Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN

14th November 2025

Good afternoon everyone,

Another busy week comes to a close for many of our students but rehearsals for Grease continue tomorrow alongside our first year 11 Saturday School for geographers and historians. I never take the commitment from the staff for granted here. We are very lucky to have staff who continue to want to go the extra mile for the students. There will be over 200 students making their way into school tomorrow. Wow! Final performance nights are upon us next week with our primary school matinee also taking place. It's getting very exciting in school now as we get really close to the final stages.

During this week we have had a year 9 Super Learning Day, *Working for Marcus*. This is around the sensitive topic of Child Sexual Exploitation PSHE Workshop: Child Exploitation, Knife Crime, Grooming, Online Safety, Consent.

We also held year 10, and then year 11 Mock Interviews too with numerous professionals, including some former students, joining us in order to assist with this key experience. I'd like to convey my thanks to everyone who gave up time to support the interviews.

Good luck Year 11s

MFL mock speaking examinations start next week for our year 11s, with written exams starting the week beginning 24th November. Good luck to all of our year 11s. There are no chances for resitting exams if students are absent on any given day for these mocks.

Remembrance

Mr Cooke led whole school assembly on Monday morning around the theme of Armistice. After a wonderful morning in Alcester with so many of our students last Sunday, this was a fitting time to talk to the school about the continued importance of this event. We followed this up with a two minutes silence on Tuesday.

I cannot begin to explain the level of pride that we had on Sunday for the volume of students involved in Remembrance events around the area. This is on behalf of all of the staff and the Governing Body, many of whom were present in Alcester to see students there. Not only did we see students in school uniform, but then in the uniforms of the vast numbers of organisations that they represent outside of school. We have put together a montage of the photographs that I have received from you later on in this edition. It was a delight to speak to so many parents also.

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Mr Mark Cargill, Chairman of the Alcester Division of the Royal British Legion specifically thanked Alcester Academy for their contribution to the event as it concluded. Alcester Academy raised £503.50 from your kind donations to the perspex poppy display, and this included £120 from the sales of pin badge poppies sold by our year 7 STEM ambassadors. Congratulations to this student team led by Miss Wincup for some wonderful work on these.

One of the Alcester Town clerks wrote to me on Monday and said, '*it was lovely to see so many of your pupils in attendance. They were, as always, a credit to the school and indeed the town'*. It is always an absolute pleasure to receive emails like this one on behalf of the school and our students.

Finally, wasn't it super to see Alcester featured on BBC Midlands today for our Remembrance commemorations on Tuesday! Here is the link if you missed it. Midlands Today - Lunchtime News: 11/11/2025 - BBC iPlayer

Other Charity Donations this term

£128.26 for the Dementia Café from our Coffee Morning and £135.80 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Year 10 Assembly

Year 10s had another important assembly on Tuesday about their Work Experience taking place 2-6 March 2026. Placements should be in the process of being confirmed right now. Students have been aware of this for some time. They have to secure their own placements and let Miss Bartlett know.

My Child At School (MCAS) Reminder

This is just a reminder that the details regarding MCAS were sent out at the start of term. If you need to revisit these, the detail is on the school website for your reference: MCAS Information.pdf

You will find important communications for your child via the MCAS App. This includes behaviour information and reports as just two examples. If you need any assistance with the App, please do contact school.

Transition 2025

Thank you to year 7 parents who recently completed a survey on our transition processes. Here were a few of the responses submitted.

- 94.5% of parents felt that they received adequate information about the school prior to September. Some parents requested more information about what stationery their child would need for school, and when canteen biometrics would get sorted. Another parent asked for information around Google Classroom use. This is a recorded session available on the website: https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/parent-forum
- 88.7% of parents felt that new parents evening was helpful in the preparation for September. 11.3% of parents who replied did not attend new parents' evening.
- 100% of parents said that the year 6 Induction Day helped their child prepare for September.
- 100% of parents said that Summer School benefitted their child.
- 100% of parents said that since starting Alcester Academy, their child has settled in well.
- 47.2% of parents said that if they had contacted school regarding any concerns, these have been dealt with efficiently. 49.1% of parents said that they had not had to contact the school.
- 96.2% of parents felt that the school had effectively supported their child through this transition.

Safeguarding—Lockdown Practice

The students have been made aware that we will all rehearse the Lockdown emergency protocol during tutor time next Tuesday. This week, all tutors have taken great care to explain the procedure and remind the students of how they should respond appropriately. The safety of all students may well depend on each individual response should a lockdown ever have to happen. I regret having to do this, but we have all seen former headlines where a school lockdown has been warranted somewhere in the country.

Mrs Hatcher, Attendance Officer will remain on the reception door during the procedure in order to receive students who might be late into school during the practice and reassure them.

For new year 7 parents, the Lockdown alarm sounds very different to the fire drill, and it is therefore critical that the students are made aware of these differences.

The practice usually lasts approximately five minutes in total. Students should not use their mobile phone during the procedure under any circumstances. I will send you a school comms after the practice in order to reassure you all that it is successfully completed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Message from Warwickshire County Council

This Safer Business Action Week 2025, please be encouraged to report traders selling illegal products, including illegal alcohol and cigarettes. Report anything suspicious to Warwickshire Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133.

Gerard Road Safety

There are no current updates for parents on my recent campaigns to try and make Gerard Road safer at the end of school times. I am still in touch with our MP and Alcester Town Council about this, however. I will continue to keep you all updated.

School closure because of poor weather

Alcester Academy | Emergency School Closures
Please see the website for specific details.
For new parents to Alcester Academy, it is highly unusual that the school closes on poor weather grounds. That said, the safety of students, parents and staff is paramount, and the risk of travelling is always considered in poor weather. Should the school be forced to close, a decision will be made as early as possible on the morning. Parents will receive notification from the school, and this will be followed up with social media messages.

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 will have work posted on Google Classroom to continue with at home, and where possible, staff who teach years 10 and 11 will do so live, via Google Meet. Gone are the 'snow days' I'm afraid. Every second of learning does count. Please bear with staff who may also be managing their own young families, or caring for elderly relatives in such circumstances. If live teaching cannot happen for these reasons, then work will be posted on Google Classrooms for year 10 and 11. Thank you.

Tonight's Bingo event has been cancelled

We regret to inform you that tonight's bingo event has been cancelled.

We were very much looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying another fantastic evening together. Many of our families had planned to attend, and we are grateful for your continued support.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA, the Friends of Alcester Academy, for all their hard work in organising this event. We hope to reschedule soon and will keep you updated with the new date.

Thank you for your understanding.

Good Luck Amelie, year 9

I'm taking on the 100 Skips a Day Challenge to help raise money for Cancer Research UK.
I am a St John Ambulance Cadet and aspiring to become a doctor in the future.

Cancer Research UK was formed more than twenty years ago, in 2002. However, our history goes back much further, to 1902, with the founding of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Thanks to our supporters, our pioneering work into how to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer has benefitted millions of lives over the past 120 years. This cause is really important to me as finding a cure for cancer can save or improve thousands even millions of people's lives.

I have skipped everyday throughout October—in rain and shine, inside and out and even took my skipping rope on holiday in half term.

Thank you for supporting me.

Amelie's Giving Page in support of Cancer Research UK.

Written by Amelie, Y9. Billesley House.

Congratulations to…

Bella in year 9 for her wonderful achievement on the West End recently with Stagecoach. We are really proud of you Bella.

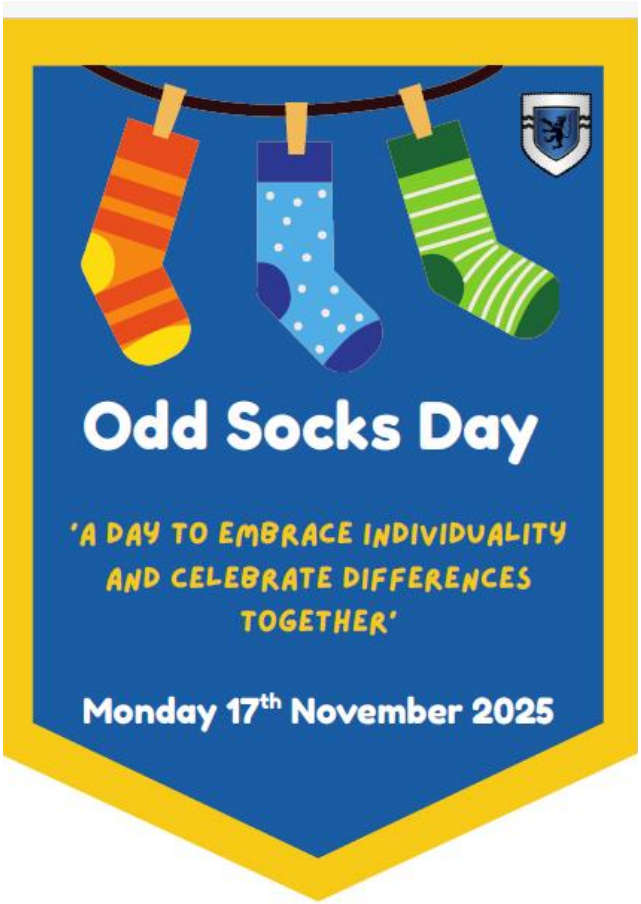
www.redditchadvertiser.co.uk/news/

Odd Socks Day on Monday

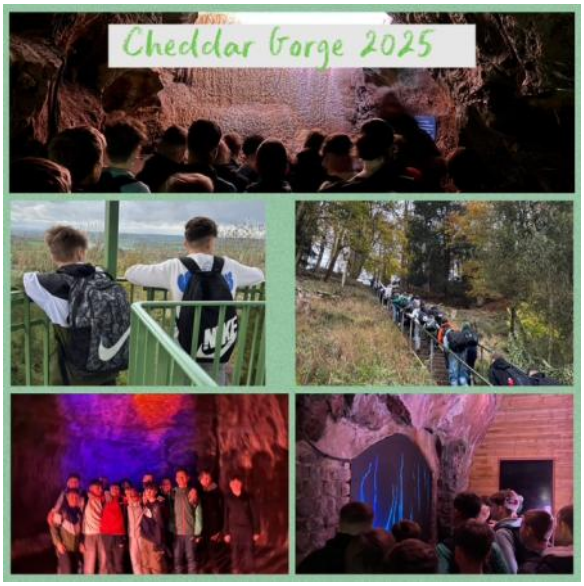
We are supporting Odd Socks Day in school on Monday. This an important time to come together to raise awareness about bullying, promote kindness, and celebrate individuality. Can I ask that students participate in this fully if they are going to, and don't just use it as an excuse to wear white socks to school. Many thanks.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend. Huge thanks if you are assisting with getting students to school over this weekend.

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher



A hands-on experience bring geography to life!



On Thursday, November 7th, 2025, year 8 embarked on a fantastic educational adventure to Cheddar Gorge, one of Britain's most spectacular natural landmarks. The day was a brilliant mix of geography, history, and physical challenge, made all the better by the students' excellent behaviour and high level of engagement.

Our journey began underground with a guided tour of Gough's Cave. Students explored the vast, cathedral-like caverns, learning all about the geological processes that formed them. We discussed the power of water dissolving limestone (a process called carbonation) over half a million years to create these magnificent cave systems, complete with stunning stalagmites and stalactites. It was a real-world lesson in karst landscapes and the history of the Mendip Hills, inspiring great questions about the environment and human history—including the discovery of the famous 9,000-year-old Cheddar Man skeleton.

Next, we explored Cox's Cave, which features a superb immersive multimedia experience called *Yeo's Journey: The Power of Water*. For many, the physical highlight was the ascent of Jacob's Ladder, a set of 274 steps that wind their way up the side of the Gorge cliff.

Students showed great resilience and teamwork, encouraging each other to reach the summit. The reward was truly magnificent: breathtaking panoramic views from the Lookout Tower across the dramatic Gorge and out over the flat expanse of the Somerset Levels. This elevated perspective gave us a great view of the Gorge's V-shaped cross-section and its distinctive limestone pinnacles, consolidating our learning on gorge formation by glacial meltwater.

We must highly commend all year 8 students for their exemplary conduct throughout the day. Their enthusiasm was evident in their thoughtful questions and careful listening during the guided tours. They represented the school with such maturity and politeness, making the trip an absolute pleasure for all staff.

The Cheddar Gorge trip was a huge success, providing an unforgettable, hands-on experience that brought their classroom geography to vivid life! *Mrs Sandells– Lead Humanities*

We Will Remember...Remembrance Day 2025

Alcester Academy
Remembrance 2025

WE WILL
REMEMBER
Alcester Academy
TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

MFL Culture Competition

Mauerkunst: the art of the Berlin Wall

To commemorate the Day of German Unity on 3rd October, all students of German were invited to enter our **Mauerkunst** competition. **Mauerkunst** means "wall art" and is synonymous with The Berlin Wall. The wall, and its art, is a cultural phenomenon and is the home of some of the most iconic cultural, social and political artwork of the 20th century.

Students were tasked with researching the history of The Berlin Wall, its art and its impact - and to create their own piece of unique art inspired by it.

I was overwhelmed by the creativity and skill of our students; every single piece of art created was exceptional in its composition, reasoning behind it and was executed with incredible skill. We even had a genuine piece of the Berlin Wall brought in to school – danke schön Ava for sharing this with us!

It was a *very* difficult decision to make but the winners of the Mauerkunst Culture Competition were:

First place: Efa and Lucy

2nd place: Iestyn

3rd place: Sophie

4th place: Ava

And the rest of our Mauerkünstler with their art:

Well done Jayden, Louie, Harper, Evie, Frankie, Lily, Kai and Charlotte.

Wir machen eine Party!

To celebrate all of our **Mauerkunst** artists, we shared a deutsches Frühstück on Friday 7th November and enjoyed traditional German breakfast items together, as well as singing our favourite German songs!

Die Speisekarte

zu essen:
- Brot
- Konfitür
- Schoko-crème (nussfrei!)
- Butter und Käse
- Bananen
- Äpfel
- Teigwaren

zu trinken:
- Orangensaft
- Schokomilch

Help Us Stock Our Shelves: The School Library's Amazon Wishlist!

Our Learning Resource Centre School Library (LRC) is a vital hub for learning, imagination, and discovery, but keeping our collection fresh, diverse, and up-to-date is an ongoing challenge. We want to ensure every student can find a book that sparks their curiosity and supports their studies, but our budget can only stretch so far.

Why a Wishlist?
We've created and are continuing to add to a special Amazon Wishlist filled with titles that our librarian, teachers, and students will be excited about! This list includes:

- Bestsellers and New Releases:
  Books that students are buzzing about and requesting now.
- Diverse Voices:
  Stories that reflect the rich diversity of our school and the wider world.
- Non-Fiction Resources:
  Up-to-date materials to support classroom assignments and independent research in science, history, and more.
- Graphic Novels and Manga:
  High-interest items that help engage reluctant readers.

By using the Wishlist, you can purchase a book that goes directly to the school library. It's a simple, transparent way to know exactly what your donation is providing for our students. Every book donated becomes a shared resource for the entire school community for years to come!

How You Can Help?
Supporting the library has never been easier!

Here's how you can make a difference today:

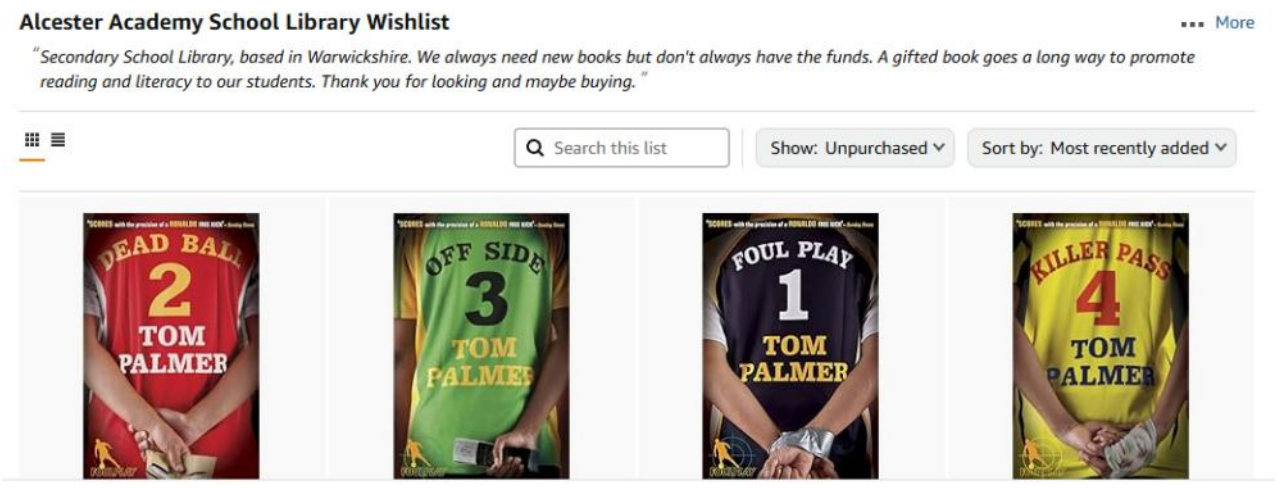
- Find the List: You can access the Wishlist by visiting: www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3EPAIJEMK3OSC?ref_=wl_share
- or by searching for '**Alcester Academy School Library Wishlist'** on Amazon.
- Pick Your Book: Browse the items and choose a book, or several, that you'd like to donate.
- Check Out: When purchasing, select the school's address, often listed as the 'Gift Registry Address' during checkout, so the book is shipped right to us.
- Don't forget to include your name in the gift message if you'd like a thank you note!

Even purchasing a single paperback can make a significant impact on our collection and put a smile on a student's face.

For more information, please contact the LRC Manager: juliehands@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Thank you in advance for helping us nurture a lifelong love of reading and learning in all our students!

Mrs Hands—LRC Manager



Important notice regarding library stock and the School Library Amazon Wishlist

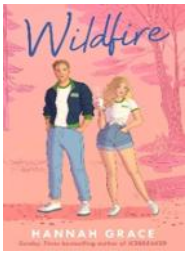
We have made a decision not to stock the popular Maple Hills series by Hannah Grace (which includes Icebreaker, Wildfire, and Daydream) in the school library, and have therefore removed it from our Amazon Wishlist.

We understand that the book covers for this series may lead you to believe they are aimed at a younger young adult (YA) audience. However, upon review, these books contain explicit content and mature themes that we have determined are not suitable for our student body and fall outside the guidelines for our school library collection.

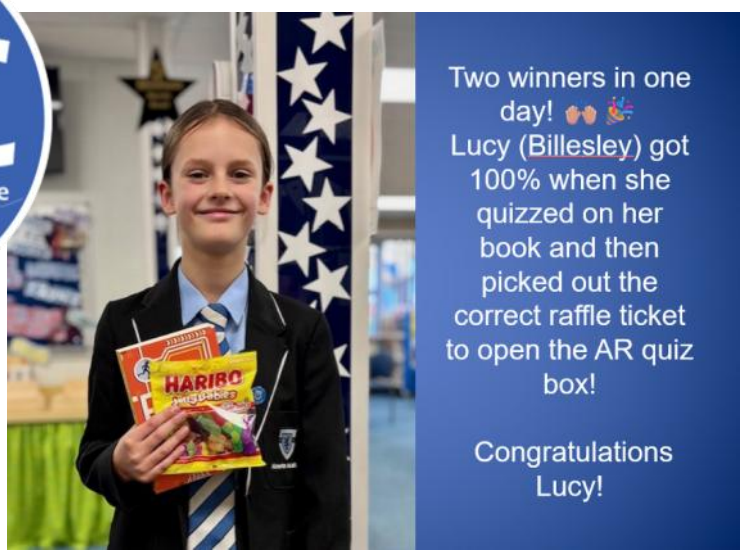
We are also aware that some students, particularly in year 8, may be reading these books outside of school. We encourage all parents to be aware of the content in the books their children are choosing to read to ensure it aligns with your family's values and your child's maturity level.

Thank you for your understanding as we maintain a collection that is appropriate and supportive of all our students.

Mrs Hands



Alcester Academy LRC Learning Resource Centre



Year 8 Barcelona Football Tour by Noah!

Some of our year 8 students were lucky enough to go on a football tour recently with their local club. Here are a few highlights of their fabulous trip. I apologise to the author, Noah, that I cannot publish his entire report. This is some tremendous year 8 writing.

Day 1

I woke up really early this morning, 4am in fact. I got up and got dressed, ready to embark on my adventure. As we got into the car, the world outside was pitch black, you couldn't see a thing. On the journey to East Midlands airport, I ate a brioche. As we said out goodbyes, I felt excruciatingly cold. I could not feel my skin anymore. We went past all of security and suddenly we were in WHSmith!

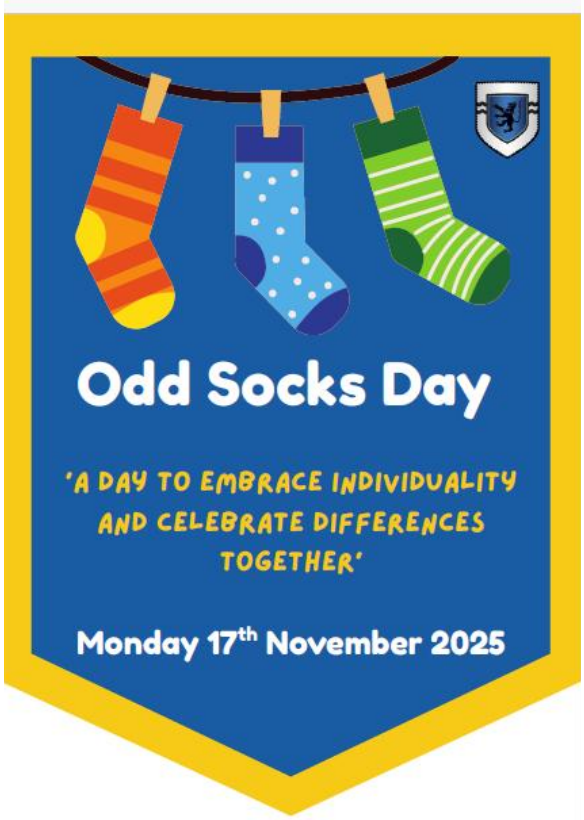
Day 2

As we woke up extra early ready to go to breakfast, I thought to myself about what the teams would be like. Will they all be academies? Will we score a goal? As we went to breakfast, there was sudden quiet. We were all nervous. We already had an idea regarding what the teams would be like from seeing them at the hotel. There were teams like Sao Paulo (A Brazilian professional team), SKBrann (A Norwegian professional team) and Flumeniese from Brazil too. We knew that we were going into this as the underdogs. As we arrived on the bus, we immediately saw how good the grass pitches and stadium was.

It was like walking into a professional tournament… Jumping to the first match now, I started the first half just taking it all in, forgetting how to play the actual game. The first half came to an end and we were already 5-0 down. I was dazed, confused, it was all going wrong! We had all forgotten how to play football and were taking in the beautiful, dazzling scenery instead. I found myself now on the bench and truly annoyed with myself.

Tune in next week for more of Noah's adventure!

Written by Noah, year 8, Greville



Year 10 and 11 Students Participate in Mock Interviews

This week has been an exciting and valuable experience for our year 10 and year 11 students, who have taken part in a series of mock interviews as part of our careers and employability programme.

The programme included a range of activities designed to help students prepare for their future, including CV writing sessions with Unifrog and employability workshops led by Professor Andrews. Together, these opportunities have helped students develop essential skills in communication, self-reflection, and professionalism.

Chair of Governors, Mike Dean, volunteering his time to provide students with a real-world interview experience.

The mock interviews provided students with a rare and important opportunity to talk about themselves, in a positive and confident way, to someone unknown to them for the first time. For many, this was a chance to step outside their comfort zone, articulate their strengths, and share their aspirations — experiences that will serve them well as they prepare for post-16 college, apprenticeship, or job interviews.

These sessions are not only about interview practice, but also about building confidence, resilience, and self-awareness — key qualities that will help students thrive both in their education and future careers. Over the coming weeks, students will have time to reflect on their outcomes and the feedback they received, helping them identify areas for growth and celebrate their successes. Parents will receive a copy of their child's CV, along with a feedback form from the mock interview, in due course. This will give families a valuable insight into how their child performed and how they can continue to develop these essential employability skills together.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our parents, school governors, alumni and community partners, who volunteered their time and expertise to make this experience so meaningful. Their involvement enriches our students' learning and provides authentic insight into the world of work.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic week. It has been wonderful to see our students rise to the challenge, demonstrate maturity and ambition, and begin to see themselves as the young professionals they are becoming.

Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-ordinator

This week, year 10 students attended an important assembly where key information about upcoming opportunities was shared. We are excited to announce that year 10 work experience will take place from 2nd to 6th March 2026, coinciding with National Careers Week 2026.

Work experience offers students a valuable opportunity to develop essential skills, gain insight into different careers, and build confidence in a real workplace environment. We anticipate that every year 10 student will participate, as this experience plays a key role in helping them make informed decisions about their future pathways.

Once placements are confirmed, students will need to use the Unifrog Placement Tool to create their accounts. Step-by-step instructions are available on the Careers Zone Google Classroom (code: a3hdvcr).

It is essential that students take extraordinary care when typing their email addresses, as any errors will prevent the system from working correctly. We encourage parents to support their child in checking their details carefully and ensuring they follow the instructions provided. There will be further information in due course regarding parent accounts for Unifrog in order for you to further support your child managing their accounts.

Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-ordinator

Grease is the Word!

We are so excited for next week's school production of Grease! Our cast and crew have been working incredibly hard over the past few months, and we can't wait to share their fantastic performances with families, friends and our school community.

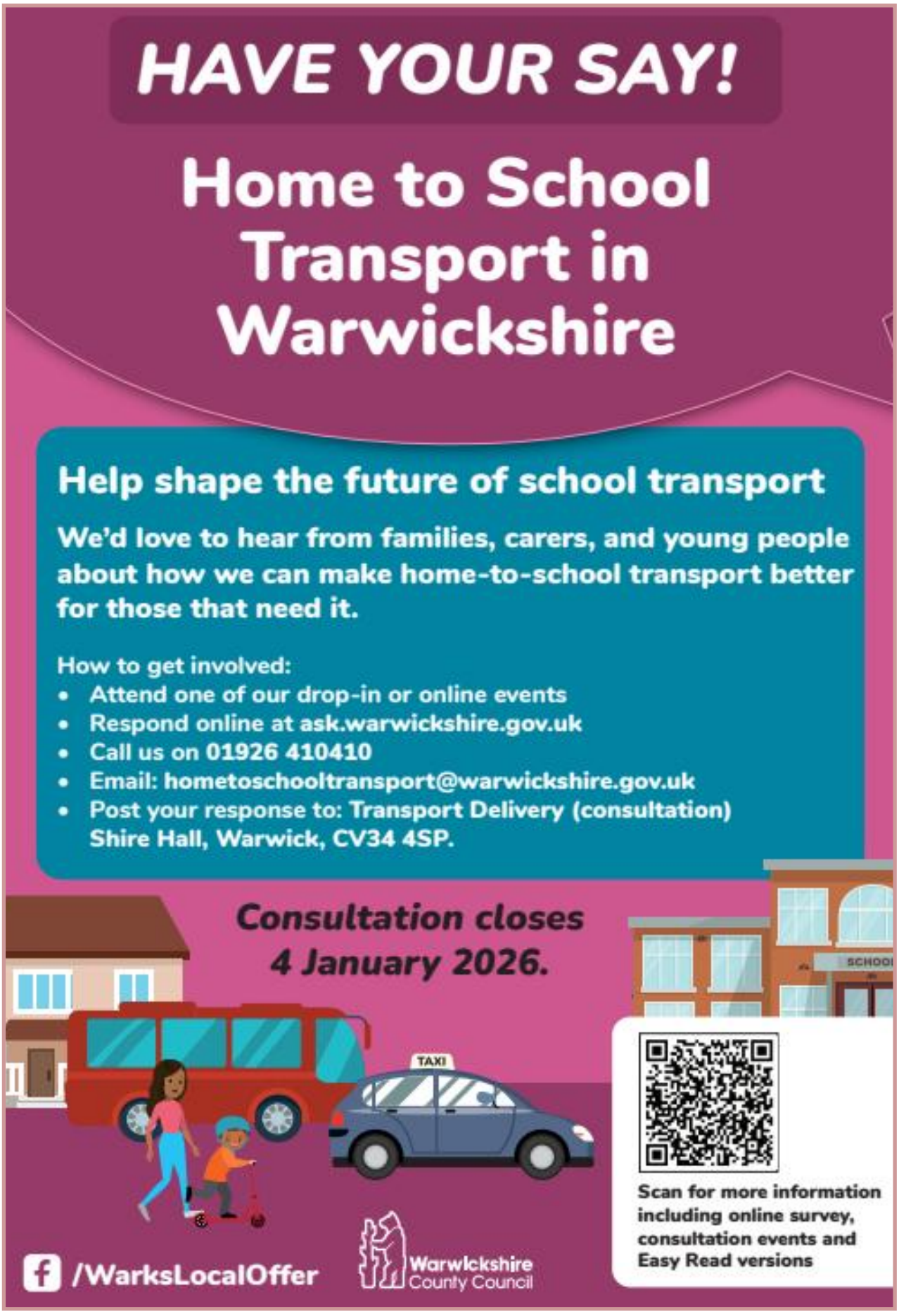
Doors will open at 6.30pm each evening, with the show beginning at 7pm. We kindly ask that audience members do not arrive before 6.30pm, as we will be carrying out final stage preparations and microphone checks in the hall before opening to the public.

During the evening, there will be refreshments provided by the Friends of Alcester Academy, a bar, and stalls run by our Young Enterprise companies. We will also be collecting donations for our House charities, so please do bring some change if you'd like to support these great causes.

The curtain will come down at approximately 9.00pm, and we ask all guests to be mindful of parking when arriving and leaving the site, ensuring we remain respectful to our neighbours and local community.

We're so proud of every student involved — both on stage and behind the scenes — and we look forward to welcoming everyone for what promises to be a brilliant, feel-good show!

Miss Sacco


HAVE YOUR SAY!
Home to School Transport in Warwickshire
Help shape the future of school transport
We'd love to hear from families, carers, and young people about how we can make home-to-school transport better for those that need it.
How to get involved:
• Attend one of our drop-in or online events
• Respond online at ask.warwickshire.gov.uk
• Call us on 01926 410410
• Email: hometoschooltransport@warwickshire.gov.uk
• Post your response to: Transport Delivery (consultation) Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4SP.
Consultation closes 4 January 2026.
TAXI
SCHOOL
Scan for more information including online survey, consultation events and Easy Read versions
/WarksLocalOffer
Warwickshire County Council

A Tribute To...
Prince Of Darkness
Tuesday 25th Nov
The Greig Hall Alcester 7pm
ALCESTER
ROCK ACADEMY
Adults £6.00 Concessions £4.00
The Greig Hall, Kinwarton Rd, Alcester B49 6AD

Bromcom Positive Points Leaderboard
7th—13th November 2025

Top Positive Point Students:

1	Jackson	7TN	Billesley	13 points
2	Pollyanna	7PA	Billesley	12 points
2	Lola	7RA	Greville	12 points
2	Iestyn	7WI	Oversley	12 points
2	Madeleine	7PA	Billesley	12 points
2	Charlotte	7WI	Oversley	12 points
2	Eva	10KI	Ragley	12 points
2	Theo	8SA	Greville	12 points

Top Positive Point House:

1	Oversley	783 points
2	Ragley	724 points
3	Billesley	713 points
4	Greville	711 points

Top Positive Point Tutor Group:

1	7PA	198 points
2	7RA	190 points
3	7WI	188 points
4	7LX	175 points
5	8SA	139 points

Top Positive Point Subjects:

1	Maths	680 points
2	English	569 points
3	French	301 points

Top Positive Point Staff:

1	Mr Hall	453 points
2	Mr Yarrington	354 points
3	Mrs Weatherley	315 points

Key Dates This Term

Monday 17th November—Year 11 MFL speaking mocks start

Monday 17th November—National Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 19th—Friday 21st November—GREASE …is the Word! School Show dates!

Monday 24th November—Year 11 mocks begin

Tuesday 25th November—Rock Academy Concert at the Greig Hall. Evening event 7pm.

Wednesday 3td December—Friends PTA meeting online 7.30pm

Thursday 4th December—Year 10 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.

Thursday 11th, and Friday 12th December—Christmas rewards trips

Tuesday 16th December—Christmas Concert, at school, from 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th December—Year 9 Enrichment Super Learning Day

Thursday 18th December—Year 9 annual panto for year 7s

Friday 19th December—Break up at 12.40pm

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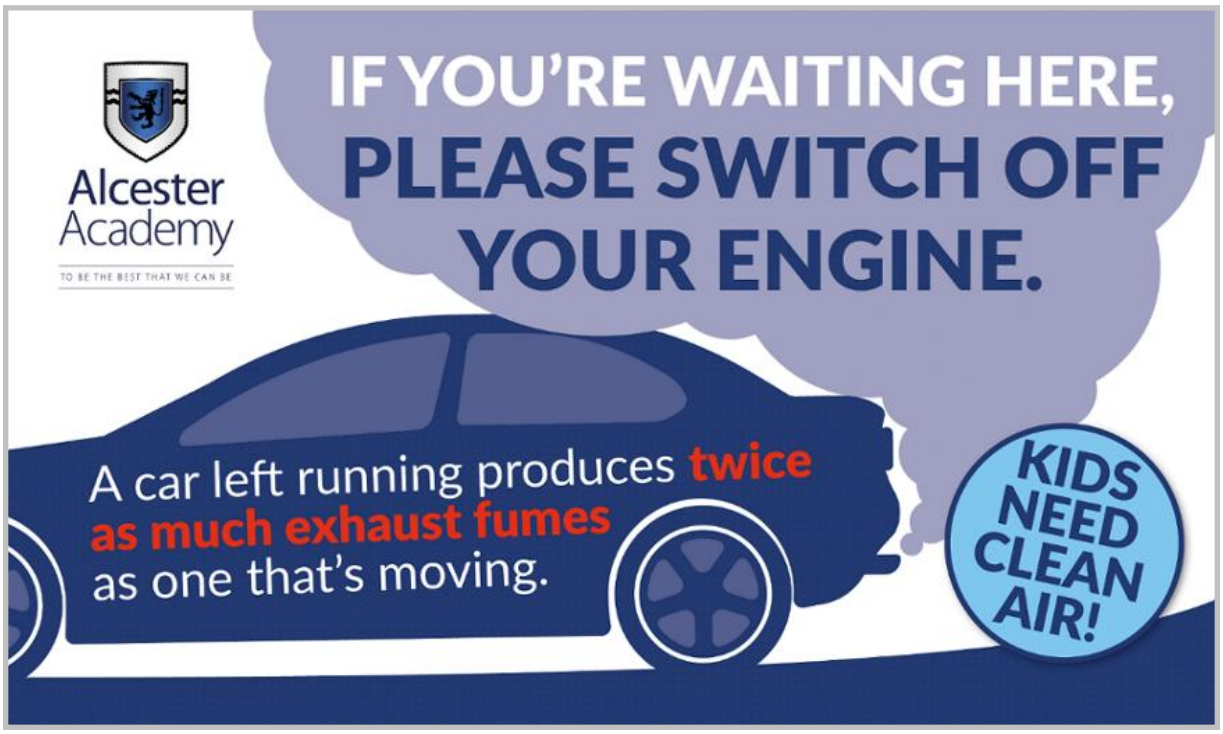


LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken after the a19th August 2024.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Attendance News

Whole School Attendance this week: 91.9%

Top Tutors this week:

7WI with 98.1% attendance

8SA with 97.4% attendance

9DA with 95.1% attendance

10HR with 97.9% attendance

11HE with 96.6% attendance

If your child will be absent from school, please notify our Attendance Officer, Ms Louise Hatcher, with the reason before 8.50am each day. You can do this via:

SchoolComms
Phone: 01789 762285
Email:
louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Medical appointments and other absences can also be reported through the MCAS app.

We kindly ask parents and carers to remind students who are leaving for appointments during the school day to come to the office a few minutes early so they can sign out promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Ms Louise Hatcher—Attendance Officer

Notice for Parents

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Alcester Academy keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information parents are asked to review the data collection form on MCAS. If you need to make changes, please do so via MCAS or email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Alcester Academy requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Alcester Academy Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Autumn Term ends	Friday 19th December at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2026

School closed	*Monday 5th January 2026*
	Teacher training day
Spring Term begins	**Tuesday 6th January 2026**
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Back to school	**Monday 23rd February 2026**
Spring Term ends (Easter)	Friday 27th March at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term begins	**Monday 13th April 2026**
School closed	*Friday 1st May 2026*
	Teacher training day
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Back to school	**Monday 1st June 2026**
Summer Term ends	Friday 17th July 2026 at 12.40pm
School closed	*Monday 20th July 2026*
	Teacher training day

EcoPuzzles Fundraiser

Want to support a small teen-run business owned by one of the Alcester Academy's amazing Young Enterprise teams?

Meet EcoPuzzles — Fixing the future one piece at a time

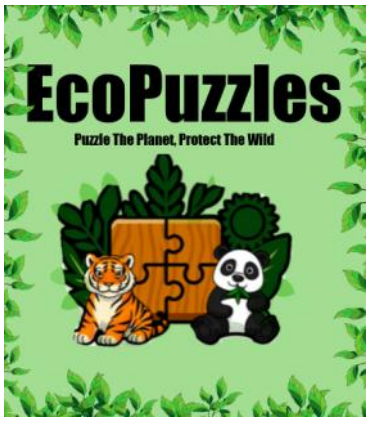
We will be revealing our products on our socials soon, but right now we are announcing our very first fundraiser!

Find us in the canteen area at all three brilliant performances of Grease—the Musical!
On November 19th · 20th · 21st
Card and cash accepted — card preferred!

What's at our stand?

- *Delicious themed cupcakes*
- *Fun games like Guess how much LEGO is in the jar!*
- *Grease-themed keychains*

You can be sure that every penny you spend helps fund the amazing products we're creating!



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Alcester Academy Sport
Sport Roundup

Year 10 Girls South Warwickshire Football Tournament

Our year 10 girls put in some brilliant performances at the District 7 A-Side Football Tournament last week achieving a 2nd place finish in the competition. Well done to all who represented us in this competition.

Year 7 and Year 9 Cup Basketball v AGS

District Cup Boys Basketball fixtures took place this week with a couple of tough draws for our year 7 and 9 teams meeting AGS in the second round. Both year groups thrived in their competition with our local Alcester school and enjoyed having the opportunity to play on the full-sized court at AGS. Year 9 recorded an emphatic 16-45 victory in their match. Year 7 watched the year 9 match prior to playing and clearly picked up on some tips, whilst also learning about the rules of play and they also went on to record a fantastic 6-19 victory in their fixture. It was a brilliant performance from both teams and we now await each teams semi-final opponents to be played at a date tbc.

Year 8 South Warwickshire Basketball tournament

Our year 8 basketball team enjoyed participating in the District 4 A-Side Tournament this week held at AGS. Despite being placed in a tough opening pool with Stratford and Studley and finishing 3rd, our team re grouped and came back stronger in their remaining matches going on to win the Pool C which they progressed to.

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Next week's sport

NEXT WEEK'S SPORT
W/B 17/11/25

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs – staff training	N/A
Tuesday	Year 10 SW Football tournament– MO + NA	Stratford
Wednesday	Year 9 Football v Kenilworth– MO Year 7 Boys SW Basketball tournament– NA All Years Girls Basketball– PE All years Rugby training– Gloucester coaches	Kenilworth AGS Gym Field

AUTUMN 2 LUNCHTIME SPORT

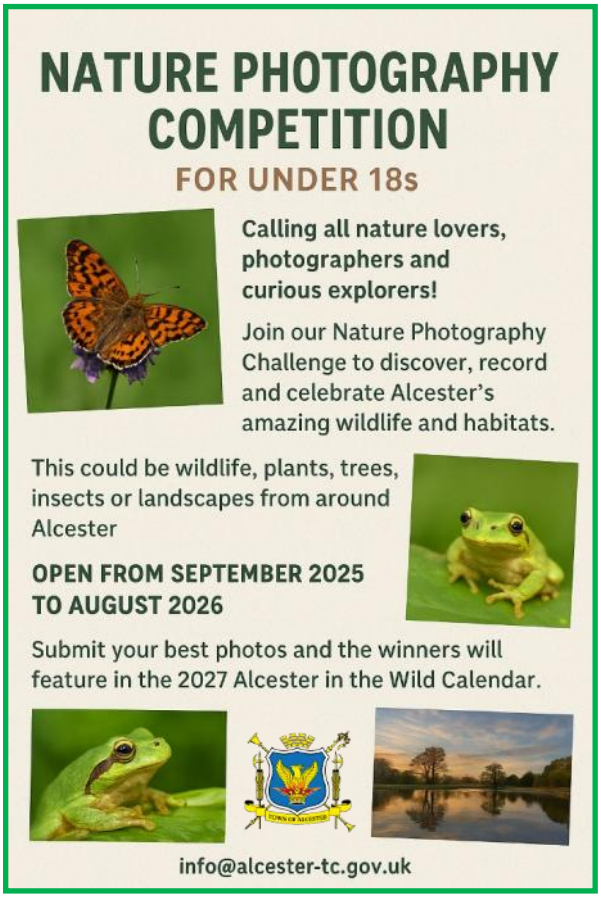
- Starting w/b Monday 10th November on a Monday and Tuesday.
- Follows the set timetable each half-term from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1) in the Gym
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear

w/b	MON - MO	TUES - NA
10/11	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Badminton
17/11	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Badminton
24/11	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Badminton
1/12	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Badminton

Wimbledon Trip

There are still Wimbledon 2026 trip places available to sign up for on the School Gateway.

Places are offered on a first come first serve basis, please speak to Mr Moffatt for more information.

Mr Moffatt

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