



# NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: October 2023

Dear Parents,

Children from Y5/6 took part in a All We Can Be, a concert involving all of the primary schools in the Trust. It was a wonderful event and we've heard from parents how much they enjoyed being part of the audience. You can follow school and see photographs on our Twitter [social media page](#).

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Boys football team who took part in the cluster tournament this month. They played against 8 other teams, coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the end. There are more events planned with the Girls event on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Harpin and Y3/4 have been to visit the WOOFYT workshop once again to learn about the science behind music. This and the musical opportunities we offer mean that we have once again been awarded recognition as a Music Mark School.

We continue to advertise to fill the teaching assistant 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)

What a busy half-term we've had, everyone is ready to rest and recharge, have a lovely holiday.  
Miss Dawson

## FOAS Silent Auction

FOAS is the PTA for Alne School. Our mission is to enhance our children's school experience by holding memorable events and raising funds which will help support projects. We fund all sorts, from new IT equipment to ice creams for theatre trips and every penny raised goes directly into the school to help it thrive.

Currently, the playground equipment at our school is failing and items have been condemned. We are hoping to raise money towards a new playground which is a huge cost so any support is hugely appreciated.

Please help us raise funds by participating in our [auction](#) or by [making a donation](#). The online auction will close at **2pm** on **17th November 2023**.

Please share the auction as much as possible - with family, friends, colleagues... Anyone can bid and the more bids we have the more we can raise for our new playground!



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## Enrichment Clubs Autumn 2

- Unfortunately, Mr Montgomery's sports club will not be running in Autumn 2, Carson Sports will be in contact with parents to explain.
- Book direct with York City Football for Friday, places are limited.
- Children don't need to book in for lunchtime clubs.

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday		
Tuesday	Y4/5/6 Boys football with Mr Montgomery	
	KS2 Ensemble with Mrs Harpin (children already learning instruments)	
	KS2 Dance with Mrs Copeland	
Wednesday	KS1 Well-being with Mrs Teale	
Thursday	Young Voices – Y4/5/6 all welcome with Mrs Harpin	
Friday	KS2 Girls Football with York City Football	Football with York City Football (from 22/9/23)
	Gardening with Miss Dawson - weather permitting!	

If arrangements for children attending the club change please can you contact the office to let us know on 01347 838427. Please understand that emails are not always seen if sent late in the day. If children are taken home instead of attending an afterschool club please can you let the classteacher know in person on the day.

## 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**



## Football boots

We would appreciate donations of unwanted football boots for children to wear in cluster competitions. If you're having a sort out and find useable pairs please send them into school, thank you.



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## Attendance

Thank you for endeavouring to book medical and dental appointments out of school hours, we have seen a reduction in children missing school for this reason.

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	Year to date
Reception	98.5	99.8	99.18
Y1/2	98.2	97.4	97.74
Y3/4	98.4	97.6	97.98
Y5/6	97.9	99.77	97.84
Whole school	98.2	97.91	98.05

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 – so far!

30 <sup>th</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Autumn Half-term
7 <sup>th</sup> November, 1-3pm	Y5/6 Girls football match at Alne
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust Workshops Y1 to Y6
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day observed in school (poppies on sale from 6/11)
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations in school – parents have to opt in
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Crucial Crew
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need: wear spotty clothes (donations by Parentpay)
21 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic Book Fair after school daily in new classroom
22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 9.30 to 11am	Reception starters 2024 open morning
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1/2 trip to Ripon Cathedral
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 and Y5/6 trip to Ripon Cathedral
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and jumper day
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity at St Mary's Church Space is always at a premium so please can we invite families to share this with us at; 1.30pm for parents and pre-school children and grandparents 5pm for parents
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Training Day
25 <sup>th</sup> December to 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> February to 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Half-term
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Young Voices
25 <sup>th</sup> March to 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
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)

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