



Newsletter – 7 November 2025

Welcome

It's been a brilliant start to the year with so many highlights and so much support from families and our community. We're so grateful as it truly makes all the difference. As we look ahead, we're excited to share some of the wonderful things that have been taking place across our school and provide you with a list of upcoming dates for your diaries. We had made sure to post all of the dates to Class Dojo early in September, so thank you to those families who have been in touch recently to let us know that you are only able to see the next few events (and not the full list like we can).



– **Mr A Butterworth-Drury**
Headteacher

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Notices and reminders



As well as being a no smoking site, we are also a no vaping site. For the comfort of all members of our community, please refrain from smoking or vaping on school site.



Please could any remaining contributions towards the Santa Train trip (Reception to Year 2) please be brought to the school office.



If you aren't signed up to Class Dojo yet, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to send you an invite.

Parents' evening



Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 18th November, 4:00–6:00pm and Wednesday 19th November, 4:00–6:00pm. We will be using an online booking system (Microsoft Bookings – no login required) to organise appointments. As with previous years, you will have the option to meet in person (at school) or online (via Teams).

Links to book will be sent out on Wednesday 12th November at 7:00pm.

Calling all Co-op members



Please help our school to improve our outdoor classroom by selecting us as your Local Cause on your Co-op membership account (and if you're not a member, please sign up and select us even if you don't regularly shop with the Co-op). All you have to do is follow the link on the website below.

The more people who select us, the greater the share of the fund that we receive and the bigger the impact on future generations!

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/100463>

Please share this far and wide (it doesn't only need to be people in this area).

★ Influential people



To kick off their exciting new enquiry, KS1 children took part in a carousel of activities exploring how people's choices can make a big difference. They learned about four inspirational figures: Greta Thunberg, Marcus Rashford, Rosa Parks, and Florence Nightingale.

The day was full of hands-on learning including: creating school strike signs and earth hug crafts inspired by Greta Thunberg; practicing football skills with a football coach after learning about Marcus Rashford's advocacy; discovering Rosa Parks' brave stand for equality and creating their own fairness



flower; and

exploring

Florence

Nightingale's

impact on hospital hygiene with a

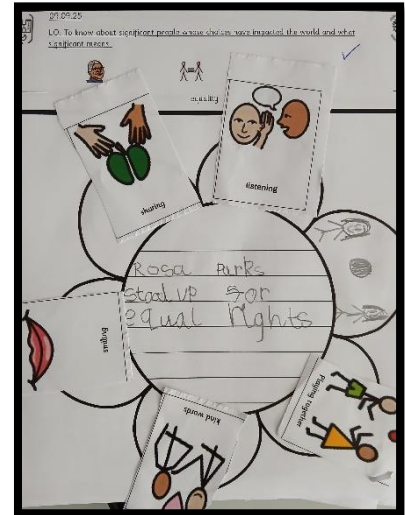
special first aid session led by a visiting

nurse. It was a fantastic launch into

their new enquiry, sparking curiosity and

conversation about the impact of our

choices.



📄 Policy consultations



We are seeking feedback on our new Anti-Bullying policy and Equality policy to ensure that these are representative of our community and are accessible.

Copies of the draft policies have been sent by email.

If you would like to participate in the consultations, please complete the forms below. Responses can be submitted until 21st November.

[Anti-Bullying policy consultation – Fill in form](#)

[Equality policy consultation – Fill in form](#)

Diwali celebration



We were delighted to welcome Sabrina Bhundoo, a Hindu Chaplain from the University of Nottingham, who led a special assembly about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. During the assembly, we listened to the story of Rama and Sita and discovered how the lights guided them home. Sabrina shared the story's message of hope: that love wins! We also explored some of the similarities between Diwali and other festivals, such as sharing food with our families, giving gifts and celebrating with fireworks. Following the assembly, KS1 enjoyed an enrichment afternoon, creating beautiful diva lamps and designing colourful rangoli patterns.





Open Events

APPLY SOON



Open Events

Do you have a child who will be starting Nursery soon, or Reception in September 2026?

If you live in Nottinghamshire and are looking for a Nursery place (ages 3–4) or a school place for September 2026, come and see us. Tour our classrooms, chat to the team and find out what early years looks and feels like at Alderman Pounder.

Friday 28th November
5:00–7:00pm

Saturday 29th November
11:00am–1:00pm



During the event, Imagine Avenue's award-winning role play village will be setup in our school hall. Your child can play while you have a chat, meet other families and enjoy a cuppa.



Reserve your place:

<https://bit.ly/VisitAP>



Support and safeguarding



At Alderman Pounder, in addition to all staff receiving safeguarding training, we have four fully trained Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who work together as our safeguarding team.



Adam Butterworth-Drury
Senior DSL



Clare Goodyear
Deputy DSL



Ed Hewes
DSL



Claire Lloyd
DSL

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child at our school, our safeguarding team can be contacted via the school office. For non-emergencies, or outside of school opening hours (including during school holidays), you can also send an email to:

safeguarding@aldermanpounder.notts.sch.uk.

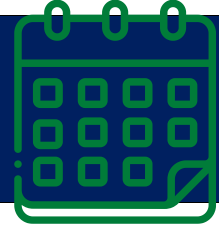
If you have urgent concerns for a child or suspect that a child has been abused in any way, please call the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) team on 0300 500 80 80.

If you require an urgent response outside of MASH working hours (08:30-17:00), contact the MASH Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 4564546. In an emergency call 999.

To report a crime, call 101.



Key dates



Updates and additions since the last edition of our newsletter are shown in [blue](#).

A downloadable calendar of our term dates can be found [on our website](#), this includes INSET days.

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 3rd November – School Admissions window opens for reception 2026

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November – Non-uniform casual day £1 donation (Proceeds to support Christmas pantomime)

Monday 17th November, 9:00 – 10:00am – SEND parent group

Tuesday 18th November – Individual & Sibling School photographs

Tuesday 18th November, 4:00–6:00pm – Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th November, 4:00–6:00pm – Parents Evening

Friday 21st November – Children in Need (wear something spotty or yellow)

Tuesday 25th November, 2.45–3.15pm – Share a Story

Wednesday 26th November – Flu vaccinations

Friday 28th November – Non-uniform

Friday 28th November, 5:00–7:00pm – Open Event for nursery and reception
Sept 2026

Saturday 29th November, 11:00–1:00pm – Open Event for nursery and reception
Sept 2026

Wednesday 3rd December – Bouncing Beans closed

Thursday 4th December – 12 days of Christmas begins

Thursday 4th December – Santa train trip (Reception, year 1 and year 2)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Tree festival

Friday 5th December – Christmas dinner day

Monday 8th December – Christmas decorations & card making

Tuesday 9th December, 10:00am or 2.00pm – Nursery & Reception nativity

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas panto in school

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 11th December – Christmas film night

Friday 12th December – Stories with Mrs Claus

Monday 15th December – Bacon & Buble (TBC)

Monday 15th December, 09:00–10:00am – SEND Parent support group

– Making a difference as we grow together –

Tuesday 16th December, 10.00am or 2:00pm – Year 1 Christmas performance

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 18th December, 5:00pm – Year 2 Christmas carols

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Quiz results

Friday 19th December – Christmas Party day

Friday 19th December – Break up for Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January – School re-opens for Children



Thank you for reading

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