

Alveley Primary School

www.alveleyprimary.co.uk



September 2026 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we are taking a slightly different approach to our school newsletters. Rather than sending newsletters home half-termly, we will now be producing a newsletter towards the end of each month. This will allow us to share a wider range of news, achievements, celebrations and important updates from across the school in one place.

Now that we are a few weeks into the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a very positive start to the term. It has been wonderful to see pupils settle so quickly into their new classes and routines. Classrooms have been buzzing with purposeful learning, and children have approached the new school year with enthusiasm, positivity and a readiness to learn.

I have been particularly impressed with the excellent attitudes to learning demonstrated by our pupils. Children have been engaged, focused and eager to contribute during lessons, showing a real commitment to doing their very best.

It has also been lovely to see children enjoying their time together during breaktimes and lunchtimes. Pupils have been playing cooperatively, helping one another and showing kindness and respect towards their peers. These positive interactions reflect our school values and help to create the warm and caring environment that makes our school such a special place to be.

We are incredibly proud of how the children have settled into the new academic year and look forward to sharing more of their successes and achievements with you throughout the coming months.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend our Parent Meet and Greet sessions at the start of the term. This new initiative provided an opportunity for families to come into school, meet their child's class teacher and hear important information about the year ahead. It was also a valuable chance for parents and carers to ask questions and gain a better understanding of classroom routines and expectations. We would like to thank everyone who attended and for the positive feedback we received. Strengthening the partnership between home and school remains a key priority, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with families throughout the year.

Mrs Lowe
Assistant Headteacher

Alveley Primary School Key Information



Collection Arrangements

Please let the school know in advance if someone different will be collecting your child. Pupils in Years 6 may walk to and from home independently only where parental consent has been provided. Keeping children safe is our priority, so please ensure that the school is kept up to date with any changes to your usual collection arrangements.



Contacting Staff

Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact for both academic and pastoral matters.



Enrichment After-School Clubs

This year we have introduced enrichment after-school clubs, led by staff, for children to attend. Clubs have already started, but if your child would like to join then enquire at the school office.



Wraparound Care

Wraparound care from:
7.30am to 8.45am and 3.15pm to 5.15pm

Please note: Pupils must be booked in advance through the appropriate ways to ensure that there is space for your child. This needs to be confirmed via the office.

For further information, please contact the school office on 01746 780284 or email at alveley.wraparound@alveleyprimary.co.uk



Toast

A reminder that children can purchase toast to have during morning break. Cost is 20p per day.

We kindly ask that children bring in £1 at the beginning of the week where possible.



Snack Time

Thank you for helping children keep healthy with a fruit based snack Monday- Thursday.

Children are welcome to bring in a treat snack for their break on a Friday.



Weekly Timetable

Please keep an eye on the weekly timetable, which is sent out every Friday. This provides details of key events and activities taking place in classes and across the school during the following week, as well as any changes to normal routines. It also includes an updated list of important dates and events for your diary, so please do take a moment to check it each week to ensure you don't miss any important information.



Working together for a happy, safe and successful school



Alveley Primary School



Together
we learn,
grow and
succeed



Our
target is
96%
or above!

Attendance Matters!

Here are our latest class attendance figures...

Beech Class **98.9%** 😊

Cedar Class **99.3%** 😊

Hazel Class **95.2%**

Elm Class **94.7%**

Oak Class **99%** 😊

★ **A SPECIAL WELL DONE** ★
to Beech Class, Cedar Class
and Oak Class for achieving
96% or above!

Every
day
counts!



Thank you to all our parents and carers
for your continued support and
congratulations to all our pupils on their
great attendance outcomes.



Small steps...
make a big
difference!



Be here
Be ready
Be your best!

Attendance Every Day Counts!

Small
steps make
BIG
differences!

Good attendance builds bright futures!



Why is attendance so important?

Regular attendance helps children feel happy, safe and confident. It supports their learning, builds friendships and gives them the best chance to achieve their goals. Every day in school matters!

Good
attendance
=
more
opportunities



Appointments

Where possible, please make appointments outside of school hours. This helps to minimise time away from learning and keeps your child on track.



Be on time

Where possible, please avoid collecting your child early or bringing them to school late. Every minute in school counts!



Wraparound Care

If you need to, you can use our wraparound care service. This is available to support families and help your child attend school regularly.



How We Will Support You

- ✓ We will work closely with families to identify any barriers and put support in place.
- ✓ We will offer advice, guidance and signposting where needed.
- ✓ We will keep in regular contact to celebrate progress and encourage good attendance.

We're here to help!



Raffle Tickets

We are continuing with our raffle ticket system! Children who are in school for the whole week will receive a raffle ticket. This will go into a pot and pupils will have the chance to win a small prize!



Friday Rewards

Each Friday, the year group which has the best attendance (over 96%) will have a short additional break in the afternoon.

★ **New initiative!** ★
If we have a day where attendance hits 100% across the school, children on the Friday will have an extra five minutes break time!

★ Why Attendance Matters

- ✓ Helps children make progress and achieve their potential.
- ✓ Builds good habits for the future.
- ✓ Supports their emotional and mental wellbeing.
- ✓ Helps them develop important social skills.
- ✓ Gives them the best chance in life.

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Remember

- Attendance is vital – it's not just about being in school, it's about being part of it.
- Every day, every lesson, every child matters.
- Together we can make sure every child reaches their full potential.

Thank you
for your support!

**Together we can
make a difference!**



Happy 100th Birthday Betty!

Recently, our school community enjoyed a very special celebration as we marked the forthcoming 100th birthday of Betty, a much-loved member of our Open the Book team.

Open the Book regularly visits Alveley Primary School to bring Christian stories to life through engaging storytelling, costumes and props. These visits are always eagerly anticipated by the children and staff, and this occasion was even more special as we had the opportunity to celebrate Betty's incredible milestone birthday.

Children across the school created thoughtful birthday cards and messages for Betty and came together to sing Happy Birthday. Betty was delighted by the kindness, care and warm wishes shown by the children, making it a truly memorable occasion.



We were also excited to hear that Betty will be celebrating her birthday with a special party later this month. To mark the occasion, she was given a special Alveley Primary School birthday sticker, which she proudly wore, helping to spread a real sense of celebration throughout the school.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to show their appreciation for someone who has given so much time, kindness and dedication to our school community over many years. On behalf of everyone at Alveley Primary School, we would like to wish Betty a very happy 100th birthday and hope she enjoys a fantastic celebration with her family and friends.

Happy 100th Birthday, Betty! 🎉

ROCK STEADY



On Thursday 24th September, the children enjoyed a Rock Steady assembly. During the session, Rich introduced the children to a range of instruments and performed some well-known pop and rock songs. The children were incredibly engaged throughout and loved singing along to the music. Even the teachers had a go at playing 'Seven Nation Army'. Following the assembly, KS1 and KS2 took part in workshops, where they had the opportunity to work together as a band and create their own piece of music. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity on display. If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, please scan the QR code on the next page.



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND AT SCHOOL?

ROCK STEADY

Hi Parent or Guardian,

Do you want your child to experience the magic of playing music in their very own band? Rocksteady Music School is the leading provider of in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary age children – and we're delighted to let you know we're teaching in your child's school!

How does it work?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through weekly band lessons. It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing social skills and even academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and **all instruments for lessons are provided**.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are professional musicians who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education

0330 113 0330

(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com



Find out what parents
say about Rocksteady



HARVEST

Festival

Recently, we came together as a school to celebrate Harvest Festival with a special assembly led by Reverend Jon. He spoke to the children about the important role farmers play in providing food for our nation and reminded us of the many things we have to be grateful for each day.

During the assembly, Reverend Jon also discussed how some individuals and families may be less fortunate than ourselves. This helped the children reflect on the importance of kindness, generosity and supporting others within our community. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for their generous Harvest donations, which will be delivered to our local food bank to support those in need. We couldn't even fit all the donations on the table! The assembly was made even more special by contributions from children across the school. Classes shared a range of songs and poems, showcasing their learning and helping us celebrate the spirit of Harvest together. We were incredibly proud of how confidently and thoughtfully the children took part, making the occasion a memorable one for everyone involved.



Little Acorns Nursery



The nursery children have made a wonderful start to the new school year and have settled quickly into school life. They have enjoyed getting to know their new friends, exploring the learning environment and becoming familiar with daily routines.

As part of their 'All About Me' topic, the children have been learning about themselves, their families and what makes each of them unique and special. They have loved sharing photographs from home, including baby photos, and talking about how they have changed as they have grown.

This has helped them to begin developing an understanding of their own personal history and timeline. The children have also enjoyed sharing and discussing significant events in their lives, such as birthdays, weddings and family celebrations. Through these conversations, they have been developing their confidence in speaking, listening and sharing experiences with others.

Outside, the children have made the most of the outdoor learning environment, particularly enjoying riding bikes and scooters. These activities have helped to develop their gross motor skills, balance and coordination, while encouraging teamwork and cooperation with their friends.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled and look forward to watching them continue to grow in confidence and independence throughout the year.

Beech Class



We have been so pleased and proud of how the children in Beech Class have immersed themselves into life in Reception so enthusiastically.

We have been enjoying our topic 'Marvellous Me!' by sharing photos of our families, learning new songs and stories and have painted, cut-out and modelled our faces showing different emotions. We have also used our amazing bodies to perform a variety of actions and games in our PE lessons! Everyday, we are learning new sounds (phonemes) and Freddie frog is helping us to blend and segment these sounds to create words. We are also practising how to write these sounds (graphemes).

We all love learning inside, as well as outside, the classroom. Forest School is a highlight of our week; the children have been so excited to reap the produce in the vegetable plots. We discovered carrots, potatoes and beans in the raised beds.

Our Optician's shop is another big hit with the children and we were so pleased to welcome a local optician to come and talk to us all about working in this environment.

Hazel Class



We have had a fantastic start to the new term in Hazel Class! The children have settled back into school brilliantly after the summer holidays and have worked incredibly hard, producing some lovely pieces of work that we have been very proud of.

Everyone has been enjoying our 'Best of British' topic and we have loved exploring the wonderful world of Paddington Bear. The children have really enjoyed learning about Paddington and, of course, making their very own marmalade sandwiches! We then used this practical experience to help us write clear instructions, thinking carefully about the order of each step.

We have also been producing some fantastic work in Geography. The children have been learning about maps and exploring where our school is located. Then using what they have learned to identify and describe features around our school.

Forest School has been another highlight, with the children having an amazing time exploring and learning outdoors. They have enjoyed taking part in scavenger hunts and working together to create animal habitats.

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the new term in Hazel Class. We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and of the positive attitudes they have shown towards their learning. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come.

Cedar Class



We have had a fantastic start to the new term in Cedar Class! We have begun our 'Best of British' topic and have been enjoying exploring the wonderful world of Paddington Bear. The children have loved learning about Paddington and, of course, making their very own marmalade sandwiches! We then used our practical experience to help us write clear instructions, thinking carefully about the order of each step and using bossy verbs and time words. We have also been enjoying lots of exciting opportunities at Forest School. The children have loved exploring the outdoors, discovering what they can find and working together to complete different challenges. It has been wonderful to see them developing their teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, while supporting and encouraging their friends.

We have also been really pleased with the positive attitude the children have shown towards reading, both in school and at home. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for books and hear about the stories they have been enjoying with their families.

Cedar Class have settled into the new term brilliantly and we are looking forward to more exciting learning!

Elm Class



It has been a fantastic start to the year in Elm Class! The children have settled brilliantly and have been busy exploring lots of exciting topics across the curriculum. Our learning has taken us Under the Sea, where we have discovered fascinating sea creatures and explored living things and their habitats, thinking about how animals and plants are suited to the environments they live in.

In English, we have been enjoying The Rainbow Fish, using the story to inspire our own writing. The children have developed their vocabulary, created imaginative ideas and written their own stories.

In History, we have been exploring children from the past to the present day, comparing what life was like for children in different periods with our lives today. We have also been keeping active! The children have enjoyed developing their skills through gymnastics with Mr Carter and football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers. It has been a busy and exciting start to the year!

Oak Class



Oak Class have been working incredibly hard this half term. Our Year 6 pupils recently attended a STEM workshop in Oldbury, where they designed and built their own aeroplanes before testing them out in the school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills throughout the day.

The children have also enjoyed spending time in Forest School, where they proudly harvested pumpkins and carrots that they had helped to grow. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for outdoor learning and the pride they have taken in caring for their crops. Another highlight of the half term was the Rock Steady workshop and assembly. The children loved taking part and were inspired by the live performances, which encouraged confidence, creativity and a love of music.

Positive Behaviour Builds a Brighter Future

At our school, we celebrate kind choices, hard work and showing our school values every day!



Positive Phone Calls

Teachers will be making positive phone calls to parents and carers to let them know about something their child has done well. It's our way of saying...

♥ Well done! ♥



Star of the Week

One pupil from each class will be celebrated as Star of the Week and awarded a special certificate. These pupils will be chosen for showing our school values in their actions and behaviour.

✨ We see you, we're proud! ✨



Dojo Points

Children are working hard to earn Dojo points for positive behaviour, effort and kindness. Each class has different rewards once a certain number of Dojos have been achieved.

✨ Keep up the great work! ✨



Positive Postcards

Teachers will continue to send home positive postcards to celebrate all the wonderful things your child does.

♥ Small actions make a big difference! ♥

Our School Values

Our behaviour is guided by our school values. These values help us to be the best we can be, both in school and in our wider community.



Ambition

We aspire to achieve more, developing our self-belief and pushing ourselves. We take pride in our own accomplishments.



Responsibility

We have control of our words and actions and are accountable for how we use them. We always seek to do right. We have a duty to care for our school environment and wider community.



Honesty

We tell the truth at all times, acting with integrity towards others. We are trustworthy, loyal and fair.



Teamwork

We work together to achieve our goals. We show friendship, supporting everyone in our team. Our 'team' might be a pair, group, class, school or wider community.



Respect

We value the views and feelings of others, even if we don't agree with them. We treat others how we expect to be treated and follow the rules at all times.



Perseverance

We show determination and commitment to complete tasks to the best of our ability, even when they are difficult or we don't succeed at first. We take support on board and use it to better ourselves.



House Points

Dojo points are also collected and form part of the total points for each house. The house with the most points at the end of each half term will be awarded a special treat day!



Kingfisher



Starling



Swift



Kitte

Together we can achieve great things!

Alveley Primary School

Phones in our school



Children's phones must be
switched off
and handed to their
teacher at the beginning
of each day.



Year 6 only

Children should only be
bringing their phone to school
if they are in **Year 6** and
walking to and from school
alone.

Thank you

for helping us keep our school
safe and focused!



Key Dates

October 2026

Elm Class Trip to Black Country Museum
Friday 9th October

Little Squirrels Nursery and Beech Class Parent Workshop
Tuesday 13th October PM

Oak Class Ancient Greek Workshop- In School
Wednesday 14th October

Whole School Topic Day
Friday 16th October

Parents' Evening
Monday 19th October 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 21st October 3.30-5.30pm

Halloween Disco
Thursday 22nd October 3.15-4.15pm

Winning House Treat Day
Friday 23rd October

Term Dates

October Half Term
Monday 26th - Friday 30th
October

Autumn 2
Monday 2nd November - Friday
18th December

Christmas Holidays
Monday 21st December -
Friday 1st January

Spring 1
(Monday 4th January PD Day-
staff only)
Tuesday 5th January - Friday
12th February

February Half Term
Monday 15th - Friday 19th
February

Spring 2
Monday 22nd February -
Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays
Friday 26th March - Friday 9th
April

Summer 1
Monday 12th April - Friday 28th
May

May Half Term
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th
June

Summer 2
Monday 7th June - Friday 16th
July

November 2026

Phonics Information Meeting (parents/carers only)
Wednesday 4th November 2.30-3pm

Reverend Jon Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday 9th November

Elm Class Parent Workshop
Thursday 12th November PM

Children In Need
Friday 13th November

Anti-Bullying Week
W/B Monday 16th November

Oak Class Parent Workshop
Wednesday 25th November PM



There may be further
information to follow
closer to the date of
each event.

December 2026

Christmas Performances at St Mary's Church, Alveley
Dates TBC

Hazel Class Parent Workshop
Tuesday 8th December PM

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16th December

Winning House Treat Day
Thursday 17th December

Christmas Disco
Thursday 17th December 3.15-4.15pm





JOIN US FOR A
HALLOWEEN
DISCO



THURSDAY | 3.15PM - 4.15PM
22ND OCT



In the School hall
Reception - Year 6

TICKETS £5 VIA
PARENT PAY
THIS INCLUDES DRINK,
SWEETS AND GLITTER
TATTOOS

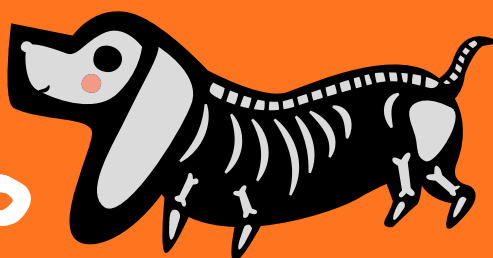
Sweets



FANCY DRESS
ENCOURAGED,
PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY
DRESS

CHILDREN WILL GET
CHANGED IN CLASSES
AFTER SCHOOL

Glitter Tattoos





Coffee and Chat, Stay and Play

Family Drop-In

(Bridgnorth Library)



You can get free information, advice and support
on all aspects of family life, at our Early Help
Family Drop-In.

Our free Stay and Play sessions let
your baby, toddler or pre-schooler
have fun in a relaxed environment.

While they are playing you can chat,
have a coffee and see how we can help
you with:



Family life



Parenting support



Domestic abuse support



Money worries



Housing support

and much more



A warm welcome
for all families



We support families with children aged 0-19 years
(up to 25 years for young people with special educational
needs and disabilities) We aim to make it easier for you to ask
for help and get support when you need it.



The sessions are being held at:

Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW



Weekly on Tuesday from 13:00 to 15:00



Shropshire
Council

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Working together
for healthier, happier
communities



Support • Advice • Stronger Families

Shropshire SEND Local Offer

Information, services and support for children and young people aged 0-25, their families and practitioners.

Find information, services and resources to help you navigate SEND.

Find local support

Our online directory brings together groups, services and organisations offering support to children, young people and their families — including local, regional and national organisations.



Search the directory

directory.shropshire.gov.uk/fis/?service_type=6099

What can you find?



Education



Health



Social care



SEND support



Family support



Activities and things to do



The Local Offer is designed with families at the heart of the service.



Help us improve the SEND Local Offer

We welcome your comments and feedback.



local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk



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SEND Local Offer



Inspiring Education, Inspiring Lives

OPEN EVENING
Tuesday, 29th September
5:30pm – 8:30pm

OPEN MORNINGS
1st, 6th & 7th
October

Visit our website to find out more: www.oldburywells.com
or call to speak to a member of our team.

Family Tree Planting Days at Dudmaston this October half term

Looking for a fun outdoor activity for the family this half term? Head to Hampton Loade at Dudmaston, near Bridgnorth for the National Trust's Family Tree Planting Days.

Families can get involved in planting trees, enjoy the outdoors and help create a woodland that will be enjoyed for generations to come. It's a great opportunity for children to discover more about nature and play their part in caring for the local landscape.

It's free to take part and all equipment will be provided but please book your space so we know how many people to expect on the day.



27 and 28 October, 9.30am-12.30pm



Hampton Loade, Dudmaston



Find out more and book your place, search: Family Tree Planting Days at Hampton Loade | National Trust

FAMILY PICKLEBALL SESSION



DATE & TIME

28th October, 2026
1100 – 1200



LOCATION

Alveley Tennis Club
Daddlebrook Rd, Alveley, Bridgnorth WV15 6JT



WHAT'S INCLUDED

An hour of coaching



EQUIPMENT

Equipment is free to borrow



HOW TO BOOK

Contact Jack Fletcher on 07496 177385



**FOR CHILDREN
SCHOOL YEAR ONE AND UP**

This is a session for parents and their children
to take part in together

