

William Alvey Newsletter

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Easter Celebration

Our recent Easter service at St Denys Church was a truly special and memorable occasion for our whole school community. It was wonderful to come together to reflect, celebrate, and share in such a meaningful event.

We are incredibly proud of all the children, as well as the adults, who took part. Their singing was beautiful and their behaviour throughout the service was exemplary, creating a warm and respectful atmosphere that was appreciated by everyone.

A particular highlight was the contribution from our young readers, who spoke with impressive confidence. At such a young age, they clearly and thoughtfully shared the Easter story, helping us all to reflect on its message and the courage and advocacy shown by Jesus.

Our musicians and choir also played a key role in making the service so special. Their performances filled the church with uplifting music and showcased the wonderful musical talent within our school.

Overall, the service was a fantastic celebration and a true reflection of our school's spirit, talent, and sense of community. Well done to everyone involved in making it such a success.



Pride at Children of Courage Award

Written by Mr Farrington

One of the many great things about my job is finding out about the many successes children in school have. I particularly enjoy it when I am given the opportunity, and privilege, of celebrating these achievements.

This opportunity has presented itself twice in the past couple of weeks. The Rotary Club organise an annual 'Children of Courage' awards evening. This is held at the Alvey and took place on the 18th March. The event celebrates, as the title suggests, the courage shown by children in Sleaford and the surrounding areas. As you can imagine, it is quite humbling to hear about stories of heroism, especially when they are about young children. I want to share Jack's nomination with you. The nomination speaks for itself, and it was an honour to be able to read this out to him:

'Jack is an extraordinary young person whose courage reveals itself not in loud moments, but in the steady, determined steps he takes toward a world that often feels overwhelming. School has not always been an easy place for Jack, sometimes affecting how he arrived and how well he could settle into learning. Yet over time, he has shown remarkable resilience, returning to school and becoming an integral, valued member of the class. His humour, sharp wit, and wonderfully dry sarcasm now brighten the room in ways none of us could have imagined during those earlier, more challenging days.'

One of Jack's most inspiring journeys has been his work with Chester, the school's therapy dog. Initially, Jack was deeply afraid of dogs and wanted nothing to do with Chester. But instead of avoiding that fear, Jack chose to face it. Step by step, he built trust and confidence, and now he meets with Chester regularly, a testament to his bravery and willingness to grow.

Jack's courage shone again during the school trip to Creswell Crags. Everything about the trip pushed Jack far outside his comfort zone: the cold, the unfamiliar environment, and especially the caves. At first, Jack planned simply to watch from a distance. Then he decided he would join the group for a building activity but not enter the cave. Then he agreed to step just inside the entrance of the caves. Then he chose to go into the main chamber. And finally, in a moment that captured the essence of who he is - Jack ventured all the way into the deepest, darkest cave, standing with his classmates as everyone switched off their torches.

That journey into the darkness became a powerful metaphor for how Jack approaches life. He feels the fear, acknowledges it, and then, in his own time, in his own way, he takes the leap. His courage is not loud or showy; it is thoughtful, steady, and deeply inspiring.

Jack shows us that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the decision to keep moving forward despite it. He embodies resilience, growth, and quiet strength. For these reasons and many more, Jack is a truly deserving nominee for the Children of Courage Award.'



Good Citizen Awards

...continued by Mr Farrington

The Rotary Club also come into school on a termly basis to award nominated children the 'Good Citizen' award. Like Jack's nomination, they speak for themselves and are testament to how many amazing children we have at the Alvey:

Year 1 - Austin (Aussie)

Aussie is a kind, supportive member of the class. He is a model citizen who always tries his best and is courteous to both adults and his peers. If he sees a friend not following the rules, he gives them a gentle reminder. Aussie celebrates the success of others louder than he does his own. He has fully adopted the 'Growth Mindset' ethos of our school and often comments that he has just learnt something, after making a mistake.

Year 2 - Evie

Evie deserves to receive the Good Citizen Award because she consistently shows kindness, responsibility, and a genuine commitment to helping others. She treats everyone with respect, goes out of her way to support classmates who need a friend, and always sets a positive example. Whether she's encouraging others to do their best, or stepping in to make sure everyone feels included, Evie demonstrates the qualities of a thoughtful, dependable, and caring member of our school.

Year 3 - Susan

Susan is a shining example of what it means to be a William Alvey child. She approaches everything she does with enthusiasm, always trying her very best. Her homework is consistently of an exceptionally high standard, often going above and beyond. Susan is also a wonderfully kind and polite member of our school community.

What makes Susan even more special is her initiative and generosity. She has taken the time to handmake red nose badges, which she is selling to raise extra money for Comic Relief. This thoughtful act shows her compassion and willingness to make a difference. Susan, we are incredibly proud of you. You truly embody the values we cherish.

Year 4 - Evie

Evie is a valued member of our class and she throws herself into all aspects of school life with great enthusiasm. She is an extremely active member of the Eco Club and the Guinea Pig club, caring greatly about the wider world. In the wider community, Evie cares about Sleaford and has



made excellent suggestions on how to further develop our town. Evie's a great Courageous Advocate and applies a Growth Mindset to everything she does. She's a kind, helpful and supportive member of our class and an all-round great citizen.

Year 5 - Ava

Ava has just become involved in a local Toad Patrol. Ava has always wanted to take part in Toad Watch, but this is the first year she has been old enough to participate. Her mum has been a member for many years (Mrs Francis did this with her mum when she was pregnant with Ava, so it's been at least 9 years). It is toad mating season and hundreds of toads are crossing the road from their breeding habitat to a pond on the other side of the road. There is a group of volunteers who patrol White Cross Rd in Sleaford, they help the toads to cross the road safely as they are at risk of being hit by the cars. Well done Ava!

Year 6 - Toby

Toby is the kind of person who quietly shows what true character looks like. He is kind, polite, and always ready to help others. Whenever someone needs support, Toby is there—never for praise or attention, but simply because it's the right thing to do. He always gives 100% effort, whether he's working in class, taking on new challenges, or supporting his friends. We have also seen Toby's confidence grow enormously. From a child who previously had sensory barriers to one who stands proudly in front of his friends. He never seeks the limelight, but today we want to make sure he gets the recognition he truly deserves. Thank you, Toby, for being an outstanding role model and a good citizen of our school.

What a nice way to finish the term. Happy Easter everyone!

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington

Holy Week

Written by Mrs Risdell

This week Christians celebrate “Holy Week” when we remember the events of the last week of Jesus's life; his death on the cross and on Sunday we will celebrate his resurrection on Easter Day.

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowds waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna”. We also recall the Last Supper when Jesus had a last meal with his friends. Then Jesus was arrested and tried and the crowds shouted “Crucify”. On Good Friday Jesus died on the cross and his friends were sad and scared. If you are in town on Friday morning you might see a procession of Christians, walking down the street behind a large cross and remembering this event.

On Sunday we celebrate the news of the Resurrection when his friends discovered he had risen to life again and they began to spread the Good News about him to all they met. So it has continued down through the ages to today. That is why we celebrate Easter and have chocolate eggs, symbols of that new life and hope breaking out into the world.

It was a wonderful occasion on Tuesday when the whole school was in St Denys Church to remember these stories and more. Congratulations to all the children who did the readings and those who played their musical instruments for us, and to the choirs who sang for us and to the whole school for the marvellous singing of the hymns. It was a great pleasure to be there to share it with you and read the Bishop's Letter.

Happy Easter to all! Peace be with you.



Our Active Journey

Our ‘Walk to School’ project continues to go from strength to strength, and we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. It’s fantastic to see so many children taking part in active journeys, with lots earning their March badge in recognition of their efforts.

Whether walking, scooting, cycling, or taking part in ‘Park and Stride’—parking a short distance away and walking the final 5–10 minutes—every journey is making a positive difference. Our Eco Club did a fantastic job organising and handing out the badges, as well as presenting the mascot to this month’s winning class.

Congratulations to Mrs Grayling’s class, who are this month’s winners with an impressive 93% recorded activity and 96% active trips to school. Second place goes to Mrs Reynold’s class, followed by Mr Grayling’s class in third. On a wider scale, out of 1,274 schools across the UK taking part, we are currently ranked 195th for combined engagement and activity—an excellent achievement. Even more excitingly, we are currently in 2nd place locally with 66% combined engagement and activity, just behind Ancaster at 68.1%. The competition is certainly heating up!

Friendly reminders



Uniform

By ensuring your child attends school wearing the correct uniform each day, you are helping them to understand the importance of being part of Alvey and our wider community.

Our school uniform plays an important role in creating that shared identity and sense of pride. It helps children feel included, equal and part of something special.

We would also like to remind families of the following expectations:

- Trainers should not be worn (unless for PE).
- No make-up, including nail polish, false nails or false eye-lashes.
- No jewellery, apart from stud earrings (no hoops) and a watch.

If you require any additional uniform items, our school office runs a uniform thrift shop, which may be able to help. We also regularly put out a uniform rail on the playground which you can help yourself to. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a strong sense of community at Alvey.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a real focus for our school as it sets children up academically, socially and emotionally. When children attend regularly, they benefit from stronger learning foundations, better social development, establishing good habits and routines and it helps to develop their confidence and well being. We thank you for your continued support your child's attendance.

The aim of our school is to achieve 96% (which is above the government target). These are our figures from this term:

Year group	Attendance
Reception	94.4%
1	96.1%
2	93.4%
3	95.0%
4	96.3%
5	95.6%
6	94.6%



Mrs Ringrose takes on London Landmarks

We are thrilled to share that Mrs Ringrose will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon over the Easter holidays to raise funds for Dementia UK. This is an incredible challenge, and we are so proud of her dedication and determination!

If you would like to support Mrs Ringrose and contribute to this worthy cause, you can donate via her [JustGiving](#) page.

Well done, Mrs Ringrose! We'll be thinking of you and cheering you on throughout the run.



Taking on 5K Inflatables

We are incredibly proud to share that several of our children from William Alvey are taking part in the Lincoln Inflatables 5km, raising funds for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

The young runners from Sleaford Town U8—including Rory W, Charlie W, Tommy E, Jackson W, Fynn H, Chester W, and Frankie W—are taking on this fun but challenging event with energy and determination. It's wonderful to see them supporting such a worthy cause while staying active.

Well done to all the children taking part—we are proud of your courage and community spirit!

If you would like to donate please visit their [JustGiving](#) page.

Our Children's Wellbeing Charter: Promoting Kind and Positive Classrooms

We are sure many of you have already seen our Children's Wellbeing Charter, created with and for our pupils to help build mentally healthy classrooms across the school.

Children took part in a range of activities to explore what a "mentally healthy" classroom looks and feels like. From their ideas and discussions, four key values stood out as the most important: kind, fun, safe and respectful. These words reflect what children feel they need in order to feel happy, supported and ready to learn.

This year, we have also introduced wellbeing certificates to recognise when children demonstrate these important attributes and help make our classrooms kind, fun, safe and respectful places to be. When you attended parents' evening, you may also have noticed some beautiful work created by the children, designed to remind them of these shared goals. We also regularly revisit these ideas during our Collective Worship.

As the charter becomes part of everyday school life, we will continue to promote and revisit these values regularly. We are incredibly proud of the children for their thoughtful contributions and are already seeing the positive impact this is having across our classrooms.

We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these values at home.

Encouraging your child to talk about how they have been kind, respectful, and supportive of others, and recognising these behaviours, can make a real difference. By working together, we can help ensure that all children feel safe, happy and ready to learn every day.



Clubs Summer Term

We're proud to offer a wide variety of clubs at The Alvey! These clubs give children fantastic opportunities to explore new activities, develop skills, and have fun—all led by our enthusiastic and passionate staff. Even better, all clubs are completely free of charge.

Our dedicated staff give up their time to run these clubs because they love providing children with exciting and varied experiences. We kindly ask that parents and carers collect children promptly at the end of each club.

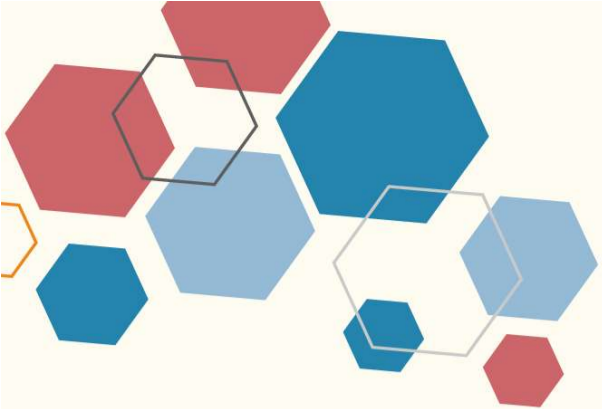
Important Dates:

- Club bookings open: Tuesday 21st April at 7:00 PM
- Clubs start: Week 2 of next term
- Frequency: Weekly, excluding the final week of term

We can't wait to see more children getting involved and making the most of these fantastic opportunities!

Lunchtime Clubs – Summer 2026					
Monday					
Eco Club	Miss Mason (Existing member)	5&6	13:00-13:30	July	
Homework	No booking required	5	12:30-13:00	July	
Tuesday					
Chess	Mrs Purchase	3,4,5&6	13:00-13:30	July	
Wednesday					
Homework	No booking required	6	12:30-13:00	July	
Thursday					
Homework	No booking required	3	12:30-13:00	July	
Friday					
Nature Club	Miss Frost	5	12:30-13:30	July	

After School Clubs – Summer 2026					
Monday					
Art	Mrs Stonestreet & Mrs Whitt	R&1	15:15-16:00	July	
Mini Forest Explorers	Miss Butler	R&1	15:15-16:15	July	
KS2 Choir	Mrs Ringrose & Miss Luszc	3,4,5,6	15:30-16:30	July	
Tuesday					
Forest Club	Mrs Lee	3&4	15:30-16:30	July	
Lego	Mrs Clifford	4&5	15:30-16:30	July	
Infant Choir	Mrs Barclay, Miss Luszc & Miss Kodd	R,1,2	15:15-16:00	July	
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Busy Bees	Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Lockton & Mrs McCarthy	R&1	15:15-16:15	July	
Guinea Pig	Mrs Stonestreet	1&6	15:30-16:15	July	
Just Dance	Miss Butler & Miss Kodd	2,3,4	15:25-16:30	July	
Athletics	Mr Strange	3,4,5&6	15:30-16:30	July	
Cricket	Mr Westerman	5&6	15:30-16:30	May half term	
11+	Mrs Warrenner (Existing members)	5	15:30-16:30	July	
Friday					
Friday Football	Mr Farrington	6	15:30-16:30	July	



Key Dates Summer Term 1

Dates for your Diary



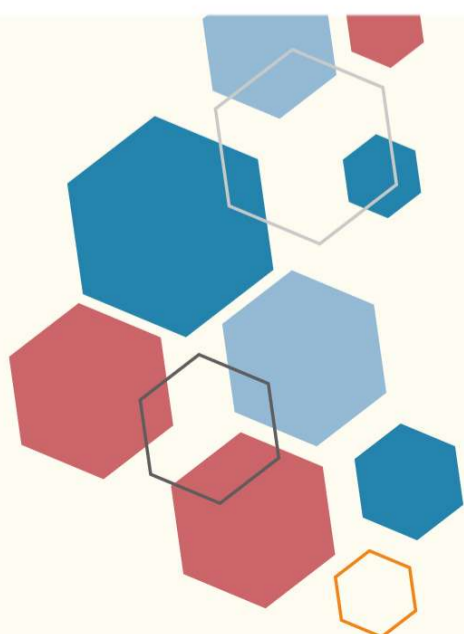
Summer Term 5

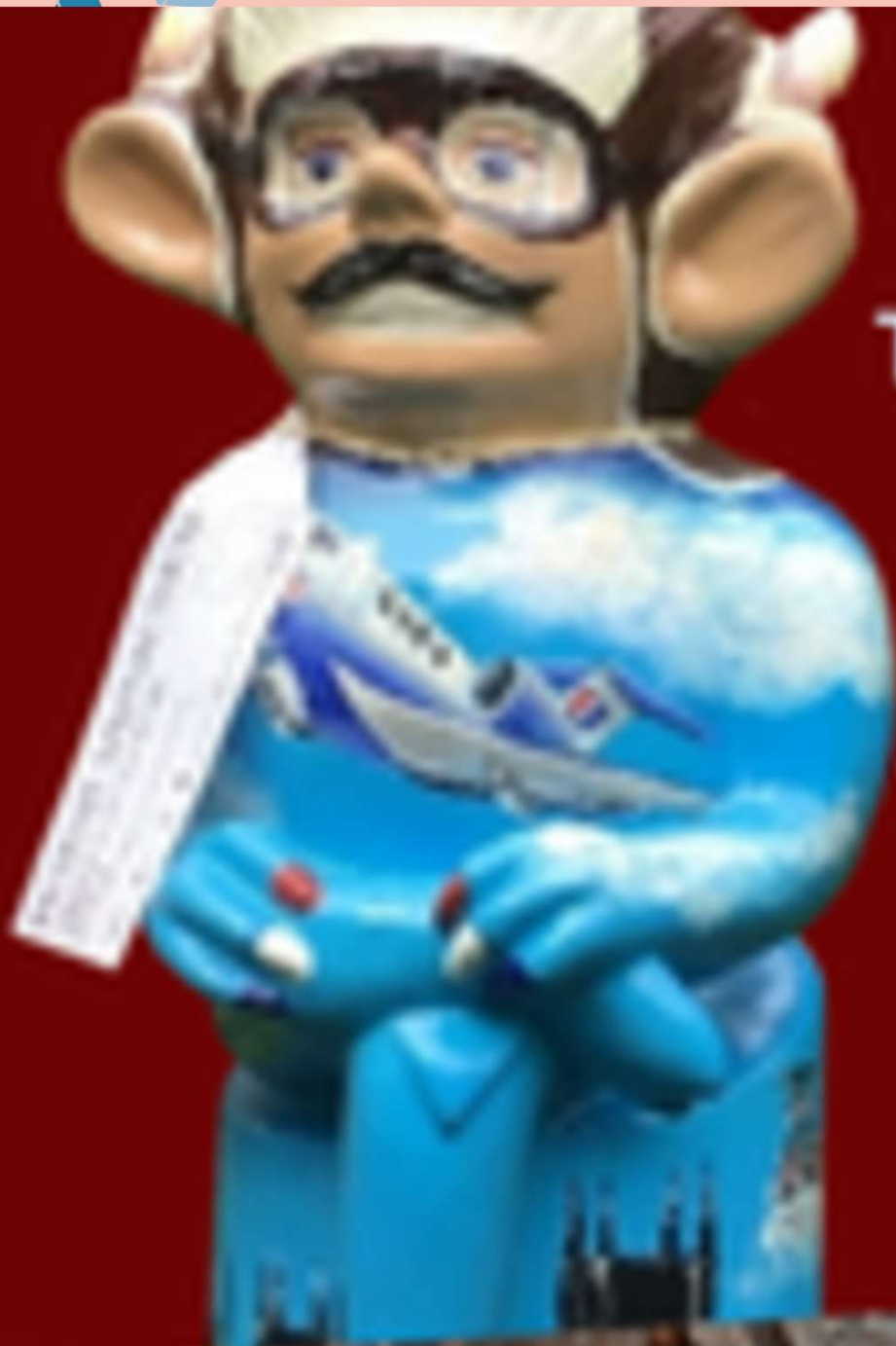
April

Monday 20th April	ALL	First day of term 5
	Reception	WOW Day
Tuesday 21st April	ALL	Club bookings open 19:00
Wednesday 22nd April	ALL	Earth Day
Monday 27th April	ALL	Clubs commence
Tuesday 28th April	Hilltop	Hilltop meeting
Thursday 30th April	Year 4	Workhouse visit (Half year group)

May

Friday 1st May	Year 4	Workhouse visit (Half year group)
Monday 4th May	ALL	Bank holiday - No school
Monday 11th May		
- Thursday 14th May	Year 6	SAT's week
Friday 15th May	Year 1	Lincoln Zoo
Wednesday 20th		
- Friday 22nd May	Hilltop	Hilltop
Friday 22nd May	ALL	Last day of term 5





The IMP will be in the playground ready for your change from the 23rd February



Change for Good!

The William Alvey PTA are having a coin amnesty. Donate your coins to the school imp to help us purchase items to IMProve your playtimes!

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