



Alkington Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 1st October 2026



Please Check Your Child's

Arbor Details

We would like to remind all parents and carers to please log in to Arbor and check that all the information we hold for your child is accurate and up to date. In particular, please ensure that you have clearly indicated whether or not you consent to Calpol being administered in school should this be required. It is also important to check your preferences regarding photographs of your child being taken and used within school or shared on our social media channels.

Please also carefully review all medical information, allergies, medication and emergency contact details, and update these immediately if anything has changed. Keeping these details accurate is extremely important as it ensures that we have the correct information to support your child and keep them safe while they are in school.

Children's Leadership Team (CLT)

We are delighted to introduce our new Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, who will take on exciting new leadership roles within our school. These roles will complement our already fantastic team of pupil leaders, including our School Councillors, Eco Team and Wellbeing Ambassadors.



Hello Yellow – Friday 9th October

On Friday 9th October, we will be taking part in Hello Yellow to help raise awareness of children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. We would like all children to wear something yellow to school on this day. Alongside our bright yellow outfits, we will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the day to help children talk about their feelings, look after their wellbeing and understand the importance of supporting one another. We look forward to seeing the school filled with yellow!

Walk to School Bus

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>



Cauliflower Christmas Cards

A reminder that if you would like to order Christmas cards featuring your child's artwork through Cauliflower Cards,

orders need to be placed online by parents/carers.

Please ensure that your child's completed artwork is returned to school by Thursday 15th October so that it can be processed in time for Christmas.

We understand that families can sometimes find it difficult to make ends meet. To offer support, we have a school food bank. Families can request a food parcel by completing our online form, accessed using the QR code below.

**Request for a food parcel from
Alkington Primary Food bank**



All requests are treated confidentially, and no explanation is required. Our food bank relies on the generosity of our school community. We welcome donations of non-perishable items, including:

- Cereal and cereal bars
- Tinned soup, tomatoes, meat, beans, spaghetti, fruit and vegetables
- Dried pasta and noodles
- Rice
- Tea, coffee and sugar
- Tinned desserts and jam
- Crackers, biscuits and treats
- UHT milk
- Long-life fruit juice and cordial

To help us maintain a balanced supply, each year group will be allocated a month and asked to donate one specific item. During your child's allocated month, please send the requested item to school with them to give to their class teacher. The donation schedule can be found on the school's website, see the link below:

<https://www.alkrington.rochdale.sch.uk/admin/sites/page/parents-carers-information/food-bank>

Thank you for your support! **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 is now open. 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.

School Attendance – Week beginning 21st September 2026

1st – 3L 98.67%

2nd – 4G 98.62

Whole School Attendance Since September 3rd 2026 – 97.6 %

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)