



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: May 2024

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the Year 6 children in last week's SATs assessments. They were fantastic all week demonstrating their resilience and effort, we're all incredibly proud of them. The end of the week was celebrated with pizza, ice creams and their new hoodies, well done all of you.

FOAS help out day was brilliant, so many parents and children came along to help. Mrs Laycock is over the moon with the planters and herb garden. The EYFS outdoor area and fort look amazing too. A huge thank you to everyone who came along or supported with donations and especially to Siobhan Cliff for her amazing persuasive techniques and organisation. The new playground gets installed next week, we really can't wait.

Congratulations to the Y3/4 Cricket team who played 5 matches in the Hambleton finals last week. They came second overall which was a fantastic result. We have more fixtures next half term for Y5/6.

Best wishes

Miss Dawson

Medical Tracker

We are now processing all medicine requests digitally using Medical Tracker. If your child needs a medication administering during the school day the permission will now be sent by email.

We have been updating our records for medications already held in school. **If you have been sent a notification to approve a medication, please can you review it.** In future, children on long term medications such as inhalers will have this reviewed annually at the start of each academic year.

Path to Paris

We're joining Olympic athletes in an activity challenge next half-term. Details have been sent to everyone but please log family activities...



Log your family activity here.
getset.co.uk/log-activity

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Community

St Mary's Church would like to share 2 dates with families;

29th May: interviews will be held for the potential new vicar. If anyone would like to meet the candidates please email school; enquiries@alne.outwood.com

16th June: Father's Day Service, 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, if you're going to be there please let Miss Dawson know as the church is hoping for some children to read a poem.

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Enrichment Clubs Summer 2

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

| | Lunchtime | Afterschool |
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| Monday | Ensemble with Mrs Harpin | |
| | Gardening with Miss Dawson* | |
| | Cricket with Miss Dawson* | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | Well-being with Mrs Teale; whole school | |
| Thursday | Y4/5/6 Boys football with Mr Montgomery | |
| Friday | | Football with York City Football |

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 or Dawn's 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 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

There is a change in government policy for attendance being introduced from 19th August 2024. This will affect schools across the country and align policy in different authorities. Parents were sent a summary update last week in order to plan when booking holidays, we will share more information when North Yorkshire provide it.

We are always looking for ways to support children and find out from them if there are any barriers to them coming to school. When children return to school after an absence we might ask questions to find out if they have any worries, what we can do to help them and how they're feeling. Mrs King and Mrs Porter are both available to support families with attendance, please let them know if you would like a meeting.

| | Sept 2023 | Oct 2023 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | March 2024 | April | Year to April |
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| Reception | 98.5 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 93.2 | 97.5 | 95.8 | 99.8 | 99.1 | 99.6 |
| Y1/2 | 98.2 | 97.4 | 96.7 | 93.0 | 96.0 | 95.5 | 96.7 | 97.48 | 96.5 |
| Y3/4 | 98.4 | 97.6 | 97.0 | 92.6 | 97.2 | 95.3 | 97.2 | 96.74 | 96.6 |
| Y5/6 | 97.9 | 99.8 | 98.9 | 95.6 | 98.4 | 97.1 | 95.4 | 98.53 | 97.5 |
| Whole school | 98.2 | 97.91 | 97.9 | 93.7 | 97.3 | 96.0 | 96.9 | 97.78 | 96.7 |

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

Deer Shed Festival 26th to 29th July

[Deer Shed](#) have provided an amazing raffle prize for FOAS, please do support this event if you can.



2024-2025 Term Dates

The term dates for 23/24 and 24/25 have now been confirmed and are listed on the [school website](#).

There is one training day yet to be confirmed for 24/25.

Questions & Queries

Please contact school on the admin email address; 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 (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

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| 6 th May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| 23 rd May | FOAS crazy hair day |
| 27 th May to 31 st May | Summer Half-term |
| 3 rd June | Training Day |
| 10 th June | Y5/6 cricket team at Thirsk (selected children) |
| 11 th June | Y3, 4, 5, & 6 Countryside Live Day at the Yorkshire Showground |
| 19 th June | Y5 Beauty and the Beast at Queen Ethelburga's |
| 19 th to 21 st June | Y6 Residential to Great Tower |
| 24 th & 25 th June | Y6 transition to Easingwold |
| 1 st July | Y5 Languages day at OA Easingwold |
| 1 st to 5 th July | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 11 th July | Sports Day – parents welcome from 1.30pm |
| 15 th July | Reception and Y1/2 visit to Harlow Carr |
| 15 th July | End of year reports out |
| 19 th July, 2.30pm | Leaver's assembly and graduation at St Mary's Church |
| 22 nd July to 2 nd September | Summer Holiday (last day of term 19 th July) |

Becoming a Governor

I joined the Alne Primary Academy Council in October 2022 when we moved to Alne and Molly and Ted first started at the school. Being a school parent governor is a lovely rewarding way to volunteer for your community - and also a great way of getting to know the school that your children attend. So much goes on in schools behind the scenes and I am in constantly in awe of the teachers, leaders and support staff.

To me, being a governor is like acting as a supportive and challenging friend to the school so that you can help be part of its success. The leaders are the educational experts but we are there to ask questions and to have a community/parental voice. I love hearing about all the effort and energy that goes into helping our children thrive in a safe and happy school.

I am also impressed with the support and guidance offered by Outwood for academy council members - there is lots of training and expertise available to help new governors, as well as refreshers for more experienced ones.

If you are interested in joining but unsure, feel free to come and chat to me any time without pressure :)

Helen Jones

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