



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: December 2024

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy few weeks installing different items on site. Firstly, we are pleased to confirm that CCTV is now installed at the front and rear of the school buildings. It monitors and records images of all entrances and exits, storing them for 30 days. Neighbouring properties are blacked out. Live and stored images can only be accessed by senior staff and IT administrators. FOAS fundraising has replaced the decking on the playground with a raised quiet area. The new bean bags and mindful activities are proving very popular, thank you.

Finally, we have at last planted a flowering cherry tree at the front of school, in memory of Dennis Myers, a longstanding governor, supporter and renowned for being our school disco DJ.

Best wishes

Miss Dawson

Community: York Minster Christmas Tree Festival

We have been successful in applying to decorate a tree for the [Christmas Tree Festival at York Minster](#). Children throughout school have made decorations for the tree, using natural materials such as willow, wood and raffia to make our decorations.

We were only allowed to take 3 children to share the decorating of the tree, which was undertaken by representatives from the Academy Parliament. Everyone is welcome to go and see the decorated trees from Saturday 30th November to 5th January. Please vote for our tree to win a £200 prize.



Starting School in 2025?

[Applications for starting school in September 2025 need to be submitted by 15th January 2025.](#)

Read Write Inc Books

We are missing copies of the Read Write Inc book bag books. Please can parents check at home and send any books they find into school, thank you



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Holiday Clubs

York City Football are running Christmas Holiday Courses;

Each day is 10am - 3pm and held inside at Millthorpe School Sports Hall Nunthorpe Avenue, York YO23 1WF. Your child is able to book either the 23/24th December or both days if you wish and also available to book are Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January 2025.

Booking links are provided below and are available to book now:

[23/24th December](#) -

[2nd & 3rd January](#) -

For more details please call 01904 559 508 or email community@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

Christmas CAMP

- KING JAMES SCHOOL, KNARESBOROUGH
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY
- AGES 4 TO 6YRS - 10AM TIL 12PM
- AGES 7 TO 14YRS - 10AM TIL 3PM
- £10 MORNING / £25 DAY

Come & join us for a festive fun day of netball. Prizes will be up for grabs as well as a christmas treat for everyone!

North Yorkshire Survey: Women's Health

Please help North Yorkshire create a specific plan for North Yorkshire which will focus on the overall physical, mental and social wellbeing of women and girls.

The survey is confidential and should only take 10 minutes to complete. You can share your views before Sunday 15 December 2024 online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/WomensHealthNY or complete the survey at a North Yorkshire Council library.

Questions & Queries

Please contact school on the admin email address;

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	November	Year to date
Reception	99.6%	99.5%	99.01%	99.1%
Y1/2	97.1%	96.6%	95.7%	96.3%
Y3/4	97.7%	99.6%	96.8%	98.1%
Y5/6	97.7%	99.2%	97.3%	98.1%
Whole school	97.3%	97.7%	97.0%	97.8%

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 build skills through each lesson, missing one lesson can really affect children's understanding.



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 and Aldwark Arms.

Thank you!



raised £134



raised £187



£160 of books for school

2025 – 2026 Term Dates

[Dates for 2025 – 2026 are on the website](#)

Community: Charity Tinsel Tractor Run

Sunday 8th December supporting York Hospital Children's Ward

Tractors meet at Alne Village Hall, 3pm and depart at 4pm. They will return by 6.30pm for a pie and pea supper. For more information call 07934 086772



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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Community: St Mary's Church



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)



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Diary Dates 2024 – 2025: Autumn and Spring Term

5 th December	FOAS pyjama and onesie day, film night after school
12 th December	Pantomime trip to Harrogate
17 th December 	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day If you don't usually have a school lunch please order with the office by 6 th December. Wear your Christmas jumper to school instead of your sweatshirt.
18 th December	Christmas parties in the afternoon – please send a change of party clothes into school with footwear suitable for party games.
20 th December	Training Day
23 rd December to 3 rd January	Christmas holiday
6 th January 2025	Spring term starts, school open for children
23 rd January	KS2 Cross Country at Husthwaite
3 rd February	Training Day
11 th February	Y3/4 trip to Allerton Waste Recovery
12 th February	Young Voices at Sheffield
14 th February	FOAS non-uniform day
17 th to 21 st February	Half-term
6 th March	World Book Day
21 st March	Red Nose Day
25 th March	Y3/4 at Pizza Express
28 th March	Skipping Day with Dan
3 rd April	FOAS Easter Disco
4 th April, 2.30pm	Easter Service at St Mary's Church with decorated egg competition

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

The Solihull approach is developed by Psychologists, Health Visitors & NHS and Education professionals. North Yorkshire offers free online parenting courses for all residents, including

Understanding your child (0 to 19 years)
Understanding your child with additional needs

To find out more please go to

www.inourplace.co.uk

Access code NYFAMILIES

FOAS

FRIENDS OF ALNE SCHOOL

The school lottery has so far generated £140 for FOAS - Tickets are £1 per week - 40p of that goes straight to school, you are also in with the chance to win yourself £25k each weekly draw and it's guaranteed one of those supporters will win the in-house lottery which is currently £4.80 per week! (but this will go up each time we have a new supporter) so please sign up and share with family and friends, anyone can join... got to be in it to win it! Here are the details:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/foas-friends-of-alne-primary>

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