



# NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: February 2025

Dear Parents,

What a busy half-term it's been. The Year 4, 5 and 6 children performed in a fantastic concert this week as part of Young Voices Choir at Sheffield arena. Thank you to everyone who shared their praises, it was an amazing event thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Next half-term is equally action packed, please remember to book your parents evening appointment for the first week back. We have lots of trips planned to support children's learning and don't forget World Book Day in March. Please don't feel that you need to buy costumes, go for creativity.

I hope everyone has a restful half-term, we look forward to seeing you back on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

Miss Dawson

## Winter Weather

We endeavour to keep school open and functioning despite the weather. In the event of a school closure we would send a text message to all parents as soon as possible. If school is closed, learning would be online through Google Classroom. The children all have a login in their planner and are familiar with logging on. You can use any device and login through a google browser.

### Cold weather clothes

We hope to go outside even in cold weather for our playtimes. Please can parents ensure that children have warm coats, hats and gloves and preferably wellies or slip-on boots. We do need children to be able to change their own shoes independently, boots with laces are difficult to manage for younger children in particular.

In extreme cold we do offer children a warm room at lunchtimes so that they do not need to go outside if they do not want to.

PE lessons will be active throughout but may also be shorter in time. Children are expected to wear layers including hats and gloves.

## Community



### Emsley Mavor York Accumulator Challenge 2025!

Emsley Mavor are taking part in the St Leonards Hospice Accumulator Challenge 2025! We have 30 days to raise as much money for the vital services the Hospice provides to patients and families across York and the surrounding area.

Donate here, and help us WIN and raise as much money as possible in the Hospice's 40th year!

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## Enrichment

[Carson Half-term holiday club £20](#)

- Book direct with [York City Football](#) for Friday, places are limited.
- Children don't need to book in for lunchtime clubs
- Carson Sports Thursday to 5pm, limited spaces

	Lunchtime	After School until 4.15pm unless stated
Monday	Ensemble with Mrs Harpin + KS1	Year 6 SATs with Miss Mullery
Tuesday		
Wednesday	KS2 Well-being 12-12.30	
	KS1 Well-being 12.30 - 1pm	
Thursday	Y4/5/6 Boys football with Mr Montgomery	Multisports with Mr Montgomery
Friday	Girls Football with Katy from York City	Football with York City Football
	KS2 Well-being 12-12.30	
	KS1 Well-being 12.30 - 1pm	

## Community: Pharmacies and the NHS

Public Health have asked us to remind parents that local pharmacists can help with minor childhood illness. Pharmacists can help investigate and, if appropriate, give prescriptions for:

- Sore throat (for those aged 5 years and over)
- Earache (for those aged between 1 and 17 years old)
- Infected insect bite (for those aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (for those aged 1 year and over)

## 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: New devices from Father Christmas?

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) have released some updates to support parents with online safety.

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters.](#)

[Setting my child up for responsible gaming online | Internet Matters](#)

[Home Page - The Online Safety Centre Home Learning Hub - Safer Schools](#)

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## Attendance

	September	October	November	December	January	Year to date
Reception	99.6%	99.5%	99.01%	100%	100.0	100
Y1/2	97.1%	96.6%	95.7%	89.4	95.2	95.0
Y3/4	97.7%	99.6%	96.8%	94.3	98.4	97.5
Y5/6	97.7%	99.2%	97.3%	97.3	97.0	97.7
Whole school	97.3%	97.7%	97.0%	94.7	97.3	96.3

All attendances are in % **above 98%** **below 96%** **below 92%**

## Decorated Easter Egg competition

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Decorate a boiled egg in any theme**

**Prize for the winner in each year group**

Please take your decorated eggs straight to church on 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you come on the bus or go to Dawn's, parents can take eggs to church after school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

We will be presenting the prizes and celebrating Easter in an assembly in St Mary's Church on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.

Please can all eggs be taken home at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> April, sadly they will go in the bin otherwise.



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## Diary Dates 2024 – 2025: Spring and Summer Term

17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half-term
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening <a href="#">Reception Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February</a> <a href="#">Year 1/2 Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February</a> <a href="#">Year 3 &amp; 4 Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February</a> <a href="#">Year 5 &amp; 6 Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Leeds trip - Buddhist Centre - Y1 to Y6 dance workshop and performance at Phoenix Dance Theatre - Reception at Tropical World
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 at Pizza Express
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Skipping Day with Dan
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 5/6 at Eden Camp
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
7 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> April Tuesday	Children back at school
23 <sup>rd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Forest School Y1/2 and Y3/4
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Forest School Y1/2 and Y3/4
5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School Y1/2 and Y3/4
12 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School Y5/6
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 transition at Outwood Academy Easingwold
30 <sup>th</sup> June to 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 residential
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers assembly and graduation

### 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.