



Altofts Junior School

November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

Once again it's been a busy and exciting week! Our anti-bullying week is always an important week in our calendar. Children have participated in various activities relating to anti-bullying. They are very good at identifying what bullying is. They know the difference between someone being mean to them and actual bullying and they can explain that bullying is deliberate and repeated and can have an imbalance of power. We do have incidents where children are mean to each other and they need help to resolve it from our wonderful learning mentors but fortunately actual incidents of bullying are very rare in school.

Today children came to school wearing spots to support children in need and they also learnt a little bit about what the charity does. Thank you once again for your kind donations.

Recent events in school

We were treated to a drumming concert from Jeff Rich a former drummer for Status Quo. He delivered to the children a history of drums, a story of working hard to achieve your goal and an opportunity to play a percussion instrument to his drumming. It was a lively and loud session, very much loved by the children! Our cross country athletes returned as champions of the qualifying round and are looking forward to the final coming up soon. We have had many an inspire morning or afternoon and it is always wonderful to see the children enjoying working with a family member. Year 5 enjoyed a pop up planetarium coming into school and this deepened their knowledge of the earth, sun and moon.

Concerns about pick up time

We have once again received complaints about cars nearly causing accidents involving children outside the school. Please remember that only families who hold a permit may use the school car park and drive down Ash Tree Gardens during pick-up and drop-off times. Unfortunately, we are still seeing a high volume of traffic on this street. To improve safety, we will be trialling a new system. Between **2:55 pm and 3:10 pm**, cones will be placed across the main entrance, and **no vehicles will be able to enter or exit** during this time. If you hold a permit, you will need to collect your child **before 2:55 pm** or **after 3:10 pm** (or earlier if most children have already left). We hope this measure will reduce moving traffic on Ash Tree Gardens, making the area safer for our children and families. The last thing we want is for a child to be injured by a vehicle when leaving school. We will trial this system for several weeks and make any necessary adjustments. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 open evening

On Wednesday 19th November 5:30pm—6:30pm we are holding an open evening for current Year 2 pupils. This is an opportunity to come and look around school and to meet some of the staff. If you know of any local Year 2 children, please let them know. Martin Frobisher and Lee Brigg have kindly sent invites out.

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 3rd December 3-4:30pm

We are holding our Christmas Fayre and looking for donations of:

- Clean, medium sized jars;
- Soft toys;
- Unopened gift sets;
- Books in a good condition.
- Buns/cakes/cookies (on the day)



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Playground conduct

We are very fortunate that the vast majority of our parents conduct themselves appropriately on the playground. However, we have recently noticed an increase in swearing by a small number of adults. This is not acceptable on school grounds and may result in a temporary ban from the playground if it continues.

We want to ensure our children feel safe and do not hear inappropriate language while at school. Thank you to all our parents who continue to support us and uphold our school values.

Non uniform day Friday 28th November 2025

Full non-uniform day and can children please donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre tombola.

Raring to Go newsletter

Please use this [link](#) to see the Winter edition of Raring to Go which shares many winter family activities.



Recruitment

We are currently recruiting a lunchtime supervisor so please contact the office if you are interested or look on Wakefield.gov website for the advert.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

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Location Altofts Junior School, Ash Tree Gardens, Altofts, Normanton WF6 2NF

Salary Grade 2 – FTE salary £20,441. Actual annual salary £2,331 (Pay award pending)

Job reference 244294

Application closing date 21/11/2025 🕒 7 Days Left

Package 6.25 hours per week (11:45 -1pm), Monday to Friday, Term Time Only

Contractual hours 6.25

Basis Part time

Mrs Joanne Vickers

Headteacher



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Reminders

Food bank

There is basket in reception for donations

Reading volunteers

If you are interested in hearing our children read and can spare an hour or two each week, please let the office know — they will share the next steps with you. We would also love grandparents to get involved, as they often have a little more time than busy parents. Your support makes a huge difference to our children's learning — thank you!

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs are not allowed onto the school playground.

Wrap around care

Please see the next page for details how to sign up for after school childcare.

E-scooters and electric bikes

Make sure they are not used on school property. As outlined in a previous newsletter they are illegal in public areas.

Homework

Set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday

Dates for the calendar

Monday 24th November—Thursday 27th November—Book stall in school

Wednesday 26th November—whole school parent evening

Thursday 27th November - whole school parent evening

Friday 28th November—Non uniform day—bring chocolate for tombola

Monday 1st December—Year 3 Panto at Wakefield Theatre

Wednesday 3rd December—Christmas Fayre 3-4:30pm

Thursday 11th December—SEN coffee afternoon 2-3pm

Monday 15th December—Year3 & 4 Evening performance

Tuesday 16th December—Year 3 & 4 party 1pm

Tuesday 16th December—Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 6pm

Wednesday 17 December—Year 5 & 6 party

Thursday 18 December—Whole School Christmas service 10am (parents welcome)



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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 3 with an attendance of 99.03%. Amazing attendance—very well done.