

Learning Today for Living Tomorrow

William Alvey Newsletter

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Celebrating Alvey Day

The children, staff and members of our school community gathered at St Denys Church to celebrate Alvey Day, an annual opportunity to remember William Alvey, the founder of our school, and reflect on the values that continue to shape our school today.

The service was a wonderful celebration of the many talents of our children. Our musicians performed beautifully, showcasing the depth of musical talent across the school, while our singers filled the church with confidence and enthusiasm. Year 6 pupils also demonstrated great confidence as they read during the service, speaking clearly and thoughtfully about their time at the Alvey.

One of the most poignant moments of the morning came when our Year 6 children laid flowers on William Alvey's grave. This simple but meaningful act showed great respect and gratitude for the man whose vision continues to inspire our school today. Thank you to all parents and carers who donated the flowers!

During the service, Mr Farrington reminded us that William Alvey's vision was for every child to flourish. He reflected on how this vision is still very much alive in our school, where we strive not only for high academic standards but also to nurture creativity, confidence, respect, resilience and tolerance in every child.

The service also provided a special opportunity to celebrate our Year 6 pupils and everything they have achieved during their time at William Alvey School. As they prepare for the next stage of their education, we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and know they leave us ready to embrace new opportunities with confidence.



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Celebrating a Wonderful Year at Alvey

Written by Mr Farrington

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust in our school community. This year has been filled with learning, achievement, and memorable experiences. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard, demonstrated resilience, and embraced opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We are immensely proud of all they have accomplished and the progress they have made.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the encouragement you provide at home, and the strong relationships that exist between families and school. Together, we have created an environment in which our children can thrive, grow in confidence, and develop a love of learning.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to those families who have volunteered their time, supported school events, and contributed to the many activities that enrich school life. Your

involvement makes a real difference.

To our Y6 pupils who will be moving on to the next stage of their education, we wish you every success and happiness for the future. You certainly created some truly special memories with your end of year performance. Watching your show on Wednesday was one of the highlights of my year. If only England could have matched your talent, resilience and calmness in the face of pressure! Watching your show gives me every confidence that you will continue to achieve great things and make us proud. Remember – once an Alvian, always an Alvian!

As the summer break begins, I hope that all our families have the opportunity to rest, relax, and enjoy quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We wish you a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer. With best wishes,
Mr Farrington

Going Green Award!

We have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction – the highest level of Eco-Schools accreditation! This prestigious award recognises our commitment to sustainability and environmental action, including making our buildings as sustainable as possible, embedding eco learning throughout our curriculum, promoting initiatives such as our Uniform Swap Shop, and providing opportunities through Forest Club and Eco Club. It also celebrates the fantastic work our pupils have carried out in the local community, including their Earth Day projects and litter-picking activities.

A huge thank you to Miss Mason for leading our Eco Club and shining a light on all of the brilliant work taking place across the school.

We are incredibly proud of our children and everyone who has helped us achieve this amazing recognition. Together, we're helping to create a greener future!



Good Citizen Awards

Written by Mr Farrington



I had the honour of presenting this term's Rotary Club Good Citizen Awards on 13th July 2026. After reading the nominations below, I'm sure you will agree with me that these children embody everything that is special about William Alvey children.

Miya

Miya is a wonderful example of a courageous advocate. Passionate about animals and the environment, she recently took part in a community litter pick and inspired her classmates to help care for the world around them. Her kindness and commitment make her a truly deserving recipient.

Evie

Evie's outstanding kindness shines through every day. She is always the first to comfort or support others and has shown remarkable maturity and empathy while navigating significant changes in her own family life. She is a fantastic role model who reminds others to value and include everyone.

Nojus

Nojus brings joy to our classroom with his kindness, positivity and enthusiasm. His passion for litter picking inspired others to take action both in school and the local community. He lives out our Alvey values every day and is a wonderful ambassador for our school.

Isla

Isla received her award for her incredible generosity in donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Her selfless act of kindness, patience and compassion will help bring confidence to children facing hair loss. She is an inspiring example of how one person can make a real difference.

Marika

Marika is always ready to help others, whether organising classroom resources or supporting younger children as a sports leader. Her kindness, reliability and selfless attitude make her an outstanding role model and a valued member of our school community.

Karissa

Karissa is an exceptional all-round role model. She excels both academically and in sport, supports younger pupils with kindness, and embraces every opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence. Her positive attitude, reliability and integrity perfectly reflect the values of the Good Citizen Award.

Congratulations to all of our recipients. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, compassion and community spirit they demonstrate every day.

St Swithin's Summer

Written by Mrs Risdell

How are you coping with this extremely hot weather we have had recently? It is very hard to cope with everyday life when the heat is so stifling. There are a number of old sayings about weather which have come to us from previous generations.

Have you heard the old sayings "Red sky in the morning, shepherds' warning" and the weather will likely turn bad, and "Red sky at night, shepherds' delight" means it will likely be sunny and good. See what happens if you see a lovely sunrise or sunset! There is another very old weather saying about St Swithin's Day which was on Wednesday, 15th July.

St Swithin's Day, if it does rain
Full forty days it will remain.
St Swithin's Day if it be fair
For forty days twill rain no more.

So who was St Swithin and where did this story come from? He was a well loved Bishop of Winchester and died in 862 AD and had asked to be buried in a simple grave outside the cathedral where the rain could fall on it. This was done, but 100 years later the cathedral was restored and they built a special new tomb for him and moved him inside. This happened on 15th July 971 AD and forty days of terrible wet weather followed. So the legend grew up that supposedly the weather on 15th July determines the weather for the next forty days!

Test it out and watch the weather over the next forty days to see if it happens this year! Perhaps we'll get some wet days or we might get some more sunnier weather for the holidays! Apparently modern weather records do not really prove it but it is interesting none the less and it means that St Swithin is still remembered. It seems though that our weather is going to be different from the old days with the effects of climate change. However, enjoy your holidays whatever the weather does. Before then I look forward to seeing you all in Church next week to celebrate Alvey Day and wish the Y6 leavers well in their new schools next term. I am also looking forward to reading the Bishop's Letter to you as well. See you there!

Our thankful prayer dear God we pray, for all thy blessings day by day,
For earth and sky, for rain and sun, for food and drink for everyone. Amen



Blueys at Belton

The Bluey Club (Services children) had a fantastic day exploring the beautiful grounds and history of Belton House.

The children packed so much into the day, enjoying time together in the adventure playground, walking to the Boathouse, touring the magnificent mansion, exploring the gardens, visiting the famous Moondial and taking part in nature walks. They also enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sunshine, making the most of the lovely weather.

Throughout the day, the children were a credit to our school. Their behaviour was exemplary, with staff and even members of the public commenting on how polite, respectful and well-mannered they were. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented William Alvey School.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Mason for organising such a memorable trip. We would also like to thank Mrs Hardman, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Ringrose, Mr Dexter and the Jackson family for giving up their time to support the visit. Their help ensured the children had such a wonderful experience.



Building Resilience Through Our Mission Possible Days

At William Alvey School, we believe that developing a growth mindset helps our children become confident, resilient learners who are willing to embrace new challenges.

Our recent Mission Possible Days were a fantastic opportunity for pupils to put these values into practice. Throughout the day, children took part in a variety of classroom challenges that encouraged them to persevere, solve problems, work together and keep going when tasks became difficult.

A highlight of the event was the exciting Ninja Skipping Workshop, where children challenged themselves to learn new skills, demonstrating determination, resilience and the confidence to keep trying.

A huge thank you to Mrs Saunders for organising such an enjoyable and inspiring event. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils for embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and showing that, with effort and a positive attitude, anything is possible.



Vive le France!

Our whole school enjoyed a brilliant French Day, celebrating the language, culture and traditions of France through a range of fun activities.

Children and staff embraced the occasion by dressing in the colours of the French flag, while each class took part in exciting French-themed activities, including learning about Bastille Day, playing boules, creating Eiffel Tower models and exploring French-speaking countries.

One of the highlights of the day was our whole-school French singing competition, where every class performed with great enthusiasm and confidence.

Perhaps the most popular challenge was ordering an ice cream in French! The children rose to the occasion, practising their speaking skills before enjoying a well-earned treat.

Thank you to Mrs Fuller for organising such a brilliant day.

Sunshine and smiles on Sports Days!

Our Sports Days were a fantastic celebration of teamwork, resilience and determination, with children from Reception to Year 6 giving their all in a range of activities and events.

Reception and Year 1 impressed us with their enthusiasm and skill, while our Year 5 and 6 buddies did a brilliant job encouraging the younger children. Year 2-Year 6 enjoyed exciting races and team events, earning points for their house teams ahead of the Sports Day Cup presentation in our final assembly.

Throughout the week, every child showed confidence, perseverance and excellent sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting the events and helping to create such a positive atmosphere - thank you.

A huge well done to all of our pupils for representing the school so brilliantly, and thank you to our staff, volunteers and families for making this year's Sports Days such a success.



Bringing Maths Learning to Life!

Our Maths Day was a fantastic success, with children across the school taking part in a range of fun games and mathematical challenges.

Reception enjoyed exciting activities in the hall, while children from Years 1 to 6 worked together in mixed-age groups, developing their maths fluency through teamwork and problem-solving.

It was great to see so many creative maths-themed outfits too! Well done to everyone for making the day such a fun and memorable celebration of maths. Thank you to Mrs Clifford for organising the day.



1940s Day

We were proud to help host another fantastic 1940s Day, welcoming Alvians past and present to enjoy a wonderful event.

A huge thank you to Sleaford Town Council, Miss Mason, our volunteers and all of the stallholders whose hard work and dedication made the event such a success.

It was wonderful to see so many families and members of the community come together to make the day such a memorable occasion.



Armed Forces Week

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Bluey Club members attended a Flag Raising Ceremony in the Market Square as part of Armed Forces Week. The children were invited by NKDC and joined Father Philip, representatives from NKDC, members of the Armed Forces, veterans and pupils from several other local schools for this special event outside St Deny's Church.

A big thank you to Miss Mason and Mrs Hardman for taking the children. We are very proud of all of the Bluey Club members who represented the school so well.



Choir Shines

Our choir visited St George's Academy yesterday as part of an annual event bringing together the Sleaford St George's Junior and Senior Choirs, the St George's Harmony Group, the Ruskington St George's Choir, the Chestnut Street Primary School Choir, and our Key Stage 2 Choir.

The combined choirs performed 'Adiemus' and 'Roar' together, while each choir also had the opportunity to showcase its own songs. Our choir performed 'Top of the World' and 'Waterloo'. Thank you to Mrs Ringrose for organising the countless KS2 Choir performances this year!



Playground Proms

We had a fantastic time with Playground Proms earlier this term!

The children thoroughly enjoyed a brilliant, energetic performance and loved seeing live musicians in action. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of live music and be inspired by some truly talented performers.

To make the occasion even more special, Mrs Huesken dusted off the bunting and helped create a wonderful atmosphere!

Key Dates Autumn Term 1

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| • Weds 2nd Sept | First Day of School |
| • Mon 7th Sept | Year 5 Swimming (details next term) |
| • Sat 12th Sept | Year 6 11+ Verbal Reasoning (at secondary) |
| • Thurs 17th Sept | Reception 2027 Open Evening 5pm |
| • Sat 19th Sept | Year 6 11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning (secondary) |
| • Weds 23rd Sept | Year 4 Trip to Hill Holt (half the year group) |
| • Thurs 24th Sept | Year 4 Trip to Hill Holt (half the year group) |
| • Fri 25th Sept | Reception 2027 Stay and Play 1.45pm |
| • Thurs 1st Oct | Reception 2027 Open Evening 4pm |
| • Weds 14th Oct | Year 6 Open Morning (Carres and KSHS) |
| • Weds 14th Oct | Reception Stay and Play 1.45pm |
| • Thurs 15th Oct | Individual Photos |
| • Fri 16th Oct | Eco-Day with Theatre Visit (in school) |
| • Thurs 22nd Oct | Year 3 to Magna Science Centre |
| • Thurs 22nd Oct | Last Day of Term |
| • Fri 23rd Oct | INSET (no children in school) |

Please visit our calendar on our website to keep up to date:
<https://www.williamalvey.net/calendar>

WILLIAM ALVEY RECEPTION 2027



Do you have a child due to start school next year?
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space for you!

Stay and play sessions

Friday 25th September
Wednesday 14th October
1.45pm-2.15pm



Reception open evenings

Thursday 17th September 5pm
Thursday 1st October 4pm



Every day is an open day!

If you prefer, please book a
personal tour of our school at
a convenient time for you.



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"William Alvey is a
welcoming and happy
school." (SIAMS 2025)

"Parents describe joining the school
as a transformative experience."
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"Pupils know they are
supported and inspired to be
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Extreme Singing Competition

This summer can you find the craziest (but safe) place to sing your favourite song.

Send a short video to Mrs Huesken to win a prize in September. Big prizes for the top three quirkiest places!

"Sing like there's nobody listening"

in fancy dress?
in a den at the bottom of the garden?
on roller skates?
on the football pitch?
at the beach?
upside down on the sofa?
in a bath of baked beans?

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Add your name and new year group to the email.

Summer Holidays Visual Arts

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Drop-In Making Activities

Tuesdays
10am-2pm
30 min activity
FREE, 5yrs+
Activity 30 mins

4 Aug Paper Windmill Sails
11 Aug Treasure Map Adventure
18 Aug Seed Packet Designer
25 Aug Textile Landscape

Family Pottery Throwing Taster

Thu 6 Aug
1 hour slots
£25, 8yrs+

Make, Create Discover!

Thu 20 Aug
10.30am-3pm
£25, 7-11yrs

Hub, Navigation Wharf,
Carre Street, Sleaford,
NG34 7TW

Gallery Families

Thu 30 Jul & 20 Aug
11am-12pm
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Summer Holidays Dance

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Childrens and Junior Dance

Wednesdays
11am-12pm: 5-7yrs
1-2pm: 8-11yrs

29 Jul Dance & Create
5 Aug Choreographic Skills
12 Aug Street Dance
19 Aug Musical Theatre
26 Aug Choreographic Skills
£6 per child

Youth Dance

Wednesdays
2.30-4pm
29 Jul Contemporary Dance
12 Aug Street Dance
26 Aug Choreography Creation
£8, 12-18yrs

SEND Creative Dance

Wednesdays
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