



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to all our Allerton Grange families. I hope you enjoyed a restful break and feel refreshed for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see students return with such positivity, ready to embrace the opportunities of the **Spring Term**.

A Strong Start to Term

I would like to extend a sincere **thank you to all parents and carers** for your continued support with **uniform and behaviour standards**. Your partnership makes a real difference in ensuring students arrive at school prepared, focused, and ready to learn. The start of term has been calm, purposeful, and reflective of the high expectations we hold as a school community.

Parents' Evening – Thank You

A huge thank you to all **staff, parents, and carers** who attended and contributed to last night's Year 9 Parents' Evening. These events play a vital role in supporting student progress, and the level of engagement was fantastic to see. We truly value the strong relationships between home and school, and your involvement helps us create the best possible learning experience for our young people.

Uniform Expectations Returning to Normal

From **Monday 12 January**, we will return to our **usual uniform expectations**. The forecast indicates that weather conditions will improve and we do **not** anticipate icy surfaces. As a result, students should be back in school **shoes rather than trainers**. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards across the school.

SLT Surgery Update

Please note that we will **no longer be running the SLT Surgery on Thursday afternoons**. Full details of how to contact staff with any queries or concerns can be found on our [school website](#), where you will also find guidance on who to contact for specific types of enquiries.

Looking Ahead to an Exciting Spring Term

The Spring Term is always an exciting one, full of new learning, enrichment, and opportunities for students to shine. We look forward to:

- Celebrating student achievements across subjects
- Continuing to raise aspirations and support progress for all year groups
- Offering a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities
- Preparing our exam groups with the guidance and support they need

Thank you in advance for your ongoing encouragement as we support students through this busy and important term.

Finally

I am incredibly proud of how positively the year has begun. Thank you again for your partnership and continued support. Together, we will ensure that 2026 is a year of ambition, progress, and success for every student at Allerton Grange.

Warm regards

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 6 to Friday 16 January - Year 13 Pre Public Exams and Year 11 MFL Speaking PPEs

Tuesday 20 January - KS3 Parents Online Safety Talk, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Wednesday 21 January - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (1), 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Wednesday 28 January - Year 7 Parents' Consultation Event, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Thursday 29 January - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (2), 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Monday 2 February - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines ([Parental consent required](#)) *If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccinations, you still need to complete the refusal section.*

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 11 February - School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Doors 6.30 pm, Show starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - Half Term Holiday

Training Days 2025-26

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026 ✓

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Parents' Information Evenings 2025-26

We have an online booking system for Parents' Evenings

<https://agrange.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For the 2025-26 academic year Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. You will receive a letter from school prompting you to book your appointments.

- 6 October 2025 - Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 18 November 2025 - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 4 December 2025 - Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 8 January 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 28 January 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 February 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email sixthform@allertongrange.com



AGS Performing Arts

are proud to present

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 February 2026

7.00 pm

(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets are £10 per person

A gleefully macabre sci-fi horror musical, powered by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's infectious 1960s-style pop, rock, and Motown score.

A nerdy florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed...



GCSE and A level Certificate Collection

It was so lovely to catch up with former Allerton Grange School students this afternoon, when they came into school to collect their GCSE and A level certificates.

Any students who weren't able to attend can call into Main Reception to collect their certificates.



Workshop for parents and carers



The session will cover:

- How Health Services work.
- Health providers in Leeds.
- Health services in Leeds and where to find out more information about services.
- Transition to adult services within health

Overview of health services in Leeds

Date: Tuesday 10th February 2026

Time: 11am till 12pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

[Book your free place](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/HealthWorkshop/)

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We will be recording the session, if you are unable to attend but would like to submit a question please complete the booking form

Want to know more about Health Services in Leeds?

You can join a Parents and Carers' Overview of Health Services in Leeds session on Teams on 10 February 2026, 11 am to 12 pm.

Book your free place

Record Breaking Weightlifting

Huge congratulations to Meg in Year 11 who is a member of the Women's GB Youth Squad for Weightlifting and competed at the English Senior Championships in December where she achieved three British Records and made a qualifying total that means she can be considered for the World Youth Championships and the European Championships in 2026.

Check lost property by 14 January 2026

Please check your child's belongings and remember to label items if they don't already have your student's name in them.

If anything has been lost in school, please ask your child to check Lost Property at Main Reception by 14 January.

There are lots of items waiting to be claimed. Lost Property will be cleared after 14 January and unclaimed items donated to a charity shop or the Allerton Grange School Uniform Exchange.

Thank you.

Parent Support Videos

There is a new bite-sized video available from Leeds for Learning called '[How can I support my child during holiday seasons/events?](#)', exploring why holiday seasons/events may be overwhelming for some, and practical strategies to support children and young people preparing and navigating holiday seasons/events. There are also other videos on this page available to support parents.

If you need more information please contact send@leeds.gov.uk

Family Hubs SEND parent drop ins

Family Hubs are designed to support families by bringing together a range of services into one easy-to-access space. Whether you need parenting advice, health support, education guidance, or help navigating local services, our family hubs are here to help.

Family hubs act as a vital link between families and community support, offering a holistic approach to meet individual family needs. They are also a space where families can connect with others in their community.

The SEND Coordinators within the Family Hubs are hosting SEND parent drop in:

Outer West Family Hub

Last Thursday of the month, 9 am till 12 pm at Horsforth Library.

Inner West Family Hub

Last Wednesday of the month, 9.30 am till 12 pm at Armley Community Hub.

Book your place now

Book your place by calling 0113 535 0185 or emailing family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk quoting the drop in you would like to book a place for, upon booking you will be given a time slot.

SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop-In

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Speech and Language Service

Dates and times:

- Wednesday 14 January 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Swarcliffe Community Hub, LS14 5LS
- Wednesday 4 February 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Horsforth Library Building, LS18 5BL

[Book your place here](#)

Email LLO@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

STARS Training (parents and professionals)

These workshops provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Please email send@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Puberty and sexuality

Wednesday 7th January 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will look at why autistic children and young people need more support to understand puberty, relationships, sexuality and sex. We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people to better understand these themes.

Preparation for adulthood: independent living

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop their independence. The focus of the session will be on how we support children from early years through to adulthood to develop their confidence, self-advocacy and independence depending on their stage in life. We will be sharing key resources and approaches to prioritise and plan the steps to independence.

Emotional wellbeing

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health.

We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu
Little shop of Horrors Pit Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDu	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/ Cba *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu	Years 9, 10 & 11 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JGA	Year 7 School of Rock- for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ Cba *
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	Years 7 & 8 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD	Years 8 & 9 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa	<p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>KS5</p>
	Basketball Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAD		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLO	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			
	Little Shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

Clubs run from 3-4pm starting from January

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Fitness Y7/8 Basketball	Fitness Suite Sports Hall	JAD DTO
WEDNESDAY	Trampoline Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11	Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite	KAI SNO JGA
THURSDAY	Trampoline Y7 Table Tennis 9/10	Sports Main Hall	ECa SNO

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS
Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.

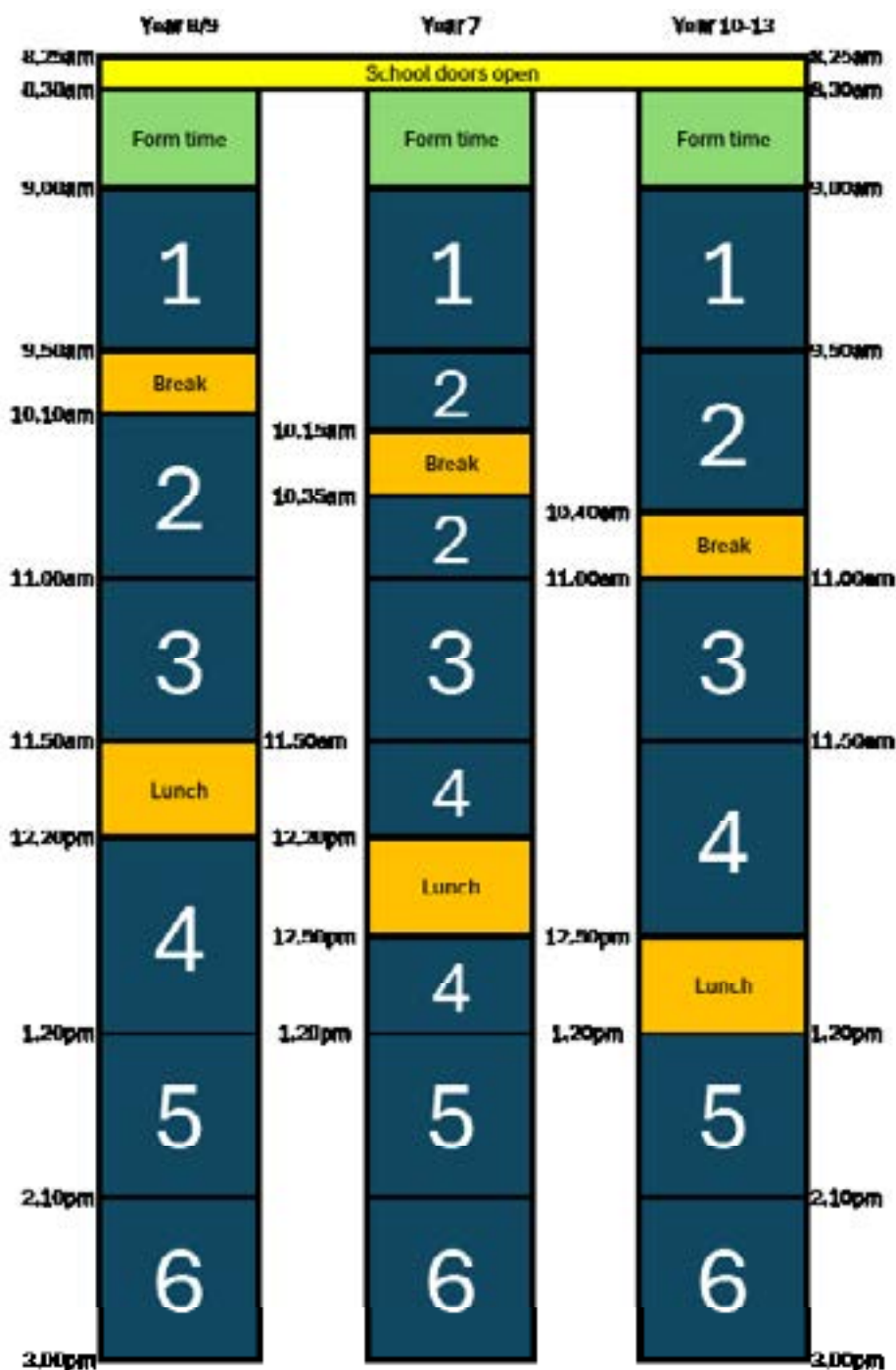
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Little Shop of Horrors Musical Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/Reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm
(30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm
(90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.