

# FRIENDS MEETING

## Meeting minutes

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7.30pm

### In Attendance

Rachel B, Clare D, Elaine L, Paula M

### Apologies

Maria G, Charajit S, Gill R. SLT were not due to attend this month.

### January Bingo

Tickets for bingo are available online in the store. Thank you to CD for putting up the banners in town.

As a reminder, we have prizes set up for this one using the prizes from the November bingo. Photos of prizes will be shared onto socials soon. After we have used all current stock brought for prizes we will purchase our own items to ensure we are not free with prizes.

Full bar and tuck shop will be available as normal.

RB and CD to review stock for ordering to ups.

Chris will return as bingo caller for this month and Keith will assist with the bar as normal. Meghan has also volunteered to help and Elaine offered to help set up tables etc. Thank you all!

Posts have gone out onto our socials to advertise prizes.

Thank you to PM for offering to put together a fruit hamper for the raffle.

If any other parent/carer would be interested in helping support our events, please email [friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk)

### Santa Route 2025

A huge thank you to everyone that supported the Santa Route in December. It was a cold night, but the rain held off and it was great to see so many people out.

Thank you to Clare, Paula, Elaine, Anita, Emma, Nick, Mr and Mrs Gretton, Elliot, Elliot, Ben, Zachery, Freya and Eve for helping us!!

The Round Table presentation takes place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and will be attended by Rachel and Clare.

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## Street Market 2026

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We have had an update to the provisional date that we had put in for the street market. It will now be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The theme for this years' street market is Mardi Gras. This will be a fun theme and pretty straight forward to do. CD is thinking of ways to decorate the stall and RB and CD are looking at costume options.

Please can you check diaries and let RB or CD know if you are able to assist during the day at any point. Whether it is to set up at 10am (approx.) or close down at (3:30pm approx).

An advert for donations for the bottle tombola has gone out onto socials and will be in the bulleting this week. Please feel free to share this.

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## AOB

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Thank you to Meghan who has offered to grow plants for us to do a plant sale later in the year. We are currently looking at options for this and will share details once we have finalised them. We are looking at making plants available online for collection from the school and in the staff room.

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## Next Meeting

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Our next meeting will be online on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm.