

# Alcester Academy

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. It's Friday again!

My goodness, the weeks are flying by.

### In news this week: Mobile phones use

Further to last week's bulletin, and the recent Government guidance about mobile phone use by students in schools, you may wish to continue your own reading around this matter. There are numerous articles and circulars about this for you, in particular referencing parental responsibilities around this matter.

#### *The role of parents*

*Parents have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones. The policy should be clearly explained to parents, including the reasons behind the policy and the school's expectations.*

*Parents should also be encouraged to reinforce and discuss the policy at home as appropriate, including the risks associated with mobile phone use and the benefits of a mobile phone-free environment. Where parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should be directed to the school office, where staff*



*should be aware of the school's policy on relaying messages and facilitating contact.*

*Where parents have questions or concerns, staff should address these in a timely manner and clearly communicate the reasons for prohibiting the use of mobile phones.*

I am currently updating school policy to reflect this and I'll signpost you to this in the next few weeks.

### Educational headlines

Last week, we also heard about recommendations for the future around behaviour sanctions.

[Suspensions: How suspensions in school can help tackle behaviour and boost pupil support – The Education Hub](#)

Schools will be consulted on the idea of using internal suspension before any policy is finalised.



### What's inside this week

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## Welcome Mr Field

We welcome Mr Field to the DT and site team.



*Hello everyone! My name is Mr Field, and I'm delighted to be joining the school community as the new DT Technician & site person. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students, and staff, and to being part of such a welcoming and supportive environment. I'm excited to contribute to school life and learn alongside everyone this year.*

*Outside of school, I'm a very hands on person and spend a lot of my free time in my home workshop. I enjoy making props for Viking re-enactments and cosplay events, which allows me to combine creativity, history, and craftsmanship. I also like to unwind by making bird tables and spending time gardening, especially when I can get outdoors and work on practical projects.*

*I have had the pleasure of working in larger schools in my previous roles but am looking forward to working at Alcester Academy and involving myself in extra-curricular clubs and the wider school community.*

## Thank you Mr Kirby

After many years service to Alcester Academy, we are saying a difficult goodbye to Mr Kirby, DT Technician at half term as he takes his retirement.

Mr Kirby has been an amazing friend to many staff throughout his career at the school and has assisted hundreds of students in DT, for Young Enterprise and many other school related reasons too! This includes broken shoes, replacing shoe laces and so on...quite a job description!

On behalf of everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Kirby a very restful retirement, and some quality time to enjoy with his family now. Thank you Mr Kirby!

## Student medical information

We have recirculated a medical information request to all parents this week. Please return this promptly. Thank you.



## Alcester Court Leet

Following the success of the recent year 7 Humanities Super Learning Day, I was keen to educate year 7s on the history of Alcester a bit more. We were delighted to host a return visit from the Fish and Flesh Taster on Monday, who was accompanied by our Town Crier, David Parkes.

We held a highly informative assembly where food from the school canteen was tasted and deemed safe to eat for all according to Court Leet tradition. I'm rather pleased to say! Phew!

Huge thanks to the Court Leet members for giving up their time for our students; David Parkes, Ian Rochester and Tracy Parkes, former High Bailiff of Alcester.

## Well Done Years 7s

We are really proud of you for completing your exams this week.

## Thank you FOAA PTA.

We are really grateful to the Friends of Alcester Academy for a superb event last Friday at family bingo. A stunning £1420.49 was raised by the team. **This is fantastic! It's fair to say that we all had a terrific night out!**

Mrs Weatherley and Mrs McCracken looking very happy with their wins!



## Warwickshire School Health Newsletter for families

I've attached the first edition of this for you all as parents today. It does include some very useful information.

## Financial Support?

Are you struggling to pay your utility bills? If you live in Warwickshire, you may be eligible for a one-off voucher to help towards the cost.

Visit [Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/LocalWelfareScheme) to apply online or call 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182



## Cancer Awareness

**4TH OF FEBRUARY IS  
WORLD CANCER DAY.  
THINKING OF THOSE WHO..**



Miss Buckthorp spoke to students in assemblies this week to mark World Cancer Day. We are sending our best wishes to any family for whom this is poignant presently. If any student needs further support, please do reach out to school.

## Congratulations

I was so proud to hear that Dylan, in year 11 and former student, Luke were successfully awarded Young Person of the Year at the Alcester Town Council Mayors Civic Evening last night. Huge congratulations to both!



## Looking ahead

Next week, we have various education updates for year 9. These include Super Learning sessions around Road Safety and Healthy Relationships as well as an humanities focussed day for some on Wednesday. Our year 11s visit the Palace Theatre for the *Doctor's Show*, which is a key revision event for historians and our year 11 food students embark on their final practical assessment. We wish **them the very best of luck.** It is year 8 parents' evening online on Thursday, and our first ever House Charity Day next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.  
*Sarah Mellors—Headteacher*

## Inaugural Charity House Day—Friday 13 February

We are incredibly excited to announce our first annual Charity House Day, taking place on Friday 13th February. This will be a whole-school event designed to celebrate House spirit, encourage student leadership and raise money for our House charities.

On the day, students will take part in a non-uniform day, wearing their House colours with pride, and each House will be running a range of fundraising activities at break and lunchtime. These activities have been planned and will be run by our student leaders.

Activities on the day will include:

- A second-hand book and stationery sale
- A cake sale
- A Valentine's stall
- A Beat the Teacher penalty shoot-out challenge

We are also very grateful for any support from our school community in the lead-up to the event.

How you can support  
Book donations (teenage/young adult suitable) can be dropped off at the front office or given directly to Miss Sacco by students.

Cake donations can be brought to the front office either the day before or on the morning of the event. Please ensure all cakes

are clearly labelled with a full ingredients list. Please be aware we are a nut-free school.

Students are encouraged to bring money on the day to support the stalls and activities.

All money raised will go directly to our House charities, and we are really looking forward to seeing the school come together for this exciting new event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we hope this will be the first of many Charity House Days at Alcester Academy.

*Miss Sacco*



**Alcester Academy**

# Charity House Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Wear your house colours with pride**

**What's happening?**

- Raise money for House Charities
- Support your house- Non school uniform ( wear your house colour!)
- Get involved and have fun

<p><b>RAGLEY - LRC</b> <b>READ FOR RAGLEY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second-hand book sale (Teen/YA books)</li> <li>• Stationery stall</li> </ul>	<p><b>OVERSLEY - T4</b> <b>CAKE SALE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cake sale</li> <li>• Treats and goodies at break and lunchtime</li> </ul>
<p><b>GREVILLE - T4</b> <b>VALENTINE'S STALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentine's stall</li> <li>• STEM CLUB Valentine's products</li> </ul>	<p><b>BILLESEY - SCHOOL GYM</b> <b>BEAT THE TEACHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penalty shoot out !</li> <li>• Take on your teachers ! can you score a goal against them ?</li> </ul>

**Donations welcome**

- Books ( teenage/YA)
- Cakes ( with ingredients lists)

**Every pound raised supports your House Charity**

## Go All In for the National Year of Reading!

We are thrilled to announce that 2026 is the National Year of Reading, and we want our entire school community to dive in headfirst!

Led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust, this UK-wide campaign is all about one thing: rediscovering the joy of reading.

### What does 'Go All In' mean?

Forget the idea that reading is just dusty textbooks or classic novels. This year, we are celebrating all forms of reading. Whether your child is obsessed with:

-  Sports news and match reports
-  Audiobooks on the way to school
-  Fan fiction or online blogs
-  Song lyrics or graphic novels

...it all counts! The goal is to connect reading to what your child *already* loves. From partnerships with the Premier League to community-wide events led by public libraries, 2026 is going to be packed with ways to build confidence and imagination.

### How you can get involved

Reading together is one of the most powerful ways to connect as a family. We encourage you to 'Go All In' on your own passions, too! Show your kids that reading is for everyone, regardless of the format.



### Explore more here

**Official 'Go All In' website:** [goallin.org.uk](http://goallin.org.uk)  
 National Literacy Trust: [literacytrust.org.uk](http://literacytrust.org.uk)  
 Watch the launch: [Official Campaign Webinar](#)

Keep an eye on this space! We will be posting resources, and news about exciting school event updates throughout the year.

Let's make 2026 the year we all find a story we love!

*Mrs Hands—LRC Manager*

**Help Us Stock Our Shelves!**

## The School Library's Amazon Wishlist!

Our Learning Resource Centre School Library (LRC) is a vital hub for discovery! Help us keep our stock fresh, diverse and up-to-date.

**Why a Wishlist?**

- ★ Bestsellers & New Releases
- 👤 Diverse Voices
- 📖 Non-Fiction Resources
- 🗨️ Graphic Novels & Manga

**Purchase a book that goes directly to the school library!**

**How You Can Help**

- Find the List: Visit the [Amazon Wishlist here](#). (Amazon no longer supports a direct search for wishlists.)
- Pick Your Book(s)
- Select the school's address ("Gift Registry Address") during checkout to ship directly to us.
- Include your name in the gift message if you would like a thank-you note from the school!

**Every Book Makes a Difference!**

Thank you for nurturing a lifelong love of reading!  
 For more info: [juliehands@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:juliehands@alcesteracademy.org.uk)

## Warwickshire Police Cadets Recruitment Opportunity

Last week, I informed parents that we would be holding a drop-in session with Warwickshire Police, who are currently recruiting cadets. We were pleased to welcome PCSO Williams, who spoke to students about the range of roles available, the application process, and what a career in policing can offer.



Following this session, a number of students and parents went on to attend an information evening at Warwickshire Police Headquarters in Leek Wootton, where they were able to gain further insight into training, career progression, and the realities of working within the police service.

We expect to know by the end of March whether applications have been successful. However, it is

not too late to apply, and we would strongly encourage interested students to explore this opportunity.



This is an excellent external opportunity for students as it offers:

- Exposure to a real-world, professional recruitment process
- Insight into a public service career with clear progression routes
- Development of key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, responsibility, and resilience
- A chance to engage with a respected local employer and understand expectations beyond school and college

Full details, including application guidance and links, can be found in the Post-16 and Careers Zone Google Classrooms.

If your child has an interest in policing, public service, or developing transferable skills for the future, this is a valuable opportunity to consider.

*Miss Bartlett*

## Inclusion—Have you seen...?

KOOTH are doing various webinars and articles for young people and families on different topics.

Coming up:

- [How Kooth and Owell meets the needs of SEND/ASN & neurodivergent people](#)
- [The role of Kooth and Owell in the care pathway for people who self harm](#)
- [How you can support your child to manage exam stress](#)
- [Supporting your child who's coming out](#)



## Year 11 Revision Timetables



WEEK A	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
Monday	Music coursework - MU1	
Tuesday	Music coursework - MU1 Grade 7-9 Club Geography	English
Wednesday	Music coursework - MU1 DT coursework	Science Combined Computer Science
Thursday	Music coursework - MU1 History Clinic with Mr. Rossiter (invite only) History	Maths
Friday	Music coursework- MU1 Geography intervention	



WEEK B	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
Monday	Music coursework - MU1	
Tuesday	Music coursework - MU1 Grade 7-9 Club Geography Media Studies	French German Food and Nutrition
Wednesday	Music coursework - MU1	Science Triple
Thursday	Music coursework - MU1 History Clinic with Mr. Rossiter (invite only) History	Art & Photography Further Maths
Friday	Music coursework - MU1 Geography intervention	

**Ambition  
is the first  
step to  
success.  
The second  
step is  
action.**

## Bromcom Positive Points Leaderboard 30th January—5th February 2026



### Top Positive Point Students:

1	Min-Seo	10GA	Oversley	18 points
2	Oscar	10YA	Ragley	17 points
3	Alice	10TU	Greville	16 points
3	Olivia	10GA	Billesley	16 points
5	Jess	10YA	Ragley	15 points
5	Theo	8SA	Greville	15 points

### Top Positive Point House:

1	Oversley	737 points
2	Greville	654 points
3	Ragley	650 points
4	Billesley	610 points

### Top Positive Point Tutor Group:

1	10GA	176 points
2	8BI	164 points
3	10YA	151 points
4	8SA	148 points
5	8MO	140 points

### Top Positive Point Subjects:

1	English	974 points
2	Art	296 points
3	French	293 points

### Top Positive Point Staff:

1	Miss Lewis	579 points
2	Mr Hall	464 points
3	Mrs Yarrington	371 points



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## Celebrate La Chandeleur!

In France, La Chandeleur marks the end of the Christmas period. It is exactly 40 days after Christmas Eve.

It marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. To mark this occasion and to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the MFL faculty are running a pancake competition for year 7.

The task is to make and decorate a pancake, preferably with a French theme and then to attach a photo of your pancake to the assignment on Google classroom. Teachers will go through the task in lessons. The deadline for entries is Monday 2 March and there will be prizes!



*Mrs Weatherley—Lead MFL*



### Student Librarian Notice

#### COME AND USE THE LIBRARY!

We have a lovely library at Alcester Academy but we have noticed that not all students are using it (especially year 9 and above). But we would like you to know that even if you don't quiz anymore you can still take books out of the library just for the enjoyment of entering another world of adventure. You see, reading a book just for enjoyment can help with knowledge of the world around us (non-fiction) and to help build your imagination (fiction), it can also give you new interesting facts to share with others around you. If you have taken art or photography or are thinking about it it is very helpful to have a good imagination as it can help with creative ideas and new techniques, and a book gives you that imagination you may need.



## Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

# Extra Curricular Timetable

## Spring 2026



**Alcester Academy**

### Monday

Lunchtime

- Pride Group- E4
- Acoustic Group- Music Hut
- ART- A1 & A2

### Tuesday

Lunchtime

- Science club -S2
- Pattern & Print - T3
- Young Enterprise -H4
- Youth Speaks - E4
- Pop Band- Music hut
- Christian Union - R1
- ART- A1 & A2

Afterschool

- Dungeons & Dragons-R1
- Media film club - E6

### Wednesday

Lunchtime

- Board Games- LRC
- Orchestra - MU 1
- Book club ( invite only) - E1
- Wednesday Statistics Gcse -S5
- Chess club -M3
- ART- A1 & A2

After School

- Cookery Club - Food Room

### Thursday

Lunchtime

- Book Club- LRC
- Rock Band - Music Hut
- Loom Weaving - L2
- Year Book ( y11) - H4
- History Clinic - H1
- ART- A1 & A2

After School

- Dance - Drama
- Dungeons & Dragon -R1
- GCSE Art and Photography - A2

### Friday

Lunchtime

- Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic- M1
- ART- A1 & A2
- Y7 Rock band - Music hut

## Key Dates for 2026

Wednesday 11th February	Year 11 Doctors Show trip.
Thursday 12th February	<b>Year 8 Parents' Evening. Online.</b>

## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2026

Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Back to school	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Spring Term ends (Easter)	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 12.40pm

### SUMMER TERM 2026

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

## Attendance News

**Whole School  
Attendance this week: 92.8%**

**Top 5 Tutors this week:**

- 11HE with 98.1% attendance
- 7WI with 98.1% attendance
- 7RA with 97.7% attendance
- 8BI with 97.6% attendance
- 9AN with 97.6% attendance

**Top House this week:**

Oversley with 93.4% attendance

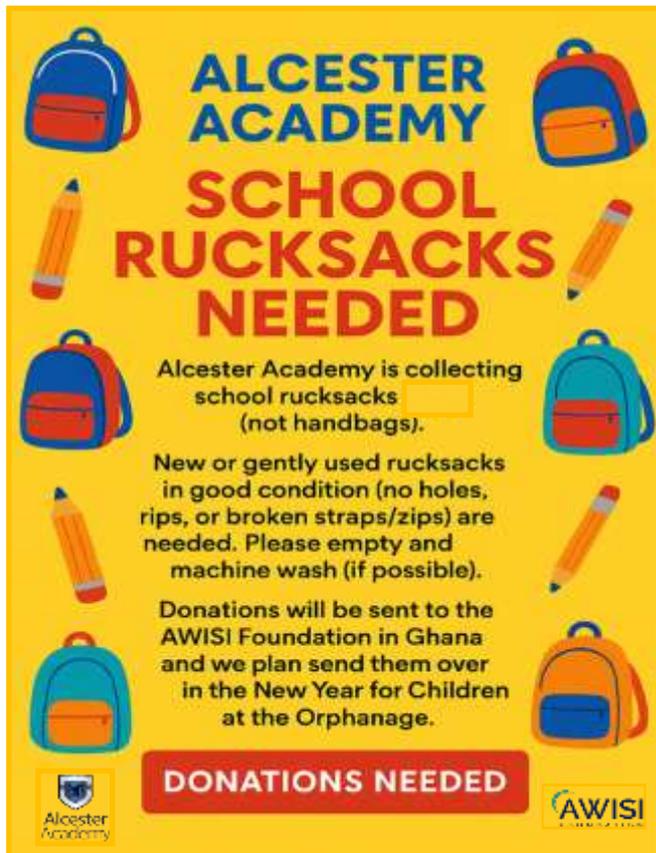
*Data from  
Friday 30.1.26 – Thursday 5.2.26*

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:

- ⇒ MCAS App—medical appointments and absences can be reported through the app
- ⇒ SchoolComms
- ⇒ Phone: 01789 762285
- ⇒ Email: [louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk)

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*



**ALCESTER ACADEMY**

**SCHOOL RUCKSACKS NEEDED**

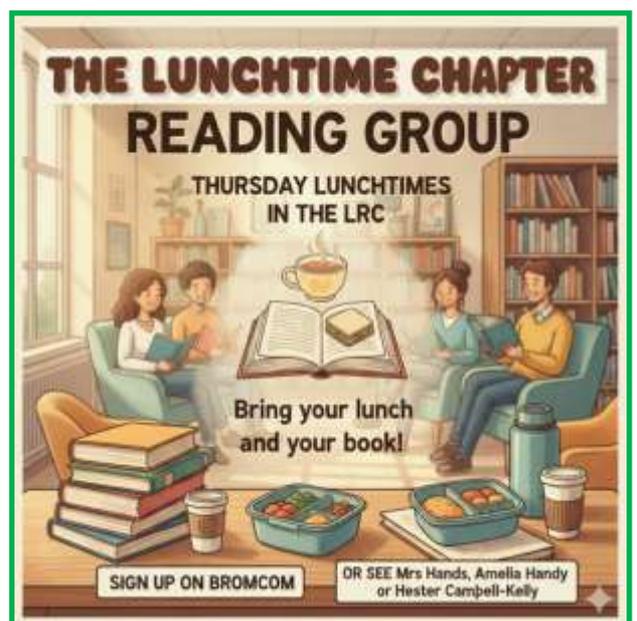
Alcester Academy is collecting school rucksacks (not handbags).

New or gently used rucksacks in good condition (no holes, rips, or broken straps/zips) are needed. Please empty and machine wash (if possible).

Donations will be sent to the AWISI Foundation in Ghana and we plan send them over in the New Year for Children at the Orphanage.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Alcester Academy logo and AWISI logo are present at the bottom.



**THE LUNCHTIME CHAPTER READING GROUP**

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES IN THE LRC

Bring your lunch and your book!

SIGN UP ON BROMCOM OR SEE Mrs Hands, Amelia Handy or Hester Campbell-Kelly

The poster features an illustration of children sitting on the floor reading books and eating lunch in a library setting.

## Young Enterprise Update: PatchPals Back in Production

The Young Enterprise team, PatchPals, have been in full production of their exciting new products as they prepare for the trade fair competition in March. The team have been working exceptionally hard, demonstrating creativity, teamwork, and strong enterprise skills.

Unfortunately, disaster struck this week when our 17-year-old laser cutter broke down, bringing production to an unexpected halt. With specialist engineers unable to attend for several weeks, we faced a real challenge in keeping the production line moving.

I would like to sincerely thank SJG International and Gearmate Ltd, who were both extremely supportive when contacted. Although neither company had the equipment required to continue production, their willingness to help and their efforts in trying to find a solution were greatly appreciated. We are very grateful for the community spirit shown in a time of need.



We are delighted to share that Alcester Grammar School came to the rescue, enabling PatchPals to restart production. Once again, we would like to thank our Alliance partners, with special thanks to Mr Donnison and Mr Dickinson, for their support and generosity—production is now fully underway again.

It was also a pleasure to see former students, including Jacob, during the visit, and Mr Kirby was delighted to receive a tour of the excellent facilities at Alcester Grammar School ahead of his retirement next week.

This experience has provided students with a valuable real-world lesson in problem-solving, resilience, communication, and the importance of professional networks—all key skills that sit at the heart of the Young Enterprise programme.

*Miss Bartlett*



## \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \*

### Student Spotlight:

Good luck to our water polo sensation Courtney (Billesley, year 11) who will be representing the City of Coventry in the U17s national age group competition, being held in Gloucester at the weekend!



### U17 / U19 NAG Champs - Spectator Information

The Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships are an absolute must-see for fans of water polo in England, Scotland and Wales.

The competition will see the very best water polo players in the country battling it out for pride, glory and the historic domestic titles.

### This week's Sport roundup: Year 9 Boys Basketball: A Semi-Final Masterclass!

Alcester Academy 68 – 7 Studley

The year 9 boys' basketball team secured their place in the District Cup final this week with a truly breathtaking performance against Studley. In what can only be described as a masterclass in teamwork and determination, Alcester Academy stormed to a 68-7 victory.

From the very first tip-off, the boys were relentless. Their defensive pressure and rebounding was exceptional, holding the opposition to just 7 points across the entire game, while the offense operated with precision and speed on each attack.

Every player contributed to the scoreboard, demonstrating incredible depth and cohesion as a squad.

The energy on the court was matched only by the sportsmanship displayed by the team. They remained focused and professional throughout, representing Alcester Academy with pride.



## \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \*

### Year 10 Basketball v St Benedict's

The year 10 fixture this week saw a combined effort, with a large number of year 9 students answering the call to play up an age group.

**St Benedict's presented a formidable challenge,** fielding a very strong side with a number of

players who play basketball outside of school. Our Academy representatives stood their ground and kept the contest competitive throughout. Well done to all who were selected to represent us on the court this week. It was an entertaining match which finished 72-48 to St Benedict's.



### Next Week's Sport After School

NEXT WEEK'S SPORT W/B 9/2/26		
Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Thursday	Year 7 Girls District Football tournament – 7 a-side	Stratford School

### Next Week's Sport Lunch Time

Monday – Year 11 Indoor Football (Gym)

Tuesday – Year 8 Indoor Football (Gym)

1.45-2.15pm, no PE kit required just suitable footwear (Clean trainers!)

## PE Opportunities for our Students

### Stratford Town Academy Talent ID Event



JOIN US FOR 26/27 SEASON AND FURTHER EDUCATION 🔥



The day:  
-16-19 education presentation, life at the Academy & exit routes 🎓  
-Training session & games with UEFA & ex Professional coaches ⚽  
-First team manager & Chairman in attendance 🏆

Register through  in bio!

📅 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
🕒 10:00-13:00  
📍 Arden Garages Stadium



Ages 4-16yrs

During half-term

## RUGBY CAMP

2 CAMPS IN 1 DAY!



ALCESTER RFC

£25 Per Player

TUESDAY 17TH FEB '26  
9AM - 3PM

Alcester Rugby Football Club,  
Birmingham Road, Kings  
Coughton, Alcester, B49 5QF



OPEN TO BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



### BERRY BALLROOM

## CHILDREN'S LATIN DANCE TASTER SESSION

Half term - Friday, 20th Feb  
2.15pm to 4.15pm

Alcester Scout & Guide Centre  
(Next to tennis courts)

£10 per child

Please register via Text or WhatsApp  
Sue Berry on 07969 603856  
as class size will be limited.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**Alcester Academy** **THE Greig Hall** **PSW**

## A FOOTBALL FOCUSED EVENING

WITH **JANIE FRAMPTON OBE**

Janie is only the second woman to officiate men's professional football, and one of eight FIFA Women Instructors in the world.

**FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026**  
@ THE GREIG HALL, ALCESTER

- 5.30pm - Doors and bar open
- 6pm to 6.50pm - Interview with Janie
- Interval followed by
- 7.15pm to 8pm - Q&A session

**£5 FOR ADULTS • UNDER 18s FREE**

Tickets available from PSW, Alcester, **CASH ONLY**,  
or online @ [thegreighall.co.uk](http://thegreighall.co.uk)

Registered Charity Number 1195635

## ★ REDDITCH HAS TALENT AUDITIONS 2026

PRIZES FOR EACH AGE CATEGORY  
INCLUDING £250 OVERALL JUDGES' CHOICE!

SEND US A SHORT VIDEO: SEE PALACE THEATRE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO ENTER.  
SINGERS, DANCERS, BANDS, SCHOOLS, ENTERTAINERS - ALL WELCOME!

**DEADLINE 7TH MARCH 2026**

PRODUCER MARIA BRANNELLY • [RHTPALACE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RHTPALACE@GMAIL.COM)

## BIRMINGHAM AMERICAN FOOTBALL

### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Train with a coaching team of over 100 years combined experience  
No experience needed  
Adult Contact, U19's Contact, U18's Contact & Flag Football ages 7-16 available

Join your local American Football Family!

Spring Lane Playing Fields  
Eingsbury Road  
Erdington  
Birmingham  
B24 9NF

Scan for Birmingham Lions

Scan for Birmingham Bulls

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Stratford Youth Theatre  
Stratford Youth Theatre Presents:  
**THE BORROWERS**  
Adapted from the novel by Mary Norton  
18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February  
At The Bear Pit Theatre  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
www.stratfordyouththeatre.com

## ALCESTER ACADEMY

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Alcester Academy  
AWISI FOUNDATION

### INTERESTED IN POLICING?

KEEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY?  
LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY?

**Warwickshire Police Cadets Recruitment for 2026**

**Now Open**

What do I do next?

Scan the QR code and apply!

**RECRUITMENT IS OPEN UNTIL 1st March 2026**

Warwickshire POLICE CADETS

Keep Calm Recruitment is Open

Alcester court leet

# Pancake Races

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

11.30am-1.30pm

Alcester High Street

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



**KIDS HOLIDAY LUNCHES**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 12:30 - 1:30PM

Come along during half term and grab a takeaway kids lunch to enjoy in the park, including a drink, fruit and snacks

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

At The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester B49 6AG



**Hedgehogs in Your Garden – A Community Evening**

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Time: 6:30pm – 8pm  
Location: Eric Payne Community Centre

Did you know hedgehogs are in serious decline across the UK? Come and find out how you can help these prickly garden visitors thrive in Alcester!

- Talk by Haven 4 Wildlife on hedgehog behaviour and threats
- How to make your garden hedgehog friendly
- Demonstrations of hedgehog homes, feeding stations and tunnels
- Free hedgehog highway for everyone
- Activities for children
- Hot drinks and cakes

**Hedgehog Evening**

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