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Alkrington Primary School Newsletter Thursday 7th May 2026



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New Starters Events

Parents and carers should now have received confirmation of whether their child has been offered a place in Reception, Nursery, or our Rising 3's provision for September 2026. We have already begun a series of transition events to help children settle in.



In May and June, our new Nursery children and their parents will have an opportunity to attend a short play session. 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.

Mainway Play Area

During the Spring Term, we welcomed several South Middleton Ward Councillors into school to share their exciting

plans for a brand-new play area in the Mainway area of Middleton. As part of the project, the councillors challenged children from local schools to come up with a name for the new park, with the winning entry being chosen as the official name for the site.

I am delighted to announce that one of our pupils, Ayla Yilmaz-Pollitt, created the winning name — *Mainway Meadows*.

Congratulations to Ayla on this fantastic achievement, and well done to all the children who took part and submitted such thoughtful and creative ideas.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved. We cannot wait to see the park take shape and to spot the new signage proudly displaying the name *Mainway Meadows*!



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!

Free Parent Care SEND/SEMH Workshops

Please see, below, details of a new series of fully funded workshops for parents & carers of children & young people with SEND/SEMH. These sessions have been funded by Rochdale Parent Carers Voice and will be delivered by Justin Axon and Katie Berrisford. All places are free.

All sessions are practical, accessible and shaped directly by what families have told Rochdale LA they need. They focus on

Justin Axon
Training of Consultancy Ltd

Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

- 'Communication Through Play'
Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'
Tuesday 18th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'
Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Lifskills and Independence'
Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'
Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'
Wednesday 19th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

Scan QR Code for more & to book!

realistic strategies, emotional safety and supporting families in ways that feel genuinely helpful.

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 Alkrington Primary School

Where to vote:

- Tesco Alkrington 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:

- 11th May to 14th May - Y6 SATs Week (Mon- Thurs)
- 12th May - Smithills Farm Trip (Reception)
- 15th May - Lancaster Farm Trip (Rising 3's)
- 18th May to 22nd May - Cultural Celebration Week
- 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 27th April

1st – 4B 97.4%

2nd – 3L 97.3%

Whole School – 95.5%

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Nott'.

Andrew Nott (Headteacher)