



Newsletter – 17 February 2025

Welcome

Since we returned in January, it's been wonderful to see our school community come together in so many ways including our Share-A-Story events, families volunteering to support Reception's local walks and also all the families who have attended our Friday Celebration assemblies.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with learning, particularly as children explore both our local area and places slightly further afield through their geography-driven enquiries. They've really been making meaningful connections between what they can see in the world around them, what this means about how we live and how this is displayed (on maps). They're really starting to understand the meaning of 'geography' which we give the tagline:

'Exploring our world, how it works and our impact on it.'

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in making our school such a vibrant and nurturing place for our children to learn and grow. We look forward to welcoming you back next half term!

- Mr A Butterworth-Drury
Headteacher



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Notices and reminders



On Thursday 6th March it's **World Book Day** so we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite story character.



On PE days, please remember to send your child in wearing the correct kit and wearing their school jumper:

- black joggers or leggings
- plain white t-shirt
- trainers

For safety reason, earrings must not be worn on PE days.



We ask that children read at home as often as possible, ideally every day, and this is marked in their home-school diary.



Please take extra care when driving (and reversing) near school to ensure everyone's safety and avoid any accidents.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

APPLY NOW

Admissions for September 2025



Although the school admissions application window has now closed, it is still possible to apply for your child's place if you missed the window. You can apply for a place by visiting [school admissions hub](#).

Our school is a wonderful place for children to learn and grow, and we want to share that with as many families as possible. We know that word of mouth can be a powerful tool, so we ask that you help us spread the word about our school.



If you know someone who is looking for a great school or nursery for their child, please encourage them to apply. Our virtual tour is now available on our website if they would like to have a look around: <https://www.aldermanpounder.notts.sch.uk/virtual-tour/>

We believe that every child deserves a great education, and we strive to provide that every day.



Welcome back and farewell



We were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Glover at the end of this half term. Although she was only with us for a short period, to cover the remainder of Miss Hawkings' maternity, she has been a wonderful member of the team and the children in Chestnut class have thrived under her care. Thank you, Mrs Glover! You have made a difference!

We are very excited to welcome back Miss Hawkings from her maternity leave. She will be back in Chestnut class after half term and has already spent a couple of days getting to know the children including accompanying them when they visited Chetwynd House Care Home.

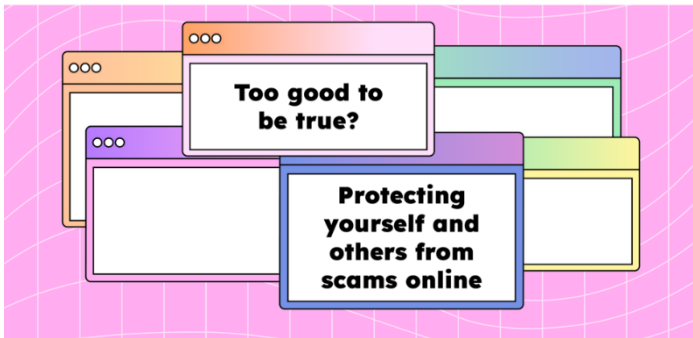


Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 11th February, we took part in Safer Internet Day, the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. This year's theme was **'Too good to be true?'**

Happy Safer Internet Day everyone!



Miss Davison, our Computing Lead, led a special assembly for children in KS1 where they learned how to spot online scams, including fake competitions and phishing emails. They also discovered how scammers use technology like artificial intelligence to trick people.

Safer Internet Day reminds all of us—children, parents, and staff—to think carefully about what we see online. We encourage families to keep these conversations going at home to help children navigate the online world securely.

If you would like advice about how to help keep your child safe online, please speak with your child's class teacher.

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.

Share-A-Story



Once again, our Share-A-Story session had an amazing turn out and it was so wonderful to see children and adults celebrating a love of books and the importance of reading.

The dates of this year's Share-A-Story sessions are below. If you have a child in Reception to Year 2, we'd love you to join us!

- Tuesday 18th March 2:45-3:15pm
- Friday 2nd May 2:45-3:15pm
- Tuesday 24th June 2:45-3:15pm



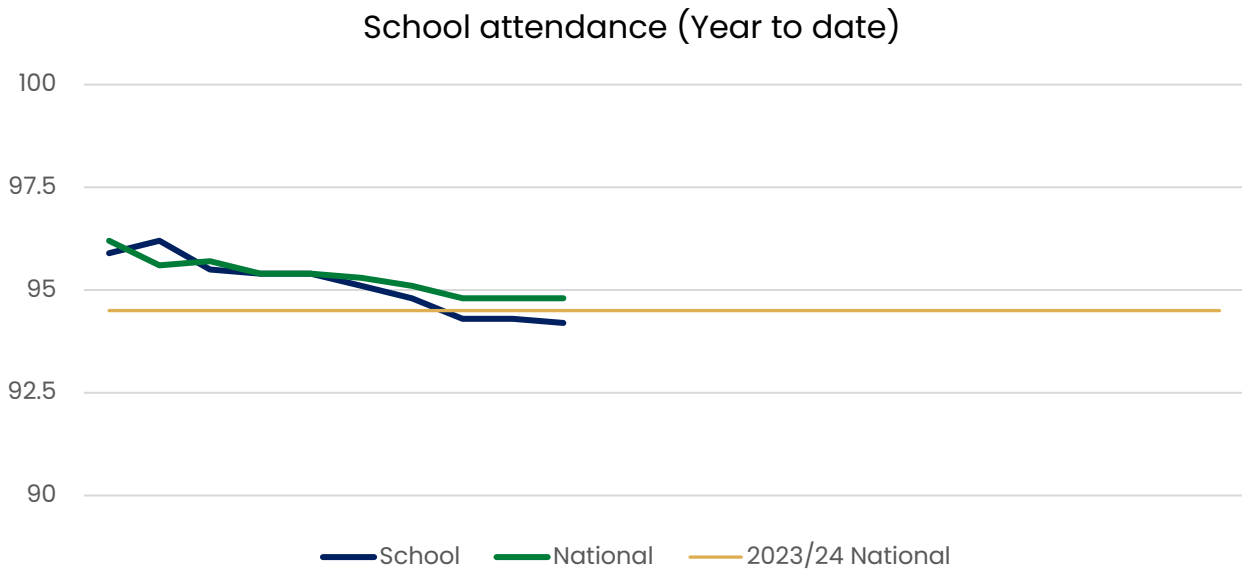
Attendance matters

Unfortunately, our whole-school attendance remains below the national average. While many absences are unavoidable due to illness, some are preventable, such as holidays taken during term time. Regular attendance helps children thrive academically and socially. Let's work together to improve this by ensuring punctuality and attendance wherever possible.

Every moment in school counts and good school attendance is vital to a child's wellbeing and development. The better your child's attendance, the more likely they are to learn and achieve. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please speak with our office who can pass your details on to our

attendance team (Clare Goodyear and Adam Butterworth-Drury) who will work with you to identify support available.

The NHS have also produced 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which may be helpful as continue through cold/flu season - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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.

Monday 24th February – INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 25th February – Children return to school

Thursday 6th March – World book day – Children can come dressed as their favourite story character

Wednesday 12th March – FS2 trip to Beeston

Thursday 13th March & Friday 14th March – Book Fair

Tuesday 18th March 2:45–3:15pm – Share a Story (Reception to Year 2)

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Monday 24th March – Local Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April – Parents Evening

Friday 4th April – Break up for Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

Friday 2nd May 2:45-3:15pm – Share a Story (Reception to Year 2)

Wednesday 21st May – Class photographs

Thursday 22nd May – Break up for half term

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

Monday 2nd June – Children return to school

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

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

Monday 7th July – Local Governing Body meeting

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

Tuesday 29th July – Last day of school year

2025/2026 academic year term dates

Monday 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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