

Allfarthing Primary School

Newsletter – 25th September 2026



Dear Parents,

As I write this newsletter, our year 4 children are returning from their two-day residential trip in the Surrey woods. They have had an incredible time exploring the outdoors, learning new skills and spending a night in the cosy wooden pods circling a central campfire. For some children it was their first night away from home and we could not be prouder of the resilience, team spirit, and independence they demonstrated throughout. Whether they were conquering outdoor challenges or supporting each other through new experiences, every child pushed past their comfort zones with brilliant enthusiasm. It goes without saying that they will all sleep well tonight!

Thank you to our parents that have been able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations this week; we hope you found them useful and for those unable to attend we will be sending the presentations out on parentmail and they can also be found on our website [HERE](#). We are still to host 'Meet the Teacher' for years 2 and 5, these dates can be found further down in the newsletter.

We are lucky to still be experiencing good weather as we reach the end of September. We always do our best to get the children outside during playtimes as the fresh air and space to run around is very beneficial for all children in terms of not just physical health, but boosting mental and emotional well-being and giving them freedom to run around burning off energy from sitting in classrooms. Please make sure your child comes in appropriately dressed for the weather, remembering jumpers as the days get cooler and raincoats if it looks like rain. Thank you for your support with this and please do remember to name all items of clothing as it is hard to keep track of items not named.

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 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
- PTA Halloween DISCO – Tuesday 20th October (*further details to follow*)
- **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**
- Parent Teacher Consultations – Wednesday 18th November 4-7pm (*further details to follow*)
- Parent Teacher Consultations – Thursday 19th November 4-7pm (*further details to follow*)

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 2 & Year 5 parents are:

- Monday 28th September Year 5
- Tuesday 29th September Year 2

Drop off and Pick Up in Cars

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.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

Reminder to all our year 6 parents that the deadline for secondary school application is Friday 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.

All open days for Wandsworth Schools can be found [HERE](#).

You can find further information on our website [HERE](#).