

William Alvey Newsletter

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Celebrating Earth Day

At the start of this term, our school community came together to celebrate Earth Day with a fantastic day of environmentally focused learning, creativity and teamwork. Organised by Miss Mason, the event encouraged children to think carefully about how they can help care for the world around them through a range of exciting hands-on activities.

Miss Mason said, "Taking part in celebrating Earth Day was incredibly important for our school because it gave students the opportunity to learn about caring for the environment through meaningful, hands-on activities that encouraged teamwork and creativity while helping improve our local environment and supporting wildlife in our community."

Throughout the day, classes took part in eco-themed lessons linked to their curriculum, as well as outdoor learning activities designed to promote teamwork and environmental awareness.

A highlight of the event was the Garden Design Challenge, where pupils created ideas to redesign "Tom and Maddie's Garden" into a more welcoming and wildlife-friendly space. Each class submitted one design to the competition, with winning entries selected by Eco Club.

To support the day, staff and pupils wore green, reduced energy use around school, took part in a tech-free day where possible and brought in plastic-free lunches.

The event was a huge success and helped pupils understand the positive difference they can make in protecting the environment.



Is summer finally here?

Written by Mr Farrington

I wonder if you share the same feeling as me. It felt like winter was never going to end and that feeling stayed with me from November until the Easter break. Then all of a sudden, it feels like summer is nearly here and the 2025/26 academic year is nearly over. It feels discombobulating to hold two contradictory viewpoints at the same time. As I mentioned, one part of me feels the winter dragged and another part of me feels the 2025/26 academic year has flashed by.

The feeling that the year is flying by sneaked up on me last week, partly because our Year 6 children sat their SATs exams. This is a significant milestone in the year for both the children and staff. I must say that I was incredibly impressed by how well the children, and staff, handled what can be quite a difficult and stressful time.

I know all the children did their absolute best in the tests, as well as in the build-up. I am so proud of each and everyone of them.

Most of the Year 6 children are going on their Hilltop residential trip between Wednesday and Friday the 20th and 22nd May. We have plans for those not going that will replicate the Hill Top experience. If any group of children deserve a treat, it is our Year 6 after the great work they did with the SATs last week.

I know most people are not as fortunate as teachers when it comes to holidays. So, I am sure all you adults are looking forward to a long, relaxing bank holiday weekend. I do hope you have a lovely time with whatever you decide to do and I will see you again in June (as mentioned earlier, how did that happen?).

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington



Well done Year 6! We are so proud of you!

Remembering Jesus

Written by Mrs Risdell

As you begin your Half Term holiday we are remembering some more important stories in the life of Jesus. Last Thursday was Ascension Day when we celebrated Jesus returning to his father in Heaven forty days after he rose again from the dead at Easter. He was with his disciples and friends on a mountain when a cloud came down and he was gone from their sight with the promise he would send a "helper" to them.

This Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the church. We call it Pentecost or sometimes Whit Sunday.

After Jesus had left his disciples and friends to return to Heaven they were still in Jerusalem waiting to see what would happen next. On the day of Pentecost they felt a great wind blowing and saw lights like fire resting on their heads. They felt a great power inside them which was God's Holy Spirit giving them strength and courage to go and tell people all about Jesus.

So they went out into the streets and began to do just that. The city was full of visitors from far and wide and they heard the story in their own languages even though the disciples were all from Galilee! The people were very excited and many believed what they heard that day and spread the story everywhere when they returned home.

So that is how we know about Jesus. Everyone who knows and believes the good news of Jesus tells someone else and so the news was passed on all around the world and all through the ages to us. We are tasked with passing it on to the people who come after us which is what the church tries to do today. So we celebrate that we have heard the good news just as Jesus's disciples and friends did so long ago! You can read this story in the Bible in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.

So enjoy the holiday and enjoy the natural world as the summer unfolds in all its glory.



School Council on Tour

The School Council were invited to Tesco for a unique 'behind the scenes' tour of the store. Louise, who visited William Alvey last term to speak with the council, rewarded the children for their fantastic ideas with cake and drinks in the staff recreation room. The children were shown around the aisles and learnt about the different ways Tesco recycles and supports the environment using eco-friendly methods. The Council also explored some of the storerooms — although they were not quite as impressed with the smell in the dairy room or the temperature in the frozen foods area!

We are now hoping to apply for Tesco's 'Free Fruit for Breakfast Clubs' scheme. Thank you to Louise for giving up your time and making the visit so enjoyable.



Friendly reminders

Keeping details up to date

We kindly ask all parents and carers to help keep our school records accurate and up to date by informing us promptly of any changes to your address, telephone number or email address. Having current contact information is extremely important so that we can reach you quickly if needed, share important school updates and ensure all communication reaches you without delay.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance is currently 95.5% this year, which is above the national attendance rate of 93.5%. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who continue to work with us to ensure their child's attendance is the best it can be.

Good attendance supports children academically, socially and emotionally. Regular attendance helps pupils build strong learning foundations, develop positive friendships and routines, and grow in confidence and wellbeing.

Our school attendance target is 96%, and we would like to thank everyone for helping us get so close to achieving this goal.

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	95.6%
1	97.3%
2	96.7%
3	95.6%
4	95.7%
5	94.7%
6	96.0%

Assessments

Please see below the upcoming assessment dates for Year 1 and Year 4 pupils. It is extremely important, for your child's academic records and to allow us to understand how to help them move on with their learning, that children attend school during these weeks.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: Week
Beginning 8th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: Week
Beginning 8th June

Riding Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school. As you know, we are tracking these journeys because of the positive impact they have on children's wellbeing and on our planet.

We would like to kindly remind children and parents that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground or down the track at the side of the school. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of accidents recently and we would like to avoid anyone else getting hurt. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.



Key Dates Summer Term 2 - it's busy!

Summer Term 6		
June		
Monday 1st June	ALL	First day of term
	R,1,2,3	Mission Possible - Skipping Ninja
	Year 6	Online safety workshop
Tuesday 2nd June	4,5,6	Mission Possible - Skipping Ninja
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6	Fashion workshop
Thursday 4th June	Year 4	Nene Valley
	ALL	Playground Proms
Monday 8th June	Year 6	Online safety workshop
	Year 6	Fashion workshop
	ECO Club	Walking festival
Thursday 11th June	Year 3	Lincoln Castle
Monday 15th June	Invited	Swimming catch-up begins
	Year 6	Fashion workshop
	Year 4	Church school's festival
Tuesday 16th June	Year 4	Church school's festival
Thursday 18th June	Reception	Life Long Ago workshop
Friday 19th June	ALL	School closed to pupils
Monday 22nd June	Year 6	Fashion workshop
Wednesday 24th June		Reception 2026 meetings
Thursday 25th June	ALL	Class photos
Friday 26th June	Year 6	Induction day at secondary schools
Saturday 27th June	ALL	1940's Day
Monday 29th June	Year 6	Fashion workshop
Tuesday 30th June		Carres Giant Orchestra Day

Key Dates Continued

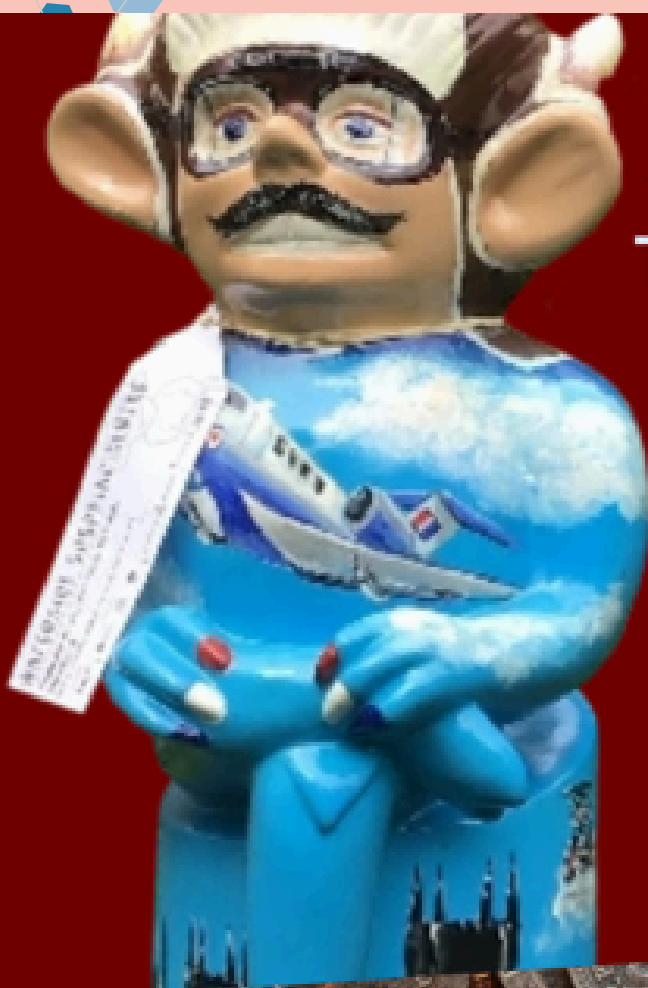
Summer Term 6

July

Thursday 2nd July	Years 4,5,6	Sports Day 9.30
	Years 2,3	Sports Day 1.30
Tuesday 7th July	ALL	Maths Day
	Year 5	St George's taster afternoon
Thursday 9th July	Year R,1	Sports Day 9.30
	Year 5	Online Safety Workshop
Monday 13th July	Year 5	Cromer visit
Tuesday 14th July	Year 2	Hunstanton visit
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6	Showcase
Monday 20th July	ALL	French day
	Year 6	Jubilee Park
Tuesday 21st July	ALL	Alvey Day
	ALL	St George's Band visiting
Wednesday 22nd July	ALL	Last day of term 6

Have a wonderful summer

We return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 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!



E-WASTE ACTION WEEK

 **North Kesteven**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

SLEAFORD
CAN
Climate Action Network



**16-23
MAY
2026**

**TIME TO
SORT OUT YOUR
ELECTRONIC
WASTE!**

Is there an unloved laptop, tired tablet, defunct phone or chaotic cables taking up space in your home? They're packed full of potential and could have a second life.

DONATE YOUR OLD TECH



Donated laptops, phones, tablets and cables, working or broken, will be refurbished and redistributed to good causes, or securely recycled.

Find out where and when you can donate on our website (scan the QR code) – this year there are locations around North Kesteven.

Alternatively, bring items to our Repair Cafes and donation sessions:

16 May 2026, 12.30-3.30pm
Bracebridge Heath Village Hall

23 May 2026, 12.30-3.30pm
Sleaford, Riverside Church Hall



Find out more,
including how to
properly dispose
of e-waste:

www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/e-waste

NK 2026 WALKING FESTIVAL

Immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquillity of
North Kesteven's towns, villages and countryside

6th June – 21st June

70+
led walks

over

16
days



The Gruffalo story walk

Herb walks

Sunset walks

Nature walks

History walks

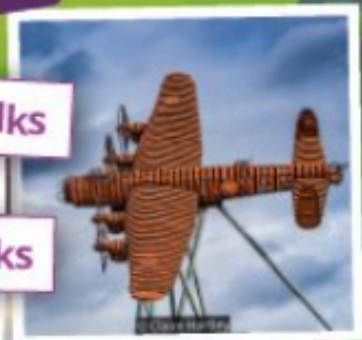
BIG breakfast walks

Teddy Bear Picnic and walk

Poetry walk

Bat walk

Gong Bath and walk



There's something for everyone and every
pace in the 2026 NK Walking Festival

FREE ENTRY & ATTRACTIONS



Sleaford 1940s Day

Saturday 27th June 2026

11.00am to 4.00pm

at the William Alvey School, Eastgate, Sleaford, NG34 7EA



Living History Displays
Air Raid Shelter Tours
Historic Vehicle Displays
ARP Memorabilia
Trade Stalls
Food & Drink
Vintage Fair Rides
Walkabout Goats
Inflatables
Punch & Judy Shows
Deckchairs
Horse Carriage Games
Vintage Games
Vintage Hairstylist
Circus Skills Workshop
Best Dressed Competition

**Featuring The Blighty Belles, Marty Clarke,
The 40s Home Front, Miller Magic Big Band,
Kesteven Morris & Angels Dance Squad**

SERVICE DOGS ONLY ARE PERMITTED.



Join the Sleaford Wheelers Go-Ride Club!

Cycling Fun & Skills for Ages 4–16



Sleaford Wheelers is a British Cycling accredited Go-Ride Club offering weekly sessions for youngsters age 4 - 16 years old

Qualified British Cycling Coaches with DBS checks and First Aid qualifications

Riders grouped according to age and ability in a safe and traffic free environment

Your first three sessions are free then £2 per session (£3 for non-Club members).

Improve your cycling skills and ride with other like-minded youngsters

Opportunities to compete with riders from other Lincolnshire clubs, including grass-track events/Heckington Show, cyclo-cross, MTB and closed-road circuit racing

Bring a bike (in good condition), a helmet and a drink - gloves are useful for the youngest riders too

Weekly sessions during term time 6.30 pm Tuesday evenings (subject to weather conditions and coach availability) at Sleaford Rugby Club, East Road, Sleaford

For more information visit sleafordwheelers.co.uk/rides/youth-go-ride or contact our Go-Ride Club at goride@sleafordwheelers.co.uk

