



# NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: January 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 2024! It's a short term but we have a lot of things planned, please look at the diary page for details.

Our sports focus for team and cluster events this term is Cross Country. If you want more practice please sign up to weekly Sunday [Millfield Junior ParkRun in Easingwold](#). We're also having a skipping day with Dan in February.

After more than 20 years working at Alne, Mrs Fowell will be retiring at the end of this month. She is looking forward to spending time with her family and a different pace of life, there is a collection in school for a gift. We have recruited new staff to teaching assistant roles and welcome Miss Baker and Miss Stirk this term. We continue to advertise to fill the Teaching Assistant and Administrator posts, if you know of anyone who may be interested please do share [this link](#) or go to the vacancies tab on our website [www.alne.outwood.com](http://www.alne.outwood.com)

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## School Celebrations

As always, there's lots going on and a lot to celebrate...

- ★ Congratulations to Mrs Harpin and Miss Mullery who have both achieved the qualification of National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership.
- ★ [School performance tables](#) have now been published for last year's KS2 SATs results. We're incredibly proud of the children's progress scores, they're ranked second in North Yorkshire for both writing and maths and 29<sup>th</sup> for reading out of 390 schools.

## Safeguarding information for parents

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) have developed a range of resources to support parents and carers in understanding online safety including resources around:

- [Online Safety Advice for Parents](#)
- [Games, consoles and smart devices: How to keep your children safe](#)
- [Reporting online images of my child](#)
- [Be Aware of child exploitation in North Yorkshire](#)

These links are also on the school website's [Useful Links page](#).

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## Enrichment Clubs Spring 1

Our enrichment activities support your child's personal development. We offer a lot of opportunities at lunchtimes so that children using the bus can attend. We plan our offer with information from the children using Koboca surveys in school. Staff organise clubs on a voluntary basis.

	Lunchtime	After School until 4.15pm unless stated
Monday	Y4/5/6 Young Voices with Mrs Harpin	
Tuesday	KS2 Guitars and Violins with Mrs Lynch	Year 6 SATs with Miss Mullery
	KS2 Dance with Mrs Copeland	
Wednesday	KS1 Well-being with Mrs Teale	Phoenix Dance until 4pm
Thursday	Y1/2/3 Boys football with Mr Montgomery	KS2 Coding Club with Miss Mullery
	Y4/5/6 Young Voices with Mrs Harpin	
Friday	KS2 Well-being with Mrs Teale	Football with York City Football

- Mr Montgomery's sports club will start again in Spring 2
- Book direct with York City Football for Friday, places are limited.
- Book with the office for Phoenix Dance: £20 for 6 weeks, places are limited.
- Children don't need to book in for lunchtime clubs.

## Nuts

We're a nut free school due to children with allergies. Please can parents remember not to send nuts into school in packed lunches or as snacks.

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**NUT FREE**



## Additional support in school

Following Covid, schools have additional funding to support children's missed learning. We use this to support interventions in school and purchase resources. This term we are also able to run tutoring sessions with Armin, the York City coach and Mariam, from M2R, who tutors children virtually.

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## Attendance

The dreaded flu and cold viruses had an impact on our attendance towards the end of last term. It's lovely to see everyone back at school on the first day of Spring term.

Our attendance figures are below, we're aiming to have attendance as high as possible in all classes, certainly above the national average of 96%.

	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	Year to date
Reception	98.5	99.8	99.8	93.2	98.5
Y1/2	98.2	97.4	96.7	93.0	96.5
Y3/4	98.4	97.6	97.0	92.6	96.6
Y5/6	97.9	99.8	98.9	95.6	97.7
Whole school	98.2	97.91	97.9	93.7	97.2

All attendances are in % **above 98%** below 96%

## Parking

Please can we ask parents to drive carefully when dropping off and collecting children, in particular avoiding reversing into the school drive. Parking is difficult outside school and we would ask that you don't obstruct the driveways of our neighbours.



## 2023 - 24 Term Dates

The term dates for 23/24 have now been confirmed and are listed on the [school website](#).

## Questions & Queries

Please contact school on the admin email address; [enquires@alne.outwood.com](mailto:enquires@alne.outwood.com) or by phone 01347 838427

## Music Lessons

We now have teachers in school for

- Woodwind; flute, clarinet and fife
- Keyboard
- Brass; trombone, trumpet and cornet
- Piano

Please click below to find out more about school music lessons and book direct;

[Music in Schools York \(brass and woodwind\)](#)  
[NYCC School Music Service \(keyboard and strings\)](#)  
[enquiries@alne.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@alne.outwood.com) (piano)

## Governing Body

Our school governors are;

- Sarah Rorke CHAIR (parent of Martha)
- Dave Rogers (parent of Emilia and Theo)
- Helen Jones (parent of Molly and Ted)
- Roharna Vitty (parent of Isla and Quinn)
- Sue Brown (Community governor)
- Jennie King (staff)
- Charis Mullery (staff)

If you, or someone you know in our community is interested in becoming a governor please get in touch.

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## Diary Dates

25 <sup>th</sup> December to 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Phoenix Dances sessions Y1 to Y6 for PE Phoenix Dance club starts for those signed up, 3.15 to 4pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January	York City Football Club after school for those signed up, 3.15 to 4.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 Swimming lessons start at Thirsk (every Friday this term)
15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Primary school applications for September 2024 deadline: <a href="#">apply online</a></b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 to Year 6 Cluster Cross Country
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr Dan Skipping day – all classes
12 <sup>th</sup> February to 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Half-term
28 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC workshops Y2 and Y5/6
28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening; booking links to be sent end of January
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character from a book
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief – come in PE kit 2pm Team Cross Country event at Alne playing field
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Decorated egg competition – more details to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> March to 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Mountain Biking day at Sutton Bank
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
27 <sup>th</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer Half-term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 Residential to Great Tower
22 <sup>nd</sup> July to 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Summer Holiday (last day of term 19 <sup>th</sup> July)

## School Lunches

We can confirm that the school catering contract is now with Caterlink with the wonderful Sue Laycock in charge and Sue Stead assisting. The price of the meals has reduced to £3 per child for children in Y3 to Y6, you can find the new [menu](#) on the website.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals please [complete an online application](#). You can apply for children from Reception to Year 6, if eligible your child receives meals to the end of primary school and we can receive additional funding.

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