



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Allerton Grange Community,

What an incredibly full, spirited and rewarding first week back it has been at Allerton Grange School. The energy around the building has been nothing short of inspiring, and I continue to be so proud of how our students and staff embrace every opportunity that comes their way. This week has been a truly impressive showcase of what makes our school special. Across all year groups, students have thrown themselves into activities, learning experiences and events that broaden horizons and enrich their education far beyond the classroom.

A Week of Exceptional Experiences

We've had a remarkable number of events running, often simultaneously, which reflects both the ambition of our curriculum and the dedication of our staff.

Year 13 Geography Residential:

Our Post-16 geographers have spent time out in the field completing high-level investigative work. These experiences are essential for bringing learning to life and developing valuable research skills.

Year 11 Hospitality & Catering NEA:

Our Year 11 students have been hard at work on their Non Exam Assessments, producing dishes that genuinely impressed everyone involved. Their professionalism and creativity have shone through.

KS4 Textiles Trip:

Students had the opportunity to experience textiles in context - seeing the industry in action and drawing inspiration for their own design work.

GCSE Science Live:

A fantastic event giving our scientists the chance to hear directly from leading experts, helping them deepen their understanding and ignite even more curiosity for their subject.

A Midsummer Night's Dream Theatre Trip:

Our English and Drama students enjoyed a brilliant production, helping them connect with Shakespeare in a dynamic and memorable way.

Ski Trip Parental Meeting:

It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with preparations for the upcoming ski trip. Excitement is definitely building!

Year 10 Parents' Evening:

We ended the week with a highly positive Parents' Evening. The conversations, support and shared ambition for our young people were truly uplifting.

Thank You to Our Staff and Families

Weeks like this don't happen by accident. They happen because we have a staff team who pour immense energy, care and professionalism into everything they do. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every colleague who has led a trip, supported an exam component, attended an event, or ensured that school keeps running smoothly, despite such a busy schedule. To our parents and carers - thank you for your continued support, involvement and commitment. Whether you attended a meeting, supported preparations at home, or encouraged your child to take part, it makes a real difference.

Parent Governor Nominations

We have received five nominations for the role of Parent Governor and will therefore be holding a secret ballot. To ensure the election is fair, accessible and secure, parents and carers may vote either online or by submitting a handwritten ballot paper. You may choose whichever method is most convenient for you; however, you may only vote once. Each parent or legal guardian is entitled to cast one vote for a single candidate. Further details will be shared via email, Class Charts, and on the school website. Thank you in advance for your support with this important process. We would also like to thank all parents who have put themselves forward for the role.

As we move into the rest of the term, I'm excited to build on this strong start. If this first week is anything to go by, there is so much to look forward to.

Warm regards

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2 to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day - Big Book Swap in the Library

Monday 9 to Friday 13 March - National Science Week

Thursday 12 March - NeuroStars Parent/Carer Support Group, 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 24 March - Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening (Online Appointments)

Monday 24 March - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines Mop Up

Thursday 26 March - KS4/5 Concert, Tickets available from ParentPay

Thursday 2 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Friday 3 April - Good Friday (School Closed)

Monday 6 to Friday 17 April - Easter Holidays (School Closed)

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

Join us at our KS4&5 Concert on Thursday 26 March - All Welcome!

Tickets are £5 from ParentPay.



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.

- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

The Big Book Swap is back!

World Book Day is on Thursday 5 March this year and we will again be running the 'Big Book Swap'.

How it works: Bring in one or more book from home that you would like to swap. Be sure to check with people at home that they are happy for you to swap this book!

Bring your books to the Library between 23 February and Wednesday 4 March and swap them for a book swap token. Then, at break and lunchtime on World Book Day – Thursday 5th March we will have all of the books out on display and you can exchange your token for a new book.

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



Manchester Textiles Trip

On Tuesday, the Year 10 and 11 Textile students visited two galleries in Manchester, The Whitworth and the Manchester Art Gallery.



We saw collections by contemporary artists Delaine La Bas (nominated for the Turner prize) and Yuki Kihara, both inspiring works capturing the links to two very different cultures and heritage.



We also saw more traditional collections ranging from Lowry, sculpture and art inspired by Greek mythology. Overall it was a very busy, enjoyable day which has given our students plenty of inspiration to bring back to the classroom.



KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish.

To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.

YEAR 7 duolingo COMPETITION
WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/BYXZQH
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 8 duolingo COMPETITION
WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/NADBQX
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 9 duolingo COMPETITION
WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/QCZPSQ
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

Year 7 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ

Drama Theatre Trip

We had a fantastic time at Leeds Playhouse on Thursday evening with 43 of our Year 8 and 9 students.

We saw a darkly comedic version of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. From start to finish, our students were brilliant with members of staff commenting on how mature they were and that it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed it.

Thank you to Mr Macrow, Miss MacFadyen and Mrs Neilson for giving up their evening to join Mrs Spencer-Matthews on another wonderful evening with our fabulous students!

Sports Fixture Results

Netball

Year 9 girls beat Rounday 6-5

Football

Year 11 boys beat Priesthorpe in the quarter final of the cup 7-0.

Year 10/11 girls lost 6-5 to Pudsey Grangefield in the quarter final.

Tynai and Grace in Year 11 have also had some individual **Football** success this week. They have been successful in making the next round of football trials that are going to be held in Birmingham.

Last month, the girls, plus another Year 11 student, Lily, went to a trial for those that are not currently at a football academy. The aim of this is to try and select a group of players who will then form a team to play against some academy teams.

Climbing

Recently, Edie in Year 10, competed in the British Boulder and Lead Championships. She made the finals across both competitions, which were GB selection events. As a result, Edie has been selected into the GB development team! This is such an exciting opportunity, highlighting her dedication and investment in her sport.

Edie will be competing for the GB development team in Rotterdam in March and training during the Easter holidays. Congratulations!



GCSE Science Live Trip

On Wednesday, 37 year 10 pupils went to Bradfords' St Georges Hall for GCSE Science Live.

The pupils had the opportunity to listen to 6 scientists' current research and possible career paths. This was an incredible full day event filled with talks about space, fertility and if time travel is possible.

Some pupils shared what they thought of the day:

"It was so interesting and we loved Professor Robert Winston!"

"The talks really opened my eyes to space and the possibilities it holds"

"So cool to learn about where science can take me"



Lost Property

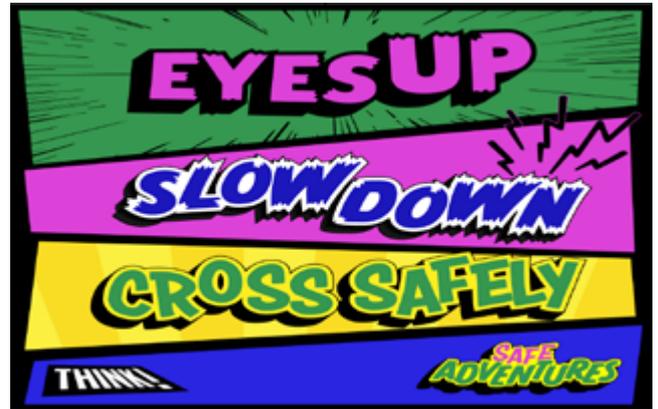
If your child has lost something in school, please remind them to check Lost Property at Main Reception. We have a large collection of coats and packed lunch containers. On Friday 6 March the Lost Property bin will be emptied and items donated to a charity shop.

Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



Inclusion Advisory Team Parent, Carer, Professional Workshops

These workshops provide information for parents and carers of children and young people living in Leeds who are autistic or who are believed to be neurodivergent. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Emotional wellbeing

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 9.45 till 11.15 am

This online Teams 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.

Please email SEND@leeds.gov.uk to book your place.

Puberty and sexuality - Secondary/Post-16 Wednesday 25 March 2026

This online session will look at why some children and young people may need additional support to understand puberty, relationships, sexuality and sex.

We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people of better understand these themes.

Please email leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email to book your place.

Preparation for Adulthood - Employment Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9.45 - 11.15 am

This online Teams session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting young people to identify their strengths and interests and how this can inform their aspirations for the future. We will be exploring resources and approaches to plan the steps to employment such as preparing for an interview through to opportunities in employment and how to effectively self-advocate in the workplace and request adjustments.

Please email SEND@leeds.gov.uk to book your place.

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Neurodiversity Consultancy
SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE,
ADULTS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS & WORKPLACES
*DIAGNOSIS IS NOT NEEDED

Parent/Carer Support Group

You are invited to our upcoming support group:

**Thursday 12th March,
4.30pm- 5.30pm**

Allerton Grange High School

For more information about the work we do, or to book a FREE 30-minute Initial Chat, please get in touch:
07546 566997
hello@neurostars.co.uk
www.neurostars.co.uk

LEEDS LOCAL OFFER LIVE 2026

The Leeds Local Offer has information about services that help children and young people with SEND. It also helps parents and carers find support in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is an event where you can meet different SEND services and learn what they do.

This year, the workshops are about Supported Internships. Come along to find out more about this pathway.

Wednesday 25 March 2026

10am till 3pm (Drop in)

Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

BOOK YOUR PLACE [Complete the booking form here.](#)

Join Us For A 4 Weeks Training Workshop On Neurodiversity & Inclusion

An interactive training aimed at community leaders, professionals, educators and parents to increase knowledge on neurodiversity and provide tools and strategies to support neurodiverse children from minority ethnic communities.

WHY JOIN?

- 1 Gain a deeper understanding of neurodiversity and its impact on individuals and communities especially from minority ethnic communities.
- 2 Learn to adopt a strengths-based approach when supporting neurodivergent individuals.
- 3 Explore cultural nuances that influence how neurodiversity is perceived within ethnic minority communities.
- 4 Develop skills to engage parents from diverse backgrounds in meaningful conversations about their neurodivergent children.
- 5 Learn how to break cultural barriers and misconceptions to provide better support.

STARTING
APRIL 3RD, 2025
EVERY THURSDAY | 7:30PM - 9PM

SPONSORED BY:
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<https://bit.ly/AfrیکنnessNeurodiversityTraining>

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study 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	
	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 *
	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 *
	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	* Each term the club will explore a different programme
	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	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			
	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

DAY	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.
These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.
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)
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

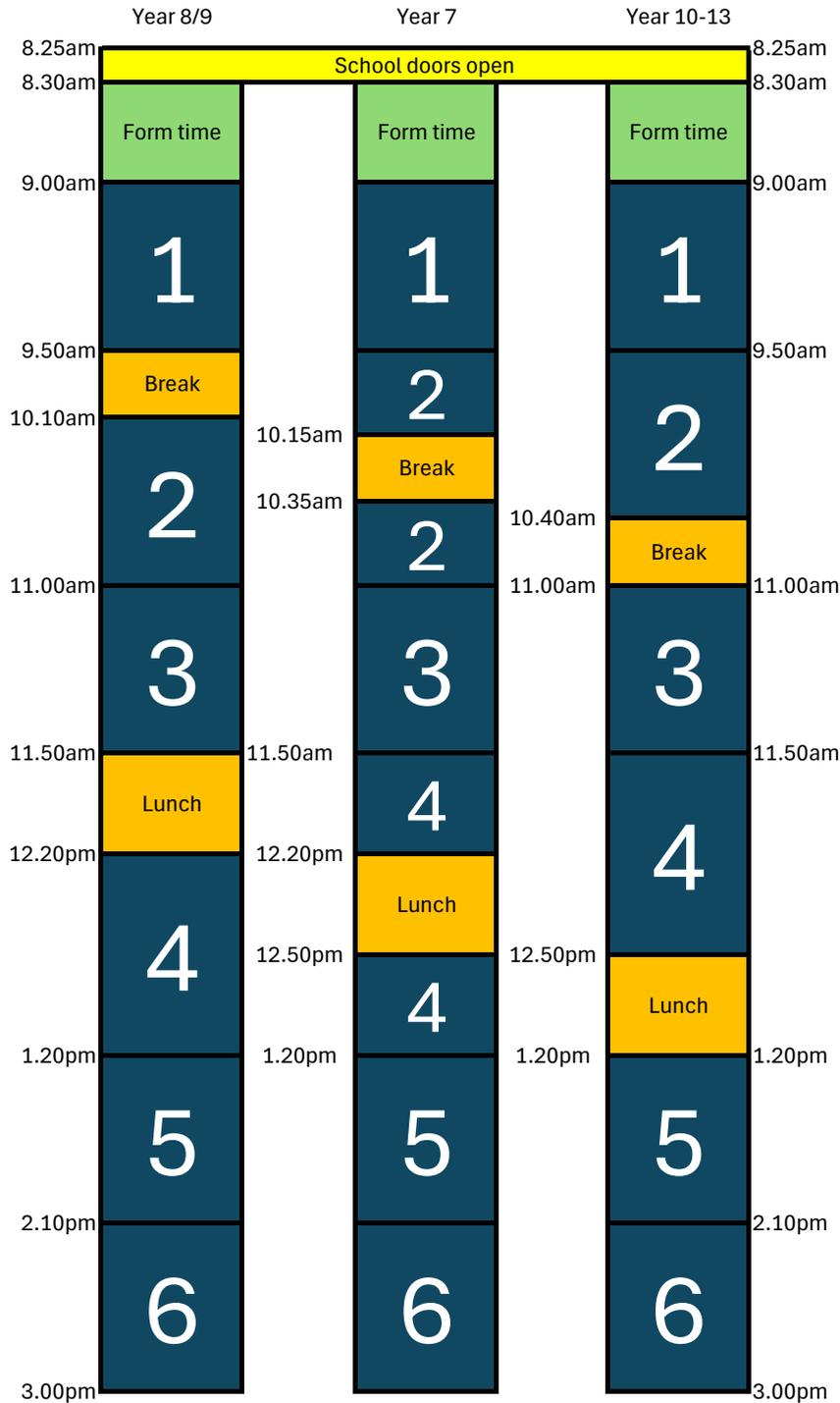
Drama Extra-Curricular Clubs - week commencing 2 March 2026:

Tuesday 3 March, 3 pm in D001 - Year 7 Drama Club with Ms MacFadyen

Tuesday 3 March in the Hall - ESU Shakespeare Competition with Mrs Spencer-Matthews and Mr Hansen

Wednesday 4 March, 3 pm in D001 - Year 8 & 9 Drama Club with Mrs Spencer-Matthews and Ms Hullock.

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.