

Allfarthing Primary School

Newsletter – 11th September 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year and a special welcome to all our new children and parents in our reception and nursery classes, as well as those that have joined us in KS1 and KS2; I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. The first week back is already behind us, and it has been a wonderful start to the new school year. I have enjoyed catching up with many of our families during morning drop-off and I hope that our families have managed to meet Mr Acres, our new Deputy Head, who has also been out in the playground this week welcoming our children back to school. It has been a busy week for our new nursery and reception children who have been slowly introduced to school life this week. From next week everyone will be in school fulltime which we are really looking forward to. It has been wonderful to see how the other year groups have quickly, and smoothly, settled into their new classrooms, energised and ready for the year ahead.

Whilst the children are eased into their new year groups, we are full steam ahead with our extra-curricular activities. Our year 3 children are off to Butser Ancient Farm later this month and our year 4 children are packing their bags for their overnight adventure at the Rootd residential camp for a night in wooden huts. We are continuing to offer all children in years 3 to 5 swimming lessons as part of the KS2 curriculum. Our children in 5T will start their lessons next week at Putney Leisure Centre and 5G will have their turn in autumn 2. This opportunity for all year-round swimming, trips and workshops (excluding residential) is all funded by our wonderful PTA and I would like to thank our families for their continued support of our PTA as without you, these opportunities are not always affordable.

We have set dates for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and these can be found in the diary dates section below. All these meetings are after school.

On Monday, 14th September, our before and after school clubs start. There is still an opportunity to sign up your child should you wish to do so. If you have missed out and would like to add your child to our waiting lists, please see Alex in reception.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
James Heale
Headteacher

SCHOOL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

In school events & trips coming up in autumn term:

- Year 6 – Meet the Teacher – Thursday 17th September 3.45pm
- PTA Welcome Picnic BBQ – Friday 18th September 3.30pm – KS2 playground – everyone welcome
- Year 4 – Meet the Teacher – Monday 21st September 3.45pm
- TFL in for Year 6 – Monday 21st September
- Year 3 – Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 22nd September 3.45pm

- Year 4 – Rootd Adventure Residential – 24th – 25th September (*for those that have signed up*)
- Year 1 – Meet the Teacher – Thursday 28th September 3.45pm
- Year 3 – Butser Farm – Monday 28th September – 8am start
- Year 5 – Meet the Teacher – Monday 28th September 3.45pm
- Year 2 – Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 29th September 3.45pm
- Year 6 – PGL – Monday 5th – Friday 9th October (*for those that have signed up*)
- School photos – individual school photos – Thursday 15th October
- Year 3 trip to Natural History Museum – Friday 16th October
- **Break for half term – Friday 23rd October 3.30pm**
- **Year 6 secondary school applications deadline – Thursday 31st October 2026**
- **Start of autumn term 2 – Monday 2nd November**

Meet the Teacher Presentations

Meet the Teacher presentations will take place over the next couple of weeks. These will take place at 3:45pm straight after school. We will set up a separate classroom for your children so that so that you can attend the session. The presentation will also be available on the website following each session.

The dates for our Year 1 to Year 6 parents are:

- Thursday 17th September Year 6
- Monday 21st September Year 4
- Tuesday 22nd September Year 3
- Thursday 24th September Year 1
- Monday 28th September Year 5
- Tuesday 29th September Year 2

Pick Up and Drop Off Routines

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient processes at the start and end of day we would be grateful if our parents/carers could please be reminded of the following:

- Unless you have a pre-arranged meeting, please avoid coming into the front playground before the main gates open at 8.45am
- When picking up, please remain behind the cones that are placed towards the front of the playground. Teachers will release children when they see you in the playground waiting to collect
- Please note that children using any of the playground equipment, before or after school hours, must be supervised by parents/carers and do so at their own risk

Wraparound Care Provision

We offer a full wraparound care provision here at Allfarthing. Our new parents have been sent the information today in order open their accounts should they wish to use the facility. Full information about our provision can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

We are currently finalising our staffing arrangements for the year so I would like to encourage parents to make any regular bookings as soon as possible, preferably by the middle of next week. These numbers will allow us to properly staff the sessions to support our regular families who need to use this provision.

Please note that a booking can be cancelled should you realise you no longer need it; full information about cancelling bookings can be found in the T&Cs on the Magicbooking website. There will always be capacity for ad hoc bookings.

If you have any questions, or issues logging in, please email Ali Good at wraparound@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk

School Uniform

School uniform at Allfarthing is compulsory for all children from Nursery to Year 6. To keep costs manageable for our families while maintaining a smart standard, we have limited our branded items to just three core pieces:

- School polo shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Cardigan

All other items, including t-shirts, bags, coats, and PE kits, do not require the school logo. You can review our full uniform policy on the school website which can be found [HERE](#). Please can I remind you that no nail varnish is allowed and the only jewellery permitted are small stud earrings. All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Our PTA host a second hand uniform sale in the playground at least once a term.

ClassDojo – Information for all new parents

ClassDojo is an app/website that we use on a daily basis in our school. Teachers use the communication side, class story, for reminding parents of trips or events coming up for their year group and any important information that needs to be shared, as well as a way to celebrate class, or individual, achievements each week. There is also a 'whole school story' which is used by any members of staff who are wishing to communicate across the whole school and give you a window into everyday life at Allfarthing.

ClassDojo uses eggs as a fun incentive for students to log in and interact with the platform, hatching into their unique Monster avatars once they've logged in for the first time. Students earn points for positive behaviours and skills as set by their teacher, which contribute to their class total creating a positive and engaging experience, motivation and a sense of community in the classroom.

In order for school to make full use of the application we will be uploading pictures regularly to the class stories and the whole school story, therefore if you DO NOT wish for your children to be included in these photographs, please email Ali Good via info@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk to opt out.

Please could you let us know by the end of the day on Monday 21st September if you are opting out.