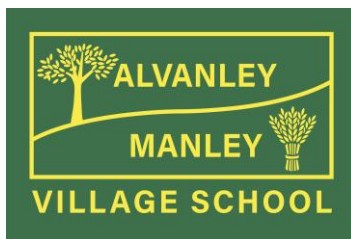


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### Important Dates for Autumn 1

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year and a warm welcome to our new parents and children who started with us this week. We hope you all had wonderful summers with your families and enjoyed the many days and weeks of sunshine!

Please find below some important dates coming up this half term. You will receive a letter similar to this every half term with important dates. We will also mention upcoming events in our weekly newsletters that will be sent out every Friday via ParentPay, and text/email reminders will also be sent out when necessary. Please make sure you read through this letter and keep a note of upcoming events for your child(ren). If you have any questions about any of our events, please just ask your child's class teacher, or email the school office [admin@alvanley.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@alvanley.cheshire.sch.uk). Someone will always be happy to help.

**Class 1:** Reception (Mrs Bennett)

**Class 2:** Year 1 and 2 (Mrs Edwards)

**Class 3:** Year 3 and 4 (Mrs Owens and Mrs Taig Wilkie (Wed AM))

**Class 4:** Year 5 and 6 (Mrs Taig Wilkie and Mrs Kent)

#### **Manley Site**

Drop-off: 8.30-8.40am

Pick up: 3.10pm

Please note that if you drop your child off after the doors are closed, you will have to bring them to the main office and sign your child(ren) in late.

#### **Alvanley Site**

Drop-off: 8.40-8.50am

Pick up: 3.20pm

**Sports Events** – Children across the school will be taking part in sports events with other local primary schools. We have not yet received the confirmed dates for these events so will send out more information soon.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School reopens for all children**

#### **Every Friday – Class 3 swimming**

Swimming starts for all children in Class 3 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Children will need to bring in their swimming equipment every Friday, and they will travel to and from swimming by coach.

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Poetry Performance**

At pick-up time on Thursday (3.10pm), children in Reception will be performing a poem that they have been learning in school. Parents/Grandparents that are collecting will be invited into the classroom to watch our mini performance that should last no more than 10 minutes.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Parent Welcome Meeting at 8.50am**

Parents of children in Reception are invited to attend a 'Welcome to Reception' workshop at 8.50am in the school hall with Mrs Bennett. Parents will find out more about life in Reception and you will also be shown how to access your child's Tapestry account. Please drop children off at school as normal and then join us in the hall for the session. If you are **not** able to attend this workshop, please can you let Mrs Bennett know as your Tapestry account details will need to be shared separately.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Infant Time Parent Session with Mrs Edwards**

Mrs Edwards will be running a short session for parents to share ideas of how you can support your child to tell the time and help with their understanding of time. The session will run from 3-3.20pm in school. Children of parents who attend the session will be looked after in their classrooms until the session finishes. All parents and grandparents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to join us. If you would like to attend the session, please come to the main office door.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Junior Time Parent Session with Mrs Edwards**

Mrs Edwards will be running a short session for parents to share ideas of how you can support your child to tell the time. The session will run from 3.20-3.40pm at the Alvanley site. Children of parents who attend the session can join parents in the hall. Parents should head straight to the hall and children will be sent to the hall at the end of the day. All parents and grandparents of children in Years 3-6 are welcome to join us. If you would like to attend, head round the back of school into the hall side door.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – WILD Own Clothes Day: WILD: Wonder, Imagination, Laughter & Discovery.**

For our first own clothes day this year, we are asking for donations towards our WILD play that we will be starting at both sites this term. We are still in need of donations for both sites to make playtimes for all our children as fun and engaging as possible. Children can come to school in their own clothes and bring something in from the list below. If you have other items not on the list you wish to donate, please speak to someone in school. We ask that parents don't buy any items, but have a look in bedrooms, sheds, gardens and garages to see what you can find. Items you can donate include old nets, buckets, milk crates, items for a mud kitchen (baking tray, utensil, colander, pots, pans (no glass), dressing up costumes or accessories, planks of wood, tyres, pallets, sheets, tarpaulin, blankets. Thank you for your support.

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 6 Welcome Meeting**

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to a Welcome Meeting with Mrs Kent and Mrs Taig Wilkie at the Alvanley site from 3pm in the school hall. The meeting should last no longer than half an hour and children will be looked after by a member of staff. We hope to see you there.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Manley site**

We are thrilled to be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Manley site this year from 9.30-11.30am. All parents, grandparents and families from across the school are invited to drop in anytime from 9.30am and join us for this special event. The coffee morning will be held in the dining hall at Manley (the building on the car park). Key stage 2 children will also be running a cake sale for children and staff at the Alvanley site. Please can we ask children to bring in donations of cakes to sell at the event and children can also bring in money donations to buy cakes during the event (suggested donation 50p-£1). If you are able to help set up the coffee morning from 9am at Manley, please get in touch with Mrs Cupples. A polite reminder that we are a nut free school, so please don't send any cakes or donations that contain nuts. Thank you.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Reception Phonics Meeting for Parents at 8.50am**

Parents of Reception children are invited to attend a Phonics Workshop with Mrs Bennett and Mrs Cupples which will take place at the Manley site at 8.50am. Parents will find out more about how we teach phonics in Reception and how to help your child at home. We will share some of our phonics resources that we use, and how we support children with phonics in school. Please drop children off at school as normal and then join us in the hall for the session.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Grandparents Day**

To celebrate grandparents day this year, we are inviting all grandparents into school from 2.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to share a story with their grandchild(ren). Books will be provided by school, or grandparents are welcome to bring one of their favourite children's books from home. Grandparents will be welcomed at the entrance to both sites from 2.30pm onwards. Please don't worry if your child doesn't have a grandparent attending, we will include all children in a group.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day for Mental health and Pyjama/Dress down day**

This year, we will again be taking part in Hello Yellow day for World Mental Health Day. Children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes with something yellow. Children will take part in assemblies and activities linked to supporting their mental health throughout the day. For further details, please follow the link.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/sign-up-to-helloyellow/>

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Reception 2027 Open Day 9-11am**

Our Open Day will be held at the Manley site for any children starting Reception in September 2027. Please share this date with anyone you know that may be interested – we look forward to seeing lots of new parents during the morning.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Stay and Play at 2pm.**

Parents and Grandparents of children in Reception are invited to attend a Stay and Play session in school. Children will share some of their recent learning. School will finish at normal time and children will be able to go home after the session. Due to space, we ask that only 1 or 2 adults attend this session.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Junior Forest Walk**

Children in Class 3 and 4 will spend the day at the Manley site and go on a forest walk during the day. Children should be dropped off and collected at the Manley site at their normal times. Children in Class 3 and 4 will need to wear their own clothes, including a waterproof coat and footwear suitable for a forest walk. Please can children also bring in a separate pair of shoes to change into after the walk. If you are able to join us for the walk, please speak to Mrs Owens. Children in Class 1 and 2 will have a normal school day.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest Photos for all children**

Tempest will be in school to take photographs of all children. Please ensure children are wearing their full school uniform. Tempest will take pictures of our younger children first. If you would like sibling photos, please take sibling children to Manley first. We will confirm a time for sibling photos nearer the time.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Class 2 Forest Walk**

Class 2 children will be going on a forest walk into Delamere Forest during the morning. Children should come to school wearing their own clothes, a waterproof coat and footwear suitable for a potentially soggy walk (wellies/walking shoes). Please can children bring a separate pair of shoes to change into after the walk. If you are able to join us for the forest walk, please speak to Mrs Edwards and she will let you know if we need your help.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents’ Meetings for all children 3.30-6.30pm**

We will be holding our Autumn term parents’ meetings for all children in the week before the half term break. A letter will be sent out nearer the time to explain how to book your child’s 10 minute parents’ meeting slot.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Whole School Day at the Alvanley Site and last day of half term**

Our whole school day this half term will be at the Alvanley site and this will also coincide with our whole school Harvest Festival which will take place at 9.15am in St. John’s Church in Alvanley (opposite the school). All parents and families are welcome to attend our Harvest Festival in the Church. Children need to wear normal school uniform for the whole school day. Before this event, please could we ask for donations of tinned or dry food to be sent into either site. This food will be donated to a local food charity. Have a look in the back of your cupboards for any food still in date! All children should be dropped off and collected from Alvanley on this day. Infant staff will be at the front of Alvanley to greet children and show parents where to take their child. All children should be dropped off and collected at their normal times. Please do not park in the Alvanley staff car park unless you have a blue disability badge.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens for all children**

As you can see, there is lots going on in school this half term! Reminders will be sent out by text and email each week; please can parents ensure that school has your correct contact number and email address. If you have any questions about any of our events, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of staff in school. We greatly appreciate your support with all of our school events.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cupples