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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 keep your children with you at all times when walking through the school car park even when the gate is locked. The gate is on a timer and can be opened at any time for access / exit. Children should not be running around the car park near staff cars. Thank you for your support with this.



Please can we remind parents to park safely and considerately at drop off and collection times. Please avoid parking across the school gates and on the zig zag lines.



Staffing update



As Mrs Ingram will be retiring at the end of this academic year, we have been actively recruiting for new members to join our team and fill her role(s) as Deputy Headteacher and SENCO.

I am incredibly pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited both our new Deputy Headteacher and our new SENCO to start with us in September. We aren't able to share any further details (such as their names) as their current schools first need to let their school communities know.

We have already begun negotiating opportunities for them to come and spend some time with us before they start. I know they'll be a great addition to our team and hope you'll join me in welcoming them.

THRIVE is coming

We are absolutely delighted to confirm the return of our community summer fair, THRIVE, which will be taking place on Thursday 17th July from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.



This is a great opportunity for our school community to come together to enjoy some fun and raise money to support our school. There will be a variety of activities for all the family to enjoy, including plenty of old favourites – our sizzling BBQ, delicious cake stall, face painting, raffle, hook a duck and plenty more! There will be lots on offer to make it a fun event for all the family.

We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for updates and don't forget to put the date in your diary now!

We are also looking for stallholders to join us to showcase their products, services or activities. Spaces are limited so please get in touch soon if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. We will be sending out a letter about this shortly.

Transition planning



We are well into the planning process for supporting children through the transition into the next academic year, including working closely with Eskdale to support children leaving us at the end of Y2. As part of this, we are reviewing our class structure from September and will update you when further information is available.

Please take a look at the Key Dates section at the end of this newsletter for confirmed dates.

Turning 'Grey to Green'



Exciting changes are on the horizon! The DfE have provided a total of £15 million for the National Education Nature Park which is administered by the Royal Horticultural Society. The grant is to help children and young people connect with nature through their education setting, such as a school, nursery or college.



We are thrilled to announce that our school submitted a bid and has successfully secured **£9,500** to play our part. This funding will be dedicated to transforming our school grounds into a haven for wildlife and natural beauty, providing children with an enriched learning environment that embraces biodiversity.

The 'Grey to Green' project aims to replace dull, paved areas with vibrant wildflower meadows, pollinator-friendly gardens, and new habitats for local wildlife. With this funding, we plan to introduce birdhouses, butterfly-friendly planting, and spaces for children to enjoy and observe nature.

By rewilding parts of our school, we are taking a meaningful step towards sustainability and environmental awareness. We look forward to bringing more colour and nature back into our school grounds!

Playground development



You may have noticed some exciting changes taking shape around our playground. During one of our INSET days, we painted the trees around the small green space near the playground gate and have been continuing the work to transform it into a 'calm corner' where children can relax, reflect, and participate in calming play.

The transformation has been made possible thanks to the proceeds from **THRIVE**, our summer fair last year! We are incredibly grateful for the support of our wonderful community, whose generosity has enabled us to start creating this nurturing environment for our children.

- Making a difference as we grow together -

Support and safeguarding



Our school safeguarding team can be contacted for non-emergencies, including during school holidays on 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

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](#). We have also added the calendar for 2025/26 which gives term dates and planned INSET days.

Transition dates are highlighted in pink.

Thursday 22nd May – Break up for half term

Friday 23rd May – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 2nd June – Children return to school

Friday 13th June – Non uniform (Donations for the summer fair)

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Monday 14th – Friday 19th June – Phonics Screening week

Monday 23rd June – KS1 trip to Conkers (Beech, Maple, Cedar & Oak)

Tuesday 24th June 2:45-3:15pm – Share a Story (Reception to Year 2)

Wednesday 25th June 4:00-5:00pm – Stay & Play (new to FS2 only)

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Friday 27th June – Camo day

Wednesday 2nd July – Transition morning (whole school & new to AP)

Thursday 3rd July 5:30–7:30pm – Flying High Partnership Awards (Invite only)

Wednesday 9th July 5:00–7:00pm – New to FS2 in September parent's meeting

Monday 7th July – Local Governing Body meeting

Friday 11th July – Year 2 fun "Stay 'til eight"

Wednesday 16th July – FS2 Enjoyment day

Thursday 17th July 5:30–7:30pm – THRIVE Community Event

Monday 28th July 2:00pm – Y2 Leavers' performance

Monday 28th July 5:00pm – Y2 Leavers' performance

Tuesday 29th July – Last day of school year

Year 2 transition dates

We are just waiting for dates to confirm when Eskdale teachers will be coming to Alderman Pounder to read a story to the year 2 children, however the confirmed dates are below.

Thursday 5th June – Eskdale teachers visiting children in class at AP

Wednesday 18th June – Mr Scruton (Headteacher, Eskdale) delivering assembly to Y2

Thursday 26th June – Y2 Transition workshop with MHST

Friday 27th June – Eskdale coffee morning for Y2 parents (times TBC by Eskdale)

Wednesday 2nd July – Y2 children to visit Eskdale

2025/2026 academic year term dates

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

23 May 2025

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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