



# NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: November 2024

Dear Parents,

As a very long half-term draws to an end we're looking forward to a rest at half-term. We have extended the diary dates through to the end of Spring term on this newsletter.

Congratulations this week to both of the Y5/6 football teams. The girls went through to the Hambleton finals in Thirsk and played brilliantly as a team but won't progress to the Yorkshire final. The mixed team had a challenging tournament against some strong teams from the cluster. They all played well, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in some very fast paced matches.

We are asking parents to share their views on Wraparound care with some potential additional sessions available with Mr Montgomery, [please complete online by 25<sup>th</sup> October](#).

Miss Dawson

## Starting School in 2025?

We will be holding open mornings for prospective parents in the Autumn term on

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 to 10.45am

Please email [enquiries@alne.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@alne.outwood.com) to let us know that you're coming.

## [Parent Pact Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

### Sign the North Yorkshire Parent Pact

**By signing this Pact, you're joining a growing community of parents in North Yorkshire choosing to wait to give their child a smartphone until at least the end of Year 9.** The Pact is anonymous (they'll never share your name publicly), but the more of us who sign, the more powerful it becomes in shifting the social norm in our community.

Plus, they'll use the data to show the Government how much this matters to parents across the country, so that they take urgent action to protect children from the harms of smartphones and social media.

Your choice – and your voice – really is powerful



## Community: Young Minds

Following the day of wearing yellow accessories to support children's mental health we raised a fantastic £104 for Young Minds. Thank you everyone



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## Enrichment Clubs 2024-2025

- [York City Football Club](#) is online to sign up for Autumn 2, it will run throughout the year so please watch out for future session sign up information
  - [Multiskills with Mr Montgomery for Year 1 to Year 6](#) £28 for 7 sessions, Autumn 2
    - You can also book Holiday Club for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Y4/5/6 Young Voices	
Tuesday		
	KS2 Violin and Guitar with Mrs Lynch tbc	
Wednesday	Wellbeing with Mrs Teale	
Thursday	Y4/5/6 Boys football with Mr Montgomery	Mr Montgomery's <u>Multiskills</u> Sports Club (Y1 to Y6)
Friday	KS2 Girls Football with York City Football starting 13th September	Football with York City Football (from 8/9/24)

## Uniform

Please can we remind parents that long hair needs to be tied back every day. We also need to ask that temporary tattoos and nail varnish are only worn at the weekend.



## Questions & Queries

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

## Nuts

We're a nut free school due to children with allergies. Please can parents remember not to send nuts in any form into school in packed lunches or as snacks. This includes foods such as Nutella or chocolate spread. There can also be sensitivity to items containing nuts including hand creams or lip balms. **These items should not be in school unless prescribed.**

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## 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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## Attendance

	September	October (22/10)	Year to date
Reception	99.6%	99.5%	99.6%
Y1/2	97.1%	96.6%	96.9%
Y3/4	97.7%	99.6%	98.6%
Y5/6	97.7%	99.2%	98.4%
Whole school	97.3%	97.7%	98.2%

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

We appreciate it's not always possible, but please can parents try and schedule dental or medical appointments for afterschool or during holidays. Lessons for reading, writing and maths are in the morning and



### Community: FOAS clothing bank

The FOAS donation bank is in the rear carpark to school, along Jack Hole. Donations can be a mix of good/ worn clothes, as long as they're clean, pairs of shoes, CDs, linen etc. There's also a bank in Tholthorpe.

### Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.

- Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.
- Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark
- Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"
- Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources

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## 2024-2025 Term Dates

The term dates for 24/25 have now been confirmed and are listed on the [school website](#).

The final training day for 2024 – 2025 is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

## Remembrance

We are expecting the poppies to come into school after half-term for children to bring in donations for. There is usually a selection of items for sale with all proceeds to the Royal British Legion.



## 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)
- Sue Brown (Community governor)
- Alison Mitchell (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 2024 – 2025: Autumn and Spring Term

28 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Autumn half-term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception trip to Pizza Express
8 <sup>th</sup> November, 3pm	FOAS cake sale
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day recognised in school
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning for parents of children starting school in September 2025
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need: wear spots, donations can be made online through Parentpay
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity @ church, 2pm grandparents & toddlers, 6pm parents
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	FOAS quiz night @ village hall
5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOAS pyjama and onesie day, film night after school
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime trip to Harrogate
17 <sup>th</sup> December 	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day If you don't usually have a school lunch please order with the office by 6 <sup>th</sup> December. Wear your Christmas jumper to school instead of your sweatshirt.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties in the afternoon – please send a change of party clothes into school with footwear suitable for party games.
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Training Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School open
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	KS2 Cross Country at Husthwaite
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Training Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4 trip to Allerton Waste Recovery
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices at Sheffield
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOAS non-uniform day
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half-term
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Skipping Day with Dan
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	FOAS Easter Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm	Easter Service at St Mary's Church with decorated egg competition

\*change of date

## Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free online course, 'Supporting Your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths'.

Starting on Monday, 11th November, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, this 6-week course is designed for parents and caregivers who wish to enhance their child's mathematical skills while also improving their own understanding of the subject. Participants will:

- Explore the current Key Stage 2 maths curriculum.
- Learn effective strategies to support their child's learning.
- Engage with other parents in a collaborative environment.

To enrol, please visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KeyStage2Maths11>

Contact Email: [adullearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:adullearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk)

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