



## Newsletter – 29 July 2025

### Welcome

I can't believe it's already the last day in the academic year; the time has passed so quickly! What a year it has been! It's been full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments – a true celebration of everything that makes our school community so special.

From the autumn term, where the sparkle of our 12 Days of Christmas brought Christmas magic to the school, to the proud cheers on Sports Day, this year has been packed with opportunities for our children to learn, grow, and create wonderful memories.

One of my paw-sitively favourite memories was when Daisy, Miss Towlson's dog, came in to school and visited lots of our classes to help teach about pet care. Her calming presence and wagging tail made a big impact on staff and pupils alike!

We've been on some wonderful visits, from local walks and trips into Beeston, to the KS1 visit to Conkers and the Trust Awards. All of these provided memorable moments for everyone involved.

Recently we welcomed so many of you to THRIVE which, as well as raising funds for the school, gave us all the chance to come together, celebrate our values, and enjoy a sun-filled evening of fun (luckily the rain stopped just in time!)

We also had the bittersweet joy of watching our Year 2 pupils take to the stage for their leavers' performances yesterday. They are a very special year group to me as they joined the school in Nursery when I took over as Headteacher. Their confidence, creativity and courage made us all incredibly proud, and we know they'll go on to do brilliant things.

As we say goodbye to our Year 2 children, we are also bidding a fond farewell to two very special members of staff. Mrs Ingram and Mrs Collins are retiring after many years of dedicated service. They



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have each made an enormous difference to the lives of so many children and families over the years, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all they have done. They will be very much missed, and we wish them all the very best in this new chapter.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our new families and staff members in September. We know they'll be joining a warm, supportive, and inspiring school community, and we can't wait for the new adventures that next year will bring.

We wish you all a safe, happy, and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**- Mr A Butterworth-Drury**  
Headteacher



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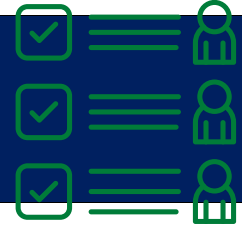
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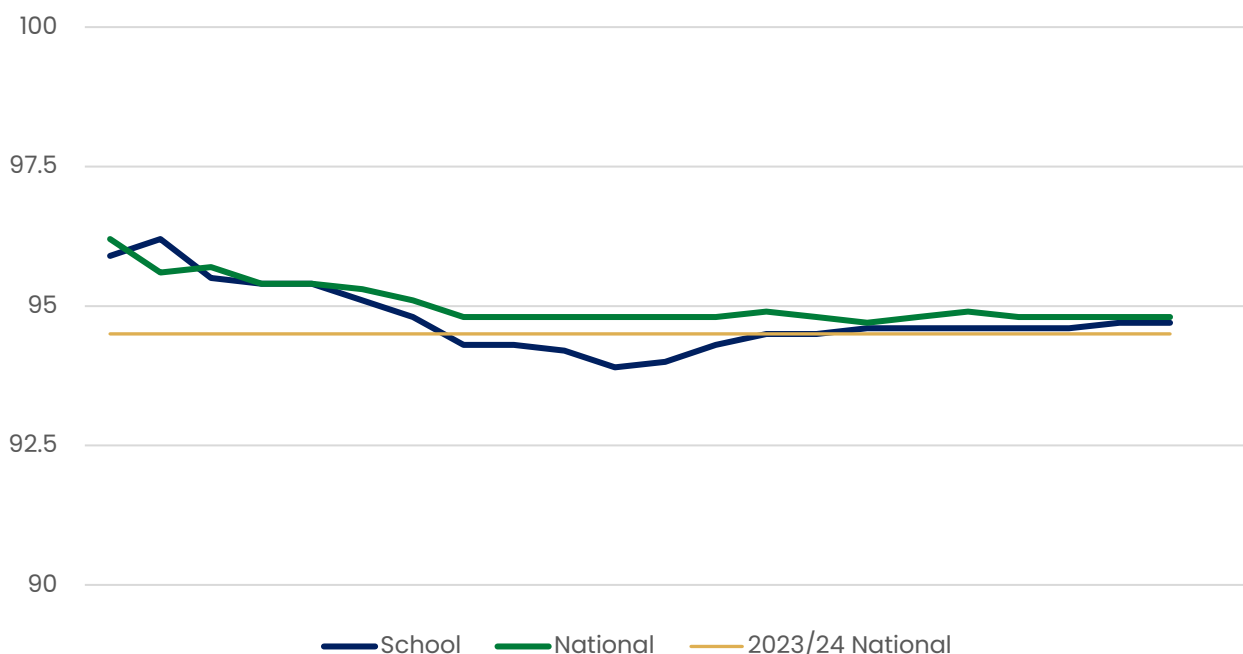


Over much of the past year, the attendance of children at AP has been lower than their peers in other schools nationally, particularly in winter when we saw an increase in the number of days illness throughout the school. However, it's wonderful to see that as the weather improved, fewer children became unwell and so were able to attend school. This has meant that we caught up quickly and we're now only 0.1% below the current national figure. Let's hope that this is an indicator of continued improvements in children's health and attendance!

We know that good attendance is key to children's learning and development. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring that children attend regularly and arrive on time - it really does make a difference and helps your children to grow.

Let's keep up the positive momentum into next year!

School attendance (Year to date)



# A year in pictures



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## Support and safeguarding



Our school safeguarding team can be contacted for non-emergencies, including during school holidays on [safeguarding@aldermanpounder.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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 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

A downloadable calendar of our term dates can be found [on our website](#).

**Wednesday 3rd September 2025** – Children return to school

**Thursday 16th October 2025** – Break up for half term

**Friday 17th October 2025** – INSET day (school closed to children)

**Monday 3rd November 2025** – Children return to school

**Friday 19th December 2025** – Break up for Christmas

**Monday 5th January 2026** – Children return to school

**Friday 13th February 2026** – Break up for half term

**Monday 23rd February 2026** – INSET day (school closed to children)

**Tuesday 24th February 2026** – Children return to school

**Friday 27th March 2026** – Break up for Easter holidays

**Monday 13th April 2026** – Children return to school

**Monday 4th May 2026** – Bank holiday

**Thursday 21st May 2026** – Break up for half term

**Friday 22nd May 2026** – INSET day (school closed to children)

**Monday 1st June 2026** – Children return to school

**Monday 27th July 2026** – Break up for summer holidays

**Tuesday 28th July 2026** – First day of the summer holidays



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