

Allfarthing Primary School

Newsletter – 12th October 2026



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are entering the last two weeks of autumn 1 and we are gearing up for the second half term and planning in our festive performances!

On Friday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome back our Year 6 pupils from their 5-day residential trip to Osmington Bay on the Dorset coast. For several pupils, this was their very first time away from home, so huge milestone in itself. On top of that, they tackled thrilling high-rope courses, climbing up to 40 feet before braving giant zipwires and leap-of-faith jumps! Over at Portland Water Sports Centre, teamwork was the objective as they built rafts that they later set sail on! The week culminated in the iconic final-night disco, where our children danced the night away alongside pupils from visiting schools; I hear the teachers also took to the dancefloor showing their moves to the YMCA track!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the team whose dedication, care, and enthusiasm made this unforgettable trip possible and our pupils will have those memories for life.

Our parent teacher consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. The online booking system will open on Monday 2nd November and you will receive an email to let you know that the system is live and you can make an appointment to meet your child's teacher. We do recommend leaving 10 minutes between sibling appointments just in case meetings overrun. For those parents new to our school, all the information you will need to book your slots will be sent early next week but please make sure you have a parentmail account set up.

Wishing you all a lovely week.

Best wishes,
James Heale
Headteacher

SCHOOL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

In school events & trips coming up in autumn term:

- School photos – individual school photos – Thursday 15th October
- Year 3 trip to Natural History Museum – Friday 16th October
- PTA Halloween DISCO – Tuesday 20th October (*further details to follow*)
- **Break for half term – Friday 23rd October – 3.30pm finish**
- **Year 6 secondary school applications deadline – Thursday 31st October 2026**
- **Start of autumn term 2 – Monday 2nd November**
- Parent Teacher Consultations – Wednesday 18th November 4-7pm (*further details to follow*)
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- W/C 30th November – music performances (*further details to follow*)
- PTA wreath making – Monday 30th November – (*timings to follow*)
- W/C 7th December – Christmas performances (*further details to follow*)
- Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 9th December

- School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 9th December
- Year 3 Winter Sounds Concert – Thursday 10th December – Fairfield Halls, evening event
- **End of autumn term – Friday 18th December – 1.30pm finish**

Wraparound Care Provision

It is wonderful to see the increase in numbers using our wraparound care provision before and after school. However, could I please remind our families that bookings are essential in order for us to make sure we provide the level of care that is required.

A quick reminder regarding our Wraparound Care booking system: while standard bookings can be made up to 24 hours in advance, we understand that short-notice needs can pop up.

If you find yourself requiring last-minute provision, please contact David Farley directly on the WAC mobile at 07955 273 041, and we will do our best to accommodate your child.

Nursery Applications

Just a reminder that should any of our current students have a sibling born between 01/09/2023 & 31/08/2024, they will be eligible to apply for our Nursery 2027 September intake. The closing date for all Nursery applicants is 5th February 2027 and these must be returned to the School. Application forms must be submitted via the school website www.allfarthing.org.uk

Likewise, should any siblings have been born between 01/09/2022 & 31/08/2023 they will be eligible to apply for a Reception place in September 2027. The booklet 'Choose a Wandsworth Primary School' published by Wandsworth Council which details the criteria needed for the various local schools and information as to how to submit applications online can be downloaded from the Wandsworth Council website.

The closing date for all Reception applications is 15th January 2027 and these are to be submitted online www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

Reminder to all our year 6 parents that the deadline for secondary school application is Friday 31st October, during half term. If you are unsure how about the process or which schools to look at please do not hesitate to meet with either your child's teacher or a member of SLT during the next couple of weeks; we are more than happy to help you.

Any parents applying to private schools who require children to take the ISEB test, please can I make you aware that Allfarthing is a test centre for the ISEB and you should be able to select our school when applying. The test date for the ISEB will be set for later in the term and we will touch base with those schools our children and applying to and make sure we deliver the test to meet all school needs.

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You can find further information on our website [HERE](#).