



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Over the past two weeks, I have had the pleasure of showing many prospective parents around our school and, as always, the behaviour of our children has been exemplary. Without exception, visitors have commented on the calm, happy atmosphere at Highfields and on how polite, friendly and well behaved our pupils are. You should be incredibly proud of them, I certainly am!

Applications for Reception places 2027 can be made through Cheshire East Council, with the closing date for primary applications being **15 January 2027**. [Apply for a September 2027 school place \[cheshireeast.gov.uk\]](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Finally, our lost property is growing rapidly! We currently have a vast number of unnamed jumpers, hoodies and cardigans in school. If your child has lost an item of uniform, please let their class teacher know. If we are unable to locate their original item, we may at least be able to reunite them with an identical unnamed one! Please also remember to **name all items of clothing**, as this makes returning lost belongings so much easier.

Rachel Woollam

Reporting a Child Absent

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that the procedure for reporting a child absent is to telephone the school office on **01270 882472** and **select option 1** or to email admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk to leave your absence message. Please ensure you provide your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. At the moment we have a couple of parents using the school website—School Spider to report absences and a couple using Seesaw. Messages on other systems other than email or voicemail do not always get seen, so please can you use our preferred method so we can ensure we have an accurate account of attendance and absence. Thank you for helping us to keep our attendance records accurate and ensuring we know that every child is safe and accounted for.



A Reminder About Coats and School Uniform

As the autumn weather is now upon us, we have noticed that a number of children are arriving at school without a coat. Please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school each day, as children will continue to spend time outdoors during breaks and lunchtimes. We would also appreciate your support in ensuring that children's uniform follows our school uniform policy. In particular, trousers should be plain and in the appropriate school colour and style, and should not be PVC, leather-look or flared. Thank you for helping us to maintain our high standards of school uniform and ensuring children are ready for the changing weather.



Highfields Choir—One World Festival

Our choir had a fantastic time performing at the One World Festival in Alsager. It was wonderful to see our pupils taking an active part in a local community event, sharing their talents and enjoying the opportunity to perform for others. We are extremely proud of all the children who took part and represented our school with such enthusiasm. A big thank you to Mrs Matthew, Mrs Dyde and Mrs Robinson who ensured our performance was so well organised.



Starting School at Highfields?

If you are hoping for your child to attend Highfields for Reception, we would warmly encourage you to consider our Little Acorns Pre-School for their final nursery year. Being part of Little Acorns gives children the opportunity to become familiar with the school environment, routines and staff, while building friendships, confidence and independence ahead of Reception. This helps to make the transition into school as smooth and positive as possible.



We were delighted to receive this lovely feedback from one of our parents last year, which really captures what we want Little Acorns to achieve:

"I just had to highlight what a real difference Little Acorns is making to the children in getting them 'school ready', but more importantly, ready for life."



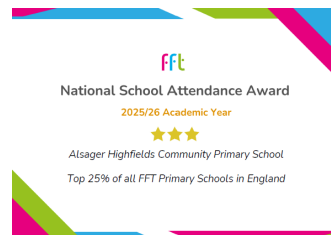
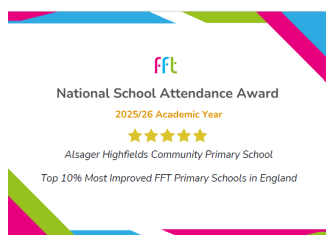
Homework Clubs



We recognise that many children share devices at home, which can sometimes make completing homework tricky. To help make homework as accessible as possible, children who attend Breakfast Club are welcome to complete their homework once they have finished eating. We also offer dedicated homework clubs after school, with Mrs Matthew running a club on Monday and Mrs Harrison on Tuesday lunchtime. We hope these opportunities will give children the time, support and access to technology they need to complete their homework successfully.

Attendance

Attendance this year has started off really well and I was delighted to receive several attendance awards for last academic year for top 10% most improved FFT Primary Schools in England and top 25% of all FFT schools. Thank you for making that possible.



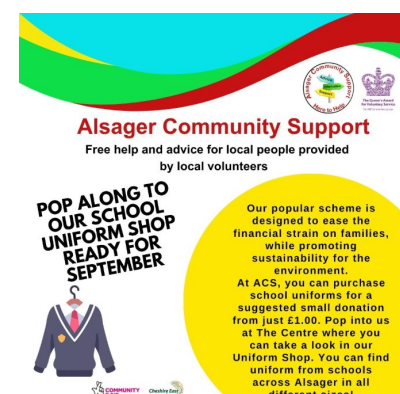
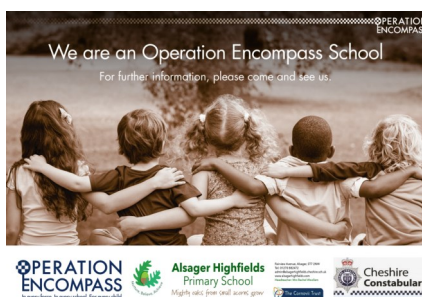
Huge well done to the following readers for having topped the charts in their class this week for accumulating the highest word count:

Year 1—Max S—108,884
 Year 2 H—Joseph Mc—47,197
 Year 2E—Ava C—41,104
 Year 3—Edward KA—291,717
 Year 4—Skyler B—390,035
 Year 5—Nora O—474,472
 Year 6—Lola H—383,842
 Staff—Mrs Harrison—1,119,384



Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass, which is a national scheme that operates between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting when a child has experienced domestic abuse. This report is sent to schools before the start of the next school day so that staff can support the children in our care.



We would like to remind families about the fantastic support available through **Alsager Community Support**, a volunteer-led service offering free help and advice to local people. Their **Pop Along to Our School Uniform Shop** provides good-quality, pre-loved school uniform completely **free of charge**, helping families save money while also giving uniform a new lease of life. If you have uniform your child has outgrown, donations are also welcomed. This is a wonderful community resource, so please do make use of the service.

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