



Newsletter – 26 July 2024

Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year! It's been a fun and eventful year, and I'm thrilled to be able to look back and share some of the highlights with you.

One of the standout features of this year has been the fantastic additional opportunities that we've been able to offer including the wide range of clubs (which have been incredibly popular) to the different visits that have taken place. Visiting the allotments to learn about growing plants, singing at the local care home, learning to Samba drum, getting involved in imaginative roleplay, finding out how to make flour at Green's Windmill and taking part in a workshop at Lakeside Arts have really enriched our curriculum! We've also enjoyed many virtual visits from children's authors, sparking imaginations and fostering a love of reading.

Sports accomplishments seem to be a theme of the summer term as our team of 12 children achieved an impressive second-place finish in the Flying High KS1 athletics competition at David Ross Sports Village. It was a proud moment for all of us! The sponsored event with GB Wheelchair Tennis player James Shaw was another highlight, raising funds that will be used to purchase new sports equipment for lessons and lunchtimes.

We love celebrating the achievements of our children, staff and community throughout the year but even more so at the annual Flying High Trust Awards. Once again this was held at the Motorpoint Arena and it was amazing to hear our choir sing alongside other schools, see the creative work of our arts children, and watch our award winners shine on stage.

At AP, nothing matters more than the children, but we know that it takes a village to raise a child and so we are so fortunate to have a wonderful community around us. This has been evident throughout the year by the turnout at the different community events we've organised. It truly highlighted what makes our school special – it's a family where everyone lives by our motto, "Making a difference as we grow together." From the Share a Story sessions to our 12 Days of Christmas festival, and culminating in

the Thrive Summer Community Event, our school community has come together in wonderful ways.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September (and for those that are leaving us, remember that you will always be a part of our school community)!

- **Mr A Butterworth-Drury**
Headteacher



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A year in pictures

Take a look at our wonderful journey this past year showcasing just some of the smiles, learning, community and fun that we've had at Alderman Pounder.





Back to school...



We're already excited for September and are ready to launch the year with a special two-week unit all about school life! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome our newest reception children and help them transition smoothly into their new environment. But it's not just for our younger children - this unit will also support all our year groups as they settle back into school.

During these two weeks, we'll be exploring a variety of important topics that are key to creating a positive and inclusive school community. Our lessons will cover celebrating diversity, developing friendship skills, understanding behaviours that support learning, and establishing daily routines and expectations. We'll also focus on how we can show kindness to one another, fostering a warm and supportive atmosphere for everyone.

We believe this unit will set a strong foundation for the year ahead, helping all children feel confident, comfortable, and ready to learn. By focusing on these essential aspects of school life, we're ensuring that every student gets off to a great start. We're looking forward to an exciting and enriching beginning to the term!

We are also thrilled to introduce some wonderful new faces who have recently joined our teaching team! Each of them brings a passion for nurturing young minds, and we couldn't be more excited to have them on board. So, without further ado, we'd like to introduce you to our teachers (both current and new):



Nursery (Potting Shed Class) – Mrs Ingram

Mrs Ingram has worked at Alderman Pounder for the past 19 years and has taught the full age range of children in our school. She is also our Deputy Headteacher, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO) and Early Years Phase Lead (leading Nursery and Reception).



Reception (Willow Class) – Miss Radford

Miss Radford has worked at Alderman Pounder for the past year and has already made a huge impact on the school and children.



Reception (Chestnut Class) – Mrs Jonca – maternity cover

Mrs Jonca is joining our school in September to cover the remainder of Miss Hawkings' maternity leave. She is really looking forward to working with our children and team. Mrs Jonca was in school for the transition sessions and so had the opportunity to meet the children in her class.



Reception (Chestnut Class) – Miss Hawkings – on maternity leave

Miss Hawkings is currently on maternity leave, but when she returns (most likely towards the middle of next year), she will take over Chestnut Class from her maternity cover, Mrs Jonca.



Year 1 (Beech Class) – Miss Davison

Miss Davison has worked at Alderman Pounder for the past 8 years as our Key Stage 1 Phase Leader (leading Year 1 and Year 2). She also leads Maths and Early Reading (Phonics) across the school.



Year 1 (Maple Class) – Miss Ali

Miss Ali joined Alderman Pounder in April 2024 and has already settled into her role as one of our KS1 team.



Year 2 (Oak Class) – Miss Towlson

Miss Towlson has worked at Alderman Pounder for the past 9 years, the majority of which have been spent in Key Stage 1. She also leads English across the school.



Year 2 (Cedar Class) – Miss Barker

Miss Barker is joining our school in September having recently been on placement at another Flying High school. She also spent several days in school during July (including the transition sessions) getting to know the children.

If you've got any questions about September that we've not yet answered, take a look at our live 'frequently asked questions' Sway:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Ckz7jSmithHSeHxsU?ref=Link>

You can also ask us any other questions you may have on the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VJtTtjTqyq>

We will add the answers to these questions to the Sway so please do check back for updates (but this probably won't be until the end of August, just before our return).

Summer Reading Challenge



We'd love all children at AP to join the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge at your local library! This summer, the challenge is all about sparking imagination, sharing fantastic stories, and creating lots of fun new projects. The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge celebrates the creative arts and is designed for children aged 4-11. You can find more details about how it works here:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/summer-reading-challenge/>

We haven't forgotten our youngest readers! There's also a mini challenge for children aged 3 and under, perfect for our nursery children to get involved. More information about the mini-challenge can be found here:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/summer-reading-challenge/mini-challenge/>

In September, we'll be celebrating with everyone who participated in the challenge, so be sure to let us know how your child gets on!



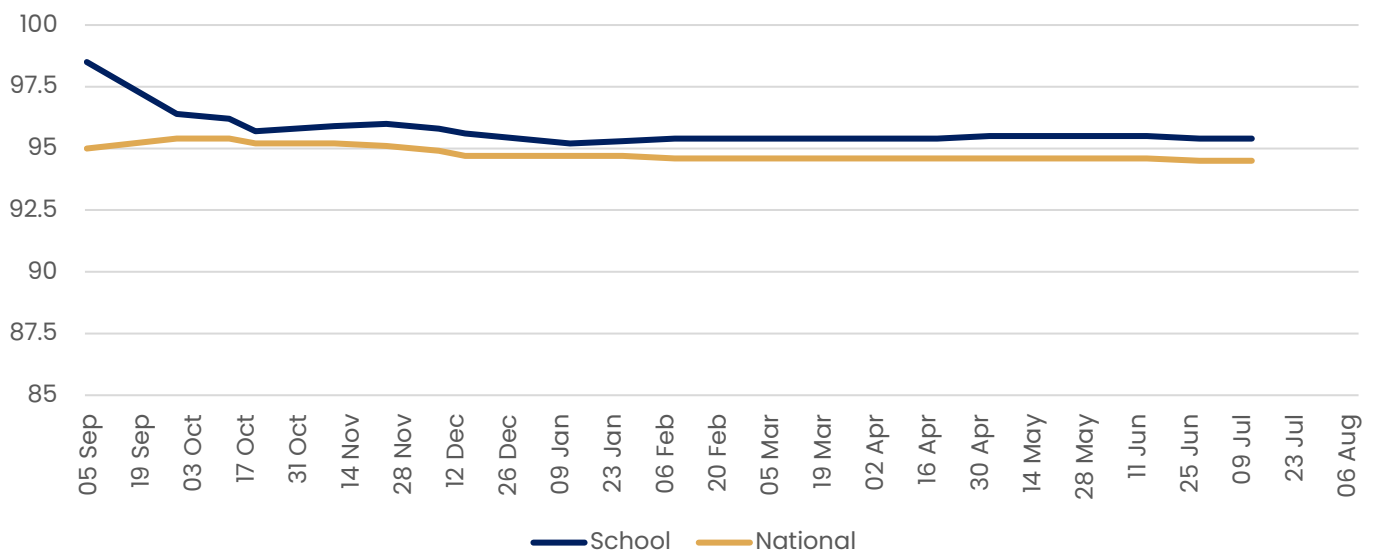
Attendance matters

We know from research that regular school attendance is crucial for every child's development and future success. When children attend school consistently, they are able to fully engage with the curriculum, build vital social skills, and develop positive habits that will benefit them for life. Missing out on school can lead to gaps in learning, making it harder for children to catch up and thrive. That's why we're SO PROUD of the incredible children at our school and their attendance which has consistently been above others nationally. We found out a couple of days ago that our school has even earned two awards for our spring term attendance!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



School attendance (Year to date)



Important update about Penalty Notices

We want to make sure everyone is aware of an important national change regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absences (including holidays) during term time. Starting from 16th August 2024, new national thresholds will come into effect. If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absences (equivalent to five days) a penalty notice can be issued. The fine will be £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. For repeated absences, where a parent receives a second fine for the same child within a three-year period, the fine will be at the higher rate of £160.

The maximum number of fines per parent is capped at two within a three-year period. After reaching this limit, further action such as a parenting order or even prosecution could be considered by the local authority. If prosecuted and found guilty, the fine could be as high as £2,500.

It's important to note that the money from fines is used solely by the local authority. As a school, we do not benefit in any way from attendance fines.

You can find out more information here: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know \[GOV.uk\]](#)

Join the Green Festival Competition



GREEN FESTIVAL

We are thrilled to announce that children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are invited to enter the first-ever Green Festival School Competition, organized by Broxtowe Borough Council! This wonderful initiative is an excellent opportunity for children to showcase their creativity while raising awareness about environmental issues.

There are two exciting categories your child can enter:

- Creative Writing: This can be a poem, short story, or song, up to 500 words. Submissions can be either handwritten or typed.
- Artwork or Sculpture: Create something beautiful using recycled or reusable materials. Please avoid don't use glitter or sequins to keep it eco-friendly.

If you'd like your child to take part, please bring your child's entry to school by 10am on Monday, 16th September 2024. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept any late sessions as all entries are being collected by a member of Broxtowe Borough Council's Environment Team on the day.

To help get you started, your child could choose a topic that their entry will be about. This might include the impacts of climate change, the hazards of litter, the importance of wildlife, active travel, recycling, how to help the environment and more. Some ideas include:

- Create a hedgehog collage using old magazines or fabric scraps.
- Design a poster encouraging cycling to school with a catchy slogan.
- Write a rhyming poem about the effects of littering on wildlife or a story about a recycling superhero.



We hope this competition will be an exciting and enriching summer project for everyone! We can't wait to see the amazing creations from our talented children! Let's get creative and make a difference!

Judging and Prizes

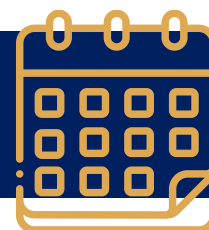
The initial judging will be conducted by the Mayor of Broxtowe during the week commencing 16th September. The shortlisted pieces will be showcased at the Green Festival on Saturday, 21st September, at Coronation Park, Eastwood, where the winners will be announced and awarded prizes by the mayor. (Take a look at the poster in the Community Notices section of this newsletter).

Prizes

- Individual winners from each Key Stage (KS1 and KS2) and category will receive prizes.
- An overall competition winner will also be awarded £250 for their school, which can be spent on environmentally themed items like a wormery, water butt, pond dipping equipment, litter picking tools, or UK native trees.



Key dates



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

Monday 2nd September – Administration day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 3rd September – INSET day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 4th September – Children return to school (Welcome back!)

Thursday 17th October – Break up for half term

Friday 18th October – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 4th November – INSET day Alderman Pounder only (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th November – Children return to school

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 6th January – Children return to school

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

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

Tuesday 25th February – Children return to school

Friday 4th March – Break up for Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

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

Monday 2nd June – Children return to school

Tuesday 29th July – Last day of term

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.

Community notices



FOOD CLUB

@ST B

MONDAYS

1.00-3.00 PM

@ST BARNABAS CHURCH, INHAM NOOK
(EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS) NG9 4HU



FREE TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE



The food club redistributes good quality food that might otherwise go to waste.

Each week, for £4.00 we offer a great variety of food worth £15 or more.

Interested in the club? Join for just £1 per year
email: community@ccchilwell.org.uk or phone 0115 9222809
Facebook (private): Friends of Food Club @ St B (Inham Nook)

**PLEASE NOTE:
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT**



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**Broxtowe
Borough
COUNCIL**

GREEN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 12PM-3PM

CORONATION PARK, EASTWOOD NG16 3LQ

**Children's Activities | FREE Trees | Wildlife Advice
Dog Show | Food Vendors | Recycling
...and so much more!**



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