children's talent, commitment, and enthusiasm.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their incredible support, with over 400 people attending across the two evenings — your encouragement made the event truly special for the children. Not only did the pupils have a fabulous time performing, but they also developed their confidence, teamwork, resilience, and performance skills, all of which are invaluable for their wider learning and personal development.

We are also delighted to share that the evenings raised over £2,000, which will be reinvested into providing further enrichment opportunities for all our children. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Easter 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. Bookings on ARBOR are now open, so be sure to secure your child's place early!

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

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

The deadline is 13th March 2026.

School Attendance – Week beginning 5th February 2026

1st – 1C, 2H, 3L (100%)

Whole School – 95.58%

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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