

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, we say goodbye to our wonderful year 6 class. We are all incredibly proud of what this group of children have achieved and we feel confident that they are all ready for the next stage in their learning journey.

A couple of reminders for September:

- We will be a **SMART PHONE FREE SCHOOL**. Children will only be allowed a non-smart phone (sometimes known as brick phones) at school.
- We will be back to full school uniform

It is an absolute privilege serving this community as the Headteacher of The Alton School. I wish you all a pleasant and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Linsay Thomson
Headteacher

Hello and Goodbye

This week we are saying goodbye to Ms Suma, Mr Woodcock, Miss Tolu, Mrs Garces, Miss Montes and Miss Rachel in classes, and Miss Osuntokun from the office. We wish them all the best with their future plans.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Halford, Miss Corrigan, Miss Sagers, Ms Stow, and Miss Conway in September.

Flooding

Sadly, our school was flooded a month ago during a large storm and we were closed for two days. Our staff were amazing and rallied round to do their best to clean and dry out carpets and move classroom furniture. The hot weather helped the school dry out but there has been a lot of damage and furniture lost. We will be replacing classroom flooring over the summer holidays, and we have new furniture on the way too.

Flooding is a great risk in Roehampton and there are schemes and plans under way to make sure this doesn't happen again. We are part of the SUDS project which includes some landscaping in the school grounds to help absorb rainwater so it flows safely under the ground to the drains and Beverly Brook in Richmond Park. You should see some of these changes when you return in September.



Important Dates

Inset Days: Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn Term 1: Thursday 3 September – children return to school.

Full Term dates are [on our website](#).

Year 6

Our lovely Year 6 children leave us this week and start their next adventure at secondary school in September. A lot of them have been with us since Nursery, so it will be a big change for them. They put on a fabulous performance for parents this week 'The Wrong Way Round,' enjoyed their Prom party, and made heartfelt speeches about their time at The Alton in the Graduation assembly. Good luck to you all, please keep in touch and come and see us!



School Spider



This year, we have successfully launched our communications app School Spider.

Most parents can now access messages, letters, trip surveys, and make online payments. This app has replaced most paper communications and made it so much easier to share information with families. If the app stops working, delete it and redownload so it is kept up to date.

If you have not yet managed to access School Spider, please ask another parent or the office for help.

Uniform

We had a successful pre-loved uniform sale this week. Parents donated many items which can be used by other families. Thank you for your support with this and thank you to the kind group of mums who came to school to sort and hang up the clothes.



We do our best to keep uniform costs affordable whilst maintaining good quality items. From September, we will be using a new supplier, Price & Buckland, who are used across the Quality First Education Trust. We will move to online sales but continue to sell any uniform stock we have remaining in school.

Free School Meals

The way schools check eligibility for free school meals is changing from September. The Department for Education will manage it rather than Wandsworth Council and it takes into account families receiving Universal Credit. To run the check, we need both parents' names, dates of birth and national insurance numbers. We have most of this data already from the admission form. However there are some details missing or recorded incorrectly. If you receive a form like this please complete it and return to the school office as quickly as possible.

Currently Nursery are the only year group to pay for school meals. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are funded by the government, this is called Universal Free School Meals. Year 3 to Year 6 are currently funded by the Mayor of London. We will let you know if this changes.

Your details
Enter the details of the parent or guardian who is applying for free school meals.

First name:

Last name:

Date of birth (DDMMYY):

National insurance number (if you have one):

Rackets Cubed Trip

Some of our Rackets Cubed children had a fascinating trip to Mercedes Benz World.



School Garden

Our School Garden looks fantastic! Children and staff work together to grow flowers, fruits and vegetables. Well done.



Trips

A big thank you to all the parent, friends and relatives who have been able to support groups of children on trips this year, we couldn't go out without you.

We have some exciting trips and visitors lined up for next year to enhance our children's learning experiences. Keep an eye on School Spider for details.

Punctuality

We appreciate families who make every effort to arrive on time for school, and the soft start from 8.35am has eased congestion outside the classrooms.

However, the level of lateness for some children has risen this half-term. We will be monitoring this next term with our Education Welfare Officer, Arlene Armstrong.

Please allow plenty of time to get ready for school so your children start their learning and school routines in the best way possible.

Art Club

What amazing firework pictures from Art Club! Look out for the new clubs on School Spider in September.



Bikeability - Learn to Ride

Very well done to all the children who took part in the Bikeability Learn to Ride Scheme.



SEND Support

Wandsworth Family Information Service [has many resources available](#) to help support families with children with SEND.

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.
Wandsworth's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 020 8871 6622



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SPORT & TEAM GAMES Enjoy fun sports, movement games and teamwork activities. Stay active and have loads of fun!

WELLBEING & CALM ACTIVITIES Relax, reflect and recharge with mindfulness, breathing, journaling and confidence-building activities.

HEALTHY EATING & MEALS Enjoy a healthy meal each day and learn positive, healthy-eating messages.

CONFIDENCE, CREATIVITY & FRIENDSHIP Build confidence, make new friends and take pride in creating and achieving together.

What children will enjoy

- Photography using a mobile phone or tablet
- Different lens angles and rule of thirds
- Basic lighting, camera orientation and photo formats
- Taking pictures of each other and everyday objects
- Creative AI using Canva, Gemini and Meta AI
- Turning photos and drawings into simple designs and animations
- Sport, movement games and teamwork activities
- Calm-winding moments, reflection and confidence-building
- Healthy meal and positive healthy-eating messages

Why parents love it

- Safe, supervised and hands-on
- Builds confidence, creativity and digital skills
- Keeps children active, engaged and learning
- Healthy food included

A brilliant way for children to make friends, stay active and explore exciting new skills this summer!

BOOK EARLY - PLACES ARE LIMITED

For bookings and enquiries: 07511151090 Email: cad@begin2sportsgroup.com Website: www.begin2sportsgroup.com



CAMP ROCKS!

Week 1: 4 - 7 Aug @ Alton Activity Centre
Tue- Colourful Stories, Wed - Game On, Thu- Musical R.O.C.K.S, Fri - Make n Bake

Week 2: 10 - 13 Aug @ Alton Activity Centre
Mon - Colourful Stories, Tue - Game On, Wed- Musical R.O.C.K.S, Thu - Make n Bake

Week 3: 18 - 21 Aug @ Heathmere Primary
Tue- Colourful Stories, Wed - Game On, Thu- Musical R.O.C.K.S, Fri - Make n Bake

Week 4: 24 - 27 Aug @ Heathmere Primary
Mon - Colourful Stories, Tue - Game On, Wed- Musical R.O.C.K.S, Thu - Make n Bake

Camp Time: 1000 - 1500 daily
Ages: 5 - 13s

JOIN US!
FREE creative arts and play summer camp funded by Wandsworth Council, eligibility required.
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Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service **Self-Care Summer Newsletter**

Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service work in schools to support children, young people and their families with their emotional wellbeing, offering 1-2-1 support, groups and workshops. This is our summer newsletter which provides information on activities & wellbeing events you can try over the summer.

Relationships & Connection: Spending time with friends, family, pets and our community helps boost our wellbeing.

Emotional Wellbeing Support: Take a look at page 2 for self-care plans and mental health support helplines and websites.

Keeping active: Keeping active improves our mood. Find something that works for you whether it's walking, dancing, online classes or sports.

Creativity: Finding ways to be creative helps you express yourself and be more present. Try drawing, writing or making music!

Relaxation: See below some relaxation strategies to try this summer. Click [here](#) for other relaxation ideas.

Fun and Entertainment: Look at page 3-4 for lots of free/low cost and FUN activities in Wandsworth!

Breathe In
Hold 4 seconds Hold
Breathe Out

Take a deep breath. Look around you and name:

5 Things you can see	3 Things you can hear
2 Things you can feel	1 Thing you can taste
4 Things you can smell	