

Learning Today for Living Tomorrow

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A West End Experience to Remember



Our school choir enjoyed a trip they will not forget for a very long time — a visit to London to see Starlight Express in the West End!

Mrs Ringrose organised this very special opportunity so that the children could experience the magic of live theatre at its very best. Our choir works tirelessly in rehearsals and regularly performs at community events. This trip was a wonderful way to celebrate their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work.

It was especially poignant for the children to see first-hand what dedication and passion can achieve, watching such talented performers on a West End stage. Who knows — perhaps one day we may see some of our very own pupils performing under those bright lights!

The children were fantastic throughout the trip and represented the Alvey beautifully.

Mrs Fuller said: "The children have been impeccably behaved all day. They all loved the show and sat mesmerised throughout. Rusty the steam engine was their favourite character! It was an action-packed musical, performed on roller skates and scooters. The children have been brilliant ambassadors — and of course, because they are the choir, the singing on the bus was very tuneful!"

Behind our thriving music, dance and performance opportunities at the Alvey is a highly dedicated team of staff. A huge thank you to all of the adults who supported the children on the trip and continue to give their time and energy so generously. We truly appreciate everything you do.

We are certain this experience has created many unforgettable memories.

Celebrate with us: [Facebook.com/AlveySchool](https://www.facebook.com/AlveySchool)

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Seeing the Good in our Community

Written by Mr Farrington

There are some professions — such as policing, social work, or working in the prison service — where it must be especially challenging to hold on to the belief that people are, at heart, good. Being repeatedly exposed to difficult behaviour would test anyone's optimism and resilience.

At times, I have found myself reflecting on this and reminding myself of something very important: the vast majority of people are good — kind, thoughtful, well-mannered, and caring. When I stop to think about our own school community, there are so many examples that reinforce this belief.

One such moment came recently when a grandad became unwell on the playground. Although it was a worrying situation, I felt immensely proud of the way our community responded. Adults and children alike acted with calmness, compassion, and care, rallying together to support one another. Thanks to this collective kindness, a deeply upsetting incident was made a little lighter. I am pleased to say that the gentleman is recovering well, and I hope to see him back on the playground picking up his grandson again before too long.

Like everyone, I sometimes find that staying positive in the face of challenges — even relatively small ones — takes conscious effort. It can be tempting to let the loudest or most negative voices shape our thinking. However, moments like the one described above are a powerful reminder that these voices do not represent the whole. Far from it. So I have been reminding myself of a few simple but powerful principles:

- Be kind and thoughtful.
- Take a moment to pause and reflect before responding, considering how our actions affect others.
- Remember that the silent majority are good people — and never let that goodness be overshadowed.

These are simple ideas, but when we actively choose to live them out, they can make a real difference — not just to ourselves, but to everyone around us. I hope this reflection offers a small opportunity for you to pause and consider how we can all continue striving to be the best version of ourselves. If we do that together, I am confident our school — and our wider world — will continue to be a positive, caring place.

With my very best wishes for a restful weekend and a happy half-term holiday,
Mr Farrington

Walk for Hearts

Two Alvey children are taking on an incredible challenge this February — walking 28 miles in 28 days to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The challenge is particularly close to their hearts as their dad is living with heart conditions and the British Heart Foundation has supported him.

Rather than feeling overwhelmed by their dad's health challenges, Kobi and Kian have chosen to turn this into something positive. They decided to set themselves a goal: walk 28 miles and raise as much money as possible to give back to the charity.

We are incredibly proud of their resilience, compassion and positive attitude. They have shown that even during difficult times, it's possible to make a difference and inspire others. If you would like to support their fundraising efforts, donations can be made via their [JustGiving](#) page.



Special Days

Written by Mrs Risdell

Half Term already! Enjoy the break and look out for some signs of spring – snowdrops and aconites are out already. Hope the sun shines after all the rain we have had lately.

We have several special days during this holiday. On Saturday we celebrate St Valentine's Day. He was a 3rd century Roman saint remembered for his love and care for others. As God loves and cares for us so we need to love others too.

On Tuesday it will be Shrove Tuesday when we enjoy our pancakes – maybe you call it Pancake Day! I like sugar and lemon juice on mine – how about you?

Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent – the 40 days leading to Good Friday and Easter. If you go to a church service on Ash Wednesday the Vicar marks a cross of ashes and Holy oil on the forehead of everyone there. Some people give up things during Lent, maybe sweets or chocolate – until Easter egg time! Others try hard to do something extra for others or try to read the Bible more. Perhaps you could check out some Bible stories or read some new ones. Maybe just smile at someone.

All special days give us something to look forward to and hope for better days ahead. Enjoy your holiday.



We're Taking Active Steps

We are excited to announce that our school has signed up to the 'Walk to School' project, in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council and funded by Active Travel England.

This initiative encourages children and families to make the journey to and from school more active. Whether it's walking, scooting, cycling, or parking a short distance away and walking the final 5-10 minutes (known as Park and Stride), every active journey makes a difference. Why Active Travel?

Active travel has many benefits for our children and school community:

- Improves physical health and fitness
- Supports mental wellbeing
- Helps children arrive at school feeling refreshed and ready to learn
- Reduces traffic congestion around the school gates
- Supports a cleaner, greener environment

Earn a WOW Badge!

Children who travel actively at least once per week will be rewarded with a collectable WOW badge at the end of each month.

Pupils will record how they travelled to school each day using the WOW Travel Tracker in class (via whiteboard or tablet). It's a great way to celebrate participation and encourage positive travel habits.

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.

This term, we have been reflecting on the importance of belonging and the positive impact it can have on children's mental health and wellbeing. 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 or false nails.
- No jewellery, apart from stud earrings and a watch.

If you require any additional uniform items, our school office runs a uniform thrift shop, which may be able to help.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a strong sense of community at Alvey.

Facebook Photos

We love sharing the many exciting activities, trips and experiences our children take part in, and regularly post updates on our Facebook page so families can see what we've been up to.

We always aim to share photos as soon as possible after each event. However, there may occasionally be a slight delay while we ensure everything is ready to be published.

We really appreciate your patience and continued support — and we hope you enjoy keeping up with our school adventures online!

Please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/AlveySchool>



Top of the Timestables

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news following last Friday's Times Table Rockstars competition!

Our school finished 2nd in the East Midlands — an incredible accomplishment. Even more impressively, we placed 6th in the entire country out of 4,011 schools!

A special mention must also go to Mrs Francis' maths class, who achieved an outstanding 9th place out of 23,243 classes nationwide. What a phenomenal result!

Kyle in Year 5 also had an impressive result as he came 48th in the country out of 307,000 students!

This is a true testament to the children's dedication, enthusiasm and hard work in developing their times table knowledge. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part.

Well done, Team Alvey — what a brilliant achievement!

Key Dates Spring Term 2

Dates for your Diary



Spring Term 4

February

Monday 23rd February	ALL	First day back
Monday 23rd February	ALL	Clubs resume
Tuesday 24th February	Year 5	Waterside talk
Wednesday 25th February	Year 5	Visit to KSHS to watch play
Thursday 26th February	Reception	White Post Farm

March

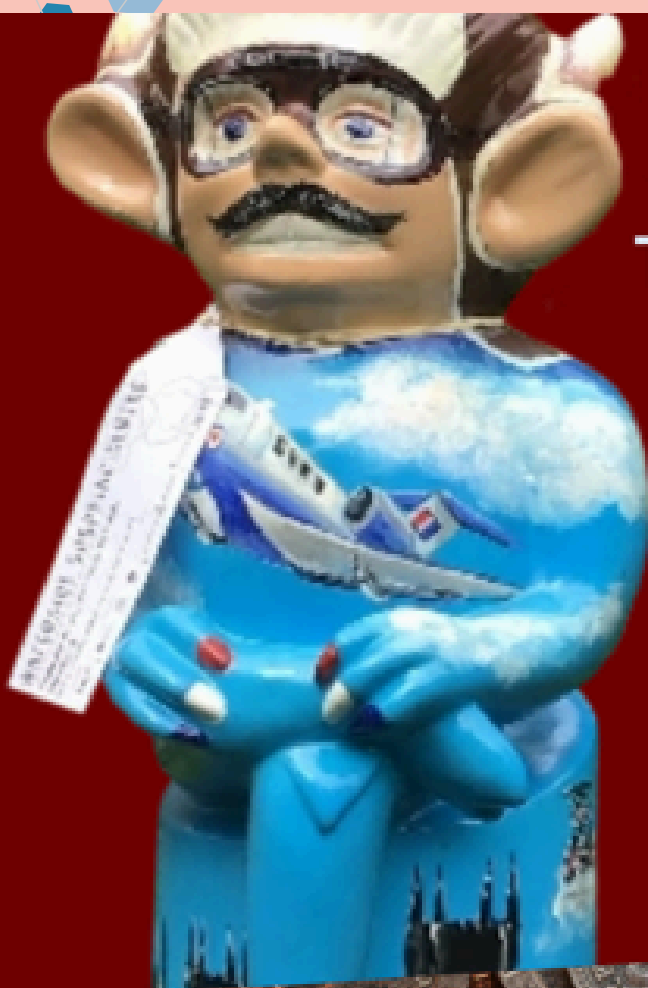
Thursday 5th March	ALL	World Book Day (See email 09/02/26)
Thursday 5th March	Year 5	Conflict resolution workshop
Monday 9th March to Thursday 12th March	Year 5	Bikeability
Monday 16th March	ALL	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 17th March	Year 4	Samba Drumming
Wednesday 18th March	ALL	Parent's Evening
Friday 20th March	ALL	Red Nose Day (Non-school uniform)
Monday 23rd March	Year 5	Let's talk rubbish
Tuesday 31st March	ALL	Easter Service

April

Thursday 2nd April	ALL	Last day of term
Thursday 2nd April	ALL	Last day for clubs

Children return on Monday 20th April 2026





**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!

Every penny has an IMP-act!



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