# Allfarthing Primary School
## Newsletter – 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,
Well there you have it, we have reached the end of autumn 1 already!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils for their hard work during the first half term. Autumn term 1 is always fast paced as we all settle into our new roles and classes. I appreciate it is especially hard for our EYFS children as they embark on their new school journey. That said, I am incredibly proud of our children who have really embraced the new school year, incorporating our Allfarthing Values into their daily lives here at school.

Over the last couple of weeks a few of our year 6 pupils have been preparing their personal statements as they apply for the roles of 'Head Pupil' for this academic year. The standard of applications was incredibly high this year. Following a student and staff vote, I am delighted to announce that our two Head Pupils for this year are Atticus Woodward (6R) and Oliver Thomas (6R) with Ali Hussain taking on the role as Deputy Head Pupil (6C). I am really looking forward to working closely with Atticus and Ollie over the year as they continue to role model and demonstrate our school values and ethos every day.

Last year I started a 'Celebration' section in my newsletter of our pupils', and staffs', extra-curriculum activities outside of school. At Allfarthing we are very proud of not only our children and their academia but also our sporting, musical and dancing achievements, as examples, and I am sure there are many other achievements that can be celebrated with our families. If you have any celebrations that you would like to share with the Allfarthing Community please send details to alison.good@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk. I look forward to sharing these in future newsletters.

Looking forward to autumn term 2, you will see from the events below that we will be starting the term with our Parent Teacher Consultations. These will be held over 2 evenings and a communication was sent earlier today and the booking system will go live on Monday 2nd November at 10am for you to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher. If you are having any issues, or need help, please email alison.good@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk and she will be able to help you with bookings.

This weekend the clocks go back and winter draws in. We are starting to see a change in the weather too so please can you remember to send your child in with jumpers/cardigans and coats; make sure all are named as we are seeing increasing piles of unnamed lost uniform! Thank you.

At the risk of repeating myself, I must once again bring your attention to the parking guidelines detailed in a section below. The safety of our children and maintaining positive relationships with our local neighbours are two of our highest priorities. If you drive your children to school, please ensure you strictly follow all local parking restrictions and drive with extreme care. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation in keeping our school community safe.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November recharged and ready for autumn term 2!

Best wishes,
James Heale, Headteacher

## SCHOOL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

***In school events & trips coming up in autumn term:***

- **Year 6 secondary school applications deadline – Saturday 31st October 2026**
- **Start of autumn term 2 – Monday 2nd November**
- Parent Teacher Consultations – Wednesday 18th November 4-7pm
- Parent Teacher Consultations – Thursday 19th November 4-7pm
- PTA Winter Fair – Saturday 28th November 2026 – everyone welcome 12-4pm
- 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**

## Celebrating Achievements – Our very own Mr Heale

I feel that in my position as the PA for Mr Heale, I am able to start the new 'Celebrating Extra-curricular Achievements' section by celebrating our very own Headteacher! Who knew that Mr Heale is a runner in his spare time and recently ran the BIG HALF; an inclusive half marathon around London that celebrates the diversity of the city running through the heart of four boroughs each bursting with culture, spirit and support. Mr Heale completed the event in a very respectable 2hours and 20 seconds, a fantastic achievement. Well run Mr Heale!

As a London school we were delighted to receive news that we had been given two London Marathon places for the event next April. Following a random name draw in the KS1 celebration assembly today, Mr Heale has secured a coveted spot in the 2027 London Marathon! We will keep you posted on his training schedule!

## SPORTING ROUNDUP FOR Autumn Term 1

<u>Panathlon - Tue 20th Oct</u>

Eight Year 3 and 4 students participated in a Panathlon Festival on Tuesday at Southfields Academy. They took part in a number of different activities including Boccia Ball Blast, New Age Kurling Spin, Precision Bean Bag and Adapted Basketball. Everyone did so well at each activity and represented Allfarthing brilliantly.

<u>Girls Football - Thu 22nd Oct</u>

The Year 5 and 6 girls drew a tough pool at their tournament on Thursday against Bellville Wix and Honeywell School. They met St. Anslems in the knockout round and, despite scoring a fabulous team goal, the team unfortunately lost 2-1. A special shout out to Savannah who was the 'Player of the Tournament' from Allfarthing for her dribbling up the wing and relentless tracking back to get her body in the way of the ball and the goal.

## Nursery Applications - REMINDER

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 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 Saturday 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.

## Drop off and Pick Up in Cars – IMPORTANT REMINDER

Could I please address the parking rights around Allfarthing for those families that drive to school?

**Please be reminded of the following:**

- **Strict Restrictions:** There is a "no parking at any time" restriction outside the school.
- **Designated Areas:** The parking bays opposite the school are the *only* permitted places to park near the entrance. If these are full, you must find a space further down the street.
- **Allfarthing Lane:** Cars must not stop or be left unattended on the yellow lines on Allfarthing Lane to collect children.

Illegal parking puts children's lives at risk by blocking visibility on an already busy road. The borough has agreed to support us with these ongoing issues and will be providing an increase in the presence of Enforcement Officers before and after school, as well as arranging for the fading parking bay signage in St Ann's Crescent to be replaced.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.