

William Alvey Newsletter

Issue Number 1

New Nursery opens

At the start of this term, our NEW nursery was opened, alongside refurbished reception classrooms. Mrs Whitt and the Early Years Team cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. Everyone involved completed a fantastic job at transforming this space. It also features a large outdoor playground which is specifically designed for children over three-years-old.

It has certainly helped to provide every child with the opportunity to thrive and it has been wonderful to see the plans all come to life.

Early Years Leader, Miss Rachel Smith said: "Opening a new nursery at the Alvey has been an exciting journey. I have always worked in Early Years education and I know from experience that this nursery will help all of our younger children flourish."

If parents and carers have any children who need nursery provision, please contact the William Alvey school to book a tour. Call our office: 01529 302772 or email: admin@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk



Our History

We want to thank John Smith (a relative of Miss Beavis) for donating some very special items to us. Mary Beavis was head mistress at the Alvey and someone we continue to be inspired by. John came across her original Red Cross Medal and her Red Cross apron. The apron is really special - it's hand-sewn and still has visible blood stains on, presumably from the wounded soldiers whom Mary took care of voluntarily at the VAD hospital on Boston Road during WW1. We believe she would work/teach at the Alvey throughout the day, then cared for the injured soldiers throughout the evening, sometimes coming to work in her apron the next morning. This is now on display in our front office.



Flying through this half-term

Written by Mr Farrington

It felt a little strange at the start of this term not writing a weekly WASP article. The thing I missed the most was celebrating the various achievements of our children. I have managed to bridge that gap with the 'Trophy Tuesday' post that now features weekly on our Facebook page. The beginning of September seems a long time ago now. I do remember the first full week back at school seeming to take forever to pass. Since that point, it has been like boarding a roller coaster at full speed. The weeks have just flown by and now here we are, about to finish our first half term. School is always busy, and I must admit I like the sensation of each day flying by. There are few things worse than your day dragging and that sense of never-ending boredom. In saying that, there are some days I would quite like a bit of boring!

Life at home has changed. Our eldest daughter is in her second year studying Psychology in Leeds. Our son started his first year at the University of Sheffield in September, studying History. There were many things to celebrate with Oscar. I was particularly pleased as I studied History in Sheffield and stopped in the same halls of residence in my first year, as he is doing now.

However, the house feels very quiet now there is just one child at home. In saying that, I am taking some consolation in the much reduced washing pile, and food bills!

Whatever you are doing over half term, I do hope you have a lovely, relaxing time.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington



Using a Growth Mindset

Mrs Saunders has led two Growth Mindset workshops for parents this term. Using a Growth Mindset is really important in our school and the children have shown an increased amount of resilience as a result. We are also going to feature a weekly 'Growth Mindset Moment' on our Facebook page. This will help to explain the various aspects of Growth Mindset and it gives an opportunity to discuss it with your children.

Click on this link for our first Mindset Moment featured last week using the book, [The Magical Yet](#).

Parking Reminder

We understand that the beginning and end of the school day can be particularly busy. However, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately—please avoid blocking driveways or causing obstructions to other road users and pedestrians.

Whenever possible, we encourage families to walk, cycle, or scooter to school. Not only does this help reduce traffic congestion, but it's also a much healthier way for children to start and end their day!

If your child is cycling or scooting, please ensure they wear a helmet and are aware of road safety rules. We have plenty of bike and scooter racks available on-site for secure storage.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Spreading Kindness

Written by Mrs Risdell

Now that the new school year is well under way I hope everyone has settled down in their new classes and everyone who is "new" is feeling that they belong as part of the Alvey family. Autumn is well under way and the harvest is in and has been celebrated both in St Denys church and at school. Hearing the school singing is one of the joys of my visits to school and I always look forward to that and joining in as well.

Recently I was invited to a Y2 collective worship and asked to invite some of my friends from St Denys Church. I was told it would be about kindness and asked to contribute the prayer. Five ladies arrived in the school office and we were escorted to the new school hall on the field. The Y2's arrived dressed in yellow for Mental Health Day and we were treated to some wonderful songs and hymns about being kind and helpful and a poem spelled out with the letters of "kindness". Then each of us were surprised to be presented with a beautiful posy of yellow roses. I was invited out to lead the prayers but then before I could begin another lady as well who like me had celebrated her birthday that week were surprised again with a pot plant each and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to us! I was able to say thank them for the wonderful surprises before we continued with the prayers. Here is the prayer I used....

Dear Lord Jesus,
Please help us to be kind and loving, helpful and thoughtful to all the people we meet; not just the ones who live near us and the ones we like.
Please help us to notice when people need help or are in trouble so that we become the kind of people you want us to be. Amen

All the ladies enjoyed their visit immensely and it was a great pleasure for me to share and show them Alvey children at their best! Many thanks to all the Y2 staff and children for a magical afternoon.

I expect you are all looking forward to the half term break now and then we can soon begin to look forward to Advent and Christmas!!!



Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival was a bumper crop of donations. Parents and carers gave hundreds of items which have now been delivered to the Sleaford Food Bank. These items will help local people and families.

As part of our Harvest Festival, Anna and Paul from the New Life Community Larder joined us for Collective Worship and explained to the children how all of the donations helped. We also had a chance to reflect on how giving the donations made us feel. The children felt proud, happy and joyful but also sad that some families needed the help in our area.

Anna said: "The donations we received from you guys have enabled us to continue to support individuals and families who, often through no fault of their own, find themselves needing some support with food. Providing food support brings a sense of relief and peace to people who are facing difficult times and supports them in sorting their situation out."

Friendly reminders

Uniform

It's great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. By ensuring your child always attends school wearing the correct uniform, you are helping them to understand the importance of being part of the Alvey and their community in general. Please do ensure that each item of clothing is labelled with their full name so that any lost items make their way directly back to your child.



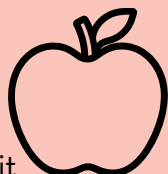
PE



As the weather is getting colder we still aim to go outside for PE. Please ensure your child always has a warm PE kit in school so that they can take part in all lessons.

Healthy Snacks

All children in EYFS and KS1 receive a piece of fruit each day. All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack of their own to eat at playtime. Please can we ask that any snacks the children bring from home are healthy ones. This might be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers and cheese etc.



Allergies

Please note, due to serious allergies in school, please do not bring in anything which contains nuts.



Watches

We kindly ask that whilst they are in school, pupils do not wear watches that have: cameras, audio recording, call facilities or games and very much appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you



Remembrance Day

When we return to school, poppies and other items will be available for sale. Every poppy shows you care about the Armed Forces community and that is really important to us at the Alvey. All money raised will go to the Royal British Legion. All of the children in school will be invited to make a poppy for a special display in our main hall which will put together by Mrs Macmillan. On Tuesday 11th November, Mr Farrington will lead a special Collective Worship for the children.



Christmas Parties

In the last week of term, it's Christmas Party week! Each year group will be doing things slightly differently but on their party day, children can come to school in non-school uniform. This is with the exception of Year 2: they will need to wear school uniform on their day due to our Christmas service at St. Denys. Year 2 can bring a change of clothes.

EYFS: Wednesday 17th December

Y1: Monday 15th December

Y2: Tuesday 16th December

Y3: Friday 19th December

Y4: Thursday 18th December

Y5: Friday 19th December

Y6: Thursday 18th December

Key Dates Autumn Term 2

November

Monday 3 rd	ALL Year 6 Year 1	Term 2 starts Wild Woodcraft (wear uniform) Pirate Day (dress as pirate)
Tuesday 4 th	ALL	Flu immunisation (Consent required)
Thursday 6 th		Netball fixture
Monday 10 th	Year 5	Mrs Francis' class - Heckington Mill
Tuesday 11 th	ALL	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 th	Year 5	Mrs Reynolds' class - Heckington Mill
Thursday 13 th	Year 5	Mrs Grayling's class - Heckington Mill
Friday 14 th	ALL	Children in Need (Non-school uniform)
Monday 17 th	Year 6	Creswell Craggs
Tuesday 18 th		Football fixture
Wednesday 19 th	Reception	Nocturnal animals visit
Monday 24 th	Year 2 ALL	Trunk Theatre Parents Evening
Tuesday 25 th		Football fixture
Wednesday 26 th	ALL	Parents Evening



December

Tuesday 2 nd	ALL	Flu immunisation (Consent required)
Thursday 4 th	Year 4	Online safety workshop
Monday 8 th	Rec/Year 5	Nativity
Tuesday 9 th	Rec/Year 5	Nativity
Thursday 11 th	ALL	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner for KS1
Monday 15 th	Year 1	Christmas Party (am)
Tuesday 16 th	ALL	Christmas Service at St Denys - 10am.
Tuesday 16 th	Year 2	Christmas Party (pm)
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Years 2-6	Christmas Party (am) PTA Disco (more details to follow)
Thursday 18 th	Year 4 Year 6	Christmas Party (am) Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 19 th Dec	Year 5 Year 3	Christmas Party (am) Christmas Party (pm)

End of term 2 – Merry Christmas

Children return on Tuesday 6th January 2026

Midday Supervisory Assistant

Required for November 2025

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to work within our team.

This position is for term time only (38 weeks per year) and hours will be Monday to Friday from 12.30-1.30pm (however there may be additional shifts available at times from 11.30-12.30).

The successful candidate will work as part of a team to provide supervision of pupils over the lunch break, both in the classroom and outside.

The ideal candidates will:

- Be enthusiastic and enjoy working with children
- Help to provide a happy, safe and caring environment
- Be able to communicate well with the children
- Use their initiative and be organised and hard working
- Promote our school values

For an application form and job description, please visit:
www.williamalvey.net or e-mail: hr@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: **9am on Monday 3rd November 2025**

Interviews will be held on **Friday 7th November 2025**

William Alvey Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

An enhanced DBS check is required for this post.

Can You Help Us Build a Better Play Time?



Our school is working hard to make playtimes more exciting, creative and active for our children but we need your help! We're looking for donations of building materials to help us create new play and exploration areas. If you have any of the following, we'd love to hear from you:

- **Drainpipes**
- **Cuttering**
- **Pipe corner joins**
- **Wooden planks**
- **Wooden offcuts**
- **Outdoor Paint/Varnish**

Due to the nature of how these items will be used, they need to be of new or near new quality please.



Your contribution will help us:

- Build imaginative play structures
- Create problem-solving and teamwork activities
- Give children more opportunities to explore and learn through play



Local businesses and tradespeople – your offcuts could make a huge difference!

Please contact mary.purchase@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk if you can help

