

Learning Today for Living Tomorrow

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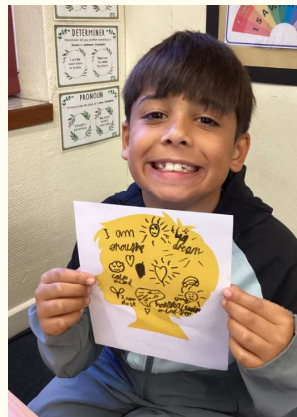
Mental Health Day

We had a fantastic World Mental Health Day this term, filling our school with sunshine yellow, positivity and smiles!

There have been lots of fun activities taking place across the school as we celebrated the 'fun' element of our Wellbeing Charter. During Collective Worship, we explored how fun can look different for everyone and how taking time to enjoy the things we love can add a little sunshine yellow to our minds. We also enjoyed playing games together and sharing moments of laughter and connection.

Throughout the day, children had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities, including trying yellow foods, line dancing in yellow, mindful colouring, creating wellbeing monsters and producing their own yellow artwork. Each activity offered a different way to celebrate wellbeing, from keeping active and trying something new to expressing creativity and taking time to relax. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and embracing the sunshine yellow theme. The day was a great reminder that looking after our mental health doesn't always have to be complicated — having fun, spending time with others and making space for the things we enjoy can all help us feel happier and more connected.

Our school has certainly been filled with sunshine, and we hope everyone takes a little of that positivity with them every day! ♥



Treasuring children

Written by Mr Farrington

It may just be a reflection of me getting older, but time really does seem to be flying. I can barely remember the summer holidays, yet it feels like a lifetime ago that we returned to school in September. I am staggered that we are already approaching the end of our first half term, with the October break just around the corner!

Time does have a habit of flying when you work with children. I know it is much the same when you are bringing them up. Many people will probably have told you this already, but please do take a moment from time to time to savour the present. It can seem like only five minutes ago that your children were little, and then, almost without you noticing, they are suddenly 21, 19 and 16, as is the case with mine! Treasure and enjoy your children, even when they are driving you nuts and all you want to do is get some sleep! Our first half term has gone brilliantly, and there is so much to celebrate and be proud of.

I wish I had the space to tell you about everything, but I do want to share one particular example that perfectly captures the kind of children we want to nurture at the Alvey.

Our Year 1 children recently visited the Kinema in the Woods. Without being prompted, they asked for rubbish bags and set about collecting litter that had been left behind by others, simply because they knew it was the right thing to do. I think their actions are a wonderful example of kindness, responsibility and respect for the world around us. They also offer a lesson for some of the adults out there! I am incredibly proud of these children, and I am sure you will be too.

Whatever you are doing over half term, I hope you have a lovely, relaxing break, get to spend some precious time with those who matter most to you, and enjoy some good weather along the way.

With very best wishes,
Mr Farrington



Collection Day: Eco Play



We were delighted to recently welcome Rhubarb Theatre Company to our school for their fantastic eco-performance, Collection Day. Thanks to funding from Arts Council England, the children were able to enjoy this exciting and educational performance free of charge as part of an inspiring Eco-Arts project.

The children absolutely loved the fun, interactive 30-minute show, which used puppets to explore important environmental themes. At the end of the performance, the children learned about the different ways they can help protect our planet and had the opportunity to ask questions about the wonderful puppets.

The performance clearly made a big impression, as the children were so inspired that they started litter-picking straight away! It was fantastic to see them putting their learning into action and showing such enthusiasm for looking after our school environment.

In the afternoon, members of our Eco Club took part in a special workshop, where they had the opportunity to create some of the puppets from the show using recycled and natural materials. This was a wonderful chance to get creative while thinking about how we can reuse materials and reduce waste.

A BIG thank you to Miss Mason for organising such an inspiring event, and to Rhubarb Theatre Company for helping our children discover fun and meaningful ways to care for our planet.



Growth Mindset

This term, we invited our parents/carers to find out about Growth Mindset. As you know, Growth Mindset is really important to us because it helps to build resilience. Growth Mindset is embedded in our school and recognises that intelligence can be developed. When children learn that they can "grow their brains" and increase their intellectual abilities, they do better. This is the philosophy of 'I can' and 'I can't do it ...YET'.

If you missed the workshops, the presentation can be found here: <https://www.williamalvey.net/page/?title=Growth+Mindset&pid=89>



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for the incredibly generous donations received for our Harvest Festival. During a special Collective Worship, we welcomed Anna and Paul from Sleaford Food Bank, who shared how these donations make a real difference to local families. We are very proud of the pupils who worked so hard to sort and package all the donations, ready for delivery.

Your kindness and generosity will help support families in our local community. Thank you for helping us to make a difference!



Children in Need: Get Ready to Run

We are excited to be getting ready for BBC Children in Need at The William Alvey! This year, we are getting involved in the Run Pudsey challenge, encouraging children to get active while raising money for this fantastic cause.

Parents, please sign up your child here: <https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/william-alvey-school> and enter the code: 934D. The runPudsey team will send all participant's medals to your school to give out. They cannot individually send medals out to young people. Our School Council are working hard behind the scenes to plan lots of other fun activities. Ideas include: a delicious bake sale, a colouring competition, and a fun challenge to find hidden Pudsey bears around the school!

We will also be bringing back our popular Guess the Name of the Teddy competition, alongside a spotty non-uniform day so that everyone can join in the fun! Please bring in cash donations if you can.

Children in Need supports children and young people across the UK.

A big well done to our School Council for their enthusiasm and hard work in organising these exciting plans. More details about the activities and how to take part will be shared soon.

We can't wait to see everyone getting involved and showing their spots for Pudsey!

NOTICES

Parking Reminder

As a school at the heart of our community, it is important that we show kindness, consideration and respect to everyone around us, including our neighbours.

We have recently received complaints regarding parking in local business' car parks, including vehicles blocking the entrance and preventing access. We have also received complaints from local residents.

Parents and carers must not use private car parks for dropping off or collecting children, or park in a way that blocks the entrance or restricts access.

We understand that parking around school can sometimes be challenging. However, there are parking spaces outside the school near Gregson Green, and The Hub car park is free and just a short walk away. We kindly ask parents and carers to make use of these options.

Our school is an important part of the wider community, and we want to maintain positive relationships with those around us.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to be good neighbours.



Staffing Update

We say goodbye to one of our Year 2 TAs, Mrs Mitchell, as she has taken on a new opportunity next term. Good luck Mrs Mitchell!

Mrs McCarthy, who teaches in our Specialist Base, will be away for coming half term. Mrs Huesken will be teaching in the Specialist Base in her place. Mrs Wong will be teaching music during PPA next term.



Road Safety Reminder

We have recently been made aware of some near misses at the zebra crossing outside school, and we would like to remind all members of our school community of the importance of road safety.

In two recent incidents reported to us, children were crossing the road sensibly, but vehicles failed to stop at the zebra crossing. We are very concerned about these incidents and ask all drivers to approach the crossing with care. We are also aware that some children are crossing the road on their bikes without looking properly for traffic. We would like to remind children that they must always stop, look carefully in both directions and ensure it is safe before crossing.

Road safety is taught in school, and year groups have workshops booked that are tailored to the children's ages and understanding. However, we would be grateful if parents and carers could reinforce these important messages at home, helping children to develop safe habits both as pedestrians and cyclists.

We have also contacted the council to ask for an update on when a school crossing patrol officer (lollipop person) will be in place.

The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your support in reinforcing road safety messages and helping us to keep all our children safe on their journey to and from school.

Clubs and enrichment

We are incredibly proud of the enrichment opportunities and clubs we offer at The William Alvey. Our clubs provide children with the chance to explore new interests, develop skills, build friendships and enjoy experiences beyond the classroom. Last year our FREE clubs included: 11+, Art, Busy Bees, Athletics, Forest Club, Mini Forest Club, Cricket, Friday Football, Football Squad, Guinea Pig Club, Infant Choir, Junior Choir, Just Dance, Lego Club, Netball Club and Hockey. These opportunities are made possible by our dedicated staff, who volunteer their own time because they enjoy spending time with the children and want to offer them the very best experiences. By giving their time so generously, we are able to offer our clubs to all children free of charge.

We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of their club session. Our staff give up their own time to run these activities, often beyond the normal school day, and it is important that their time and commitment are respected.

We also ask that all interactions with staff are courteous and respectful. We are very fortunate to have such a committed team who work hard to provide these wonderful opportunities for our children.

Thank you for supporting our enrichment offer, valuing our staff's generosity and helping us to continue providing these fantastic opportunities for our children.

Please visit [our enrichment page on our website](#) to find out more about enrichment at the Alvey.



OUR ENRICHMENT JOURNEY

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Term 6

Mission Possible Day
Playground Prom
with Hill Holt Wood
Day, Sleaford 1940s
French Day, Alvey
Bluey Trip

5

Term 5

Earth Day and community projects
Re-designing the school garden

4

Term 4

Red Nose Day organised by the
School Council
World Book Day and parent
engagement
Bluey Easter Event
St Denys Easter Service
Careers Week TBC

3

Term 3

Mission Possible Day (Growth Mindset)
Sessions on Classroom Wellbeing
Maths Day

2

Term 2

Pappy art project and Remembrance Service
Children in Need and Pudsey Run organised
by the School Council
St Denys Church Christmas Service
St George's School Performance
Christmas Jumper Day
Year Group Christmas Parties
Alvey Choir Christmas performances in the
community

ocate Selection
being Charters
arent workshops
work with New Life
Larder
Show and workshop
Day and focus on 'Fun'
ing Charter
of Councillors

Key Dates Autumn Term 2

- Mon 2nd Nov First Day of Term 2
- Tues 3rd Nov Flu Immunisation
- Mon 9th Nov Mrs Irwin's Class Trip to Wild Woodcraft
- Tues 10th Nov Mrs Swain's Class Trip to Wild Woodcraft
- Weds 11th Nov Remembrance in School
- Thurs 12th Nov Coffee Morning with Specialist Nursing Team 9.15am
- Fri 13th Nov Children in Need (non-school uniform)
- Fri 13th Nov Year 2 Trunk Theatre Experience
- Fri 13th Nov Mr Grayling's Class Trip to Wild Woodcraft
- Tues 17th Nov Reception Nocturnal Animals Visit in School
- Thurs 19th Nov Year 6 Lincolnshire Police Workshops
- Mon 23rd Nov Parents Evening
- Mon 23rd Nov Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop
- Weds 25th Nov Parents Evening
- Tues 1st Dec Flu Immunisation (mop-up)
- Mon 7th Dec Reception Nativity 9.30am
- Tues 8th Dec Reception Nativity 9.30am
- Tues 8th Dec Year 3 Online Safety Workshop
- Thurs 10th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 11th Dec Bluey Trip to Kinema
- Mon 14th Dec Year 5 Bikeability - Thurs 17th Dec
- Tues 15th Dec Christmas Church Service
- Fri 18th Dec End of Term 2

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



Drop-In Coffee Morning

Supporting Families of Children with Additional Needs

A cuppa
A chat
A supportive community



Wednesday
12th November



9:15am -
Lunchtime



William Alvey
School

Come Along for a Chat

Join **Angela and Jo, Specialist Nurses for Autistic Children**, for a relaxed and informal drop-in session.

Whether you have questions, would like advice, need a listening ear, or simply fancy a coffee and a chat, we'd love to meet you.



Tea and coffee
available



Friendly, informal
conversations



A welcoming and
supportive environment



Drop in at any time
during the morning

Who Can Attend?

This event is open to parents and carers of children with:

- ✓ Any neurodevelopmental need, including Autism, ADHD and Learning Disability
- ✓ Suspected Autism, ADHD or other additional needs
- ✓ A current referral or assessment in progress
- ✓ Concerns about their child's development or additional needs

Have Your Say

We would really like to hear from you about:

- What support would be helpful for your family
- What information or advice you would like easier access to
- What future support opportunities you would be interested in

Your views and experiences are important and will help inform future support for families.



Access Requirements

If you have any access requirements or need adjustments to attend, please contact Emma Weston.

emma.weston@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk

01529 302772

Everyone is Welcome

Advice • Support • Conversation • Connection

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

DO YOU HAVE ANY

Funky
glasses?



Wigs?



Tutus?



Floaty
material?



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help make

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FUNKY FRIDAY

extra special!



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Secondary - Year 7 up to GCSE Maths

- 🏆 Topic-by-topic revision of the full syllabus
- 🏆 Exam techniques & how to maximise marks
- 🏆 Past papers with full step-by-step walkthrough
- 🏆 Confidence building and time management for mocks and final exams



Primary

- 🏆 English: Expert help with reading, writing and grammar
- 🏆 Maths: Numbers, shapes and problem solving
- 🏆 Support with homework, SATS preparation

11+ - Year 4 Foundation / Year 5 Full Preparation Programme

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- 🏆 Exam-style questions set with feedback
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October Half Term What's On

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Drop-In Making Activity

Tue 27 Oct
10am–2pm
FREE, 5yrs+

Childrens Dance

Wed 28 Oct
11–12pm
£6, 5–7yrs

Junior Dance

Wed 28 Oct
1–2pm
£6, 8yrs+

SEND Creative Dance

Wed 28 Oct
3–4pm
£6, 10–24yrs
FREE for carers

Gallery Families

Thu 29 Oct
11am–12pm
FREE, 5yrs+

Drop-In Indian Wood Block Printing Experience

Fri 30 Oct
10.30am–12.30pm
FREE, 7yrs+



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Online safety Q+A for Early Year and primary parents



DYNAMOS CRICKET **GIRLS ONLY**
OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS
Ages 8-11 years

 **Thursday 29th October**
1:15pm – 3:15pm
 Long Sutton Market House

 **Friday 30th October**
10:15am – 12:15pm
 Little Leisure Centre, Nocton

 **Friday 30th October**
9:30am – 12:00pm
 The Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Broughton

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 For more information email
Katie Hill - Katie.hill@lincscricket.co.uk
Emily Hill - Emily.hill@lincscricket.co.uk



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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM TOUR

Join local volunteers for a free tour of military and military associated graves in Sleaford Cemetery

Saturday 7th November 2026 at 12 noon and 1.30pm

Sunday 8th November 2026 at 12 noon and 1.30pm

Duration: Approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour

Meeting point: Sleaford Cemetery, Ashfield Road, NG34 7DZ
(on the main driveway at the site office building)

Please be aware that we will be walking on grassed areas
Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome

Booking not essential

For any enquires please email:

borderforcegardeninggroup@outlook.com



 **Tuesday 1st December**

 **6:00pm - 7:30pm**

 **Microsoft Teams**

 **Sign-up required**

Whether your child is using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps, this session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:

-  Screen time and healthy online habits
-  Parental controls and privacy settings
-  Age-appropriate apps and games
-  Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
-  Any online safety questions you'd like support with

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.



<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476488>



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) REGISTER INTEREST

Be You Be Great Be Kind

LINCOLNSHIRE HAF & PAID PLACES AVAILABLE AT:



Sleaford Rugby Club
David Williams Pavilion, East
Rd, Sleaford NG34 8SP



Grantham Prep School
Gorse Ln, Grantham NG31
7UF



Elsea Park AGP (Bourne)
Fontwell Park Drive, Bourne
PE10 0YE



Spalding Rugby Club
Drain Bank North, Centenary
Park, Spalding PE12 6AF



Boston Rugby Club
Great Fen Rd, Wyberton,
Boston PE21 7PB

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