



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I'm delighted to reflect on what has been a truly outstanding year for Allerton Grange School. 2025 has been filled with achievement, creativity, and community spirit – a year that has brought us together and reminded us of everything that makes AGS such a special place to learn and grow.

A Year of Excellence

One of the highlights of the year was our excellent OFSTED report in Spring 2025. Inspectors praised our inclusive ethos, high-quality teaching, and the respectful, vibrant atmosphere that defines our school. This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our families. Thank you all for playing your part in this success.

Celebrating Student Achievements

Our students have had a phenomenal year. We've seen over 40 educational trips and visits, from university taster days and theatre outings to geography fieldwork and international exchanges. These experiences have enriched learning and created lasting memories. In sport, our students have excelled across a wide range of disciplines. From football and netball to athletics and cricket, our teams have brought home regional titles, demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, and represented AGS with pride. Our Music and Drama departments have also had a spectacular year. The production of "Guys and Dolls" was a showstopper, with powerful performances and stunning stagecraft. Our choirs and ensembles have performed at local and national events, earning accolades and inspiring audiences. The arts are truly thriving at AGS.

Uniform Expectations

As we prepare for the new academic year, we've taken time in assemblies to remind all students of our uniform expectations. There are no changes to the AGS uniform, and we thank families for continuing to support us in maintaining high standards. Uniform is an important part of our school identity, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in ensuring students return in September looking smart and ready to learn.

Fond Farewells

As we celebrate our achievements, we also say goodbye to some much-loved colleagues who are retiring after many years of dedicated service. After a decade at AGS, Mike Roper retires this summer. Mike has been a guiding light in our school – a wise, compassionate leader whose impact will be felt for years to come. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside him, and we wish him a joyful and fulfilling retirement. We also bid fond farewells to some long-serving colleagues in Dave Goodfield, Pam Riley, Kay Courtnage, and Henri Grumbridge, who are retiring after many happy and successful years at AGS. Like Mike, they have provided incredible support to both staff and students, and their contributions have helped shape the heart of our school. We thank them for their dedication, warmth, and service, and we wish each of them a happy and healthy retirement.

Looking Ahead: Open Evening 2025

We're already looking forward to welcoming prospective students and families to our Open Evening on Thursday 18 September. This is always a highlight of the school calendar – a chance to showcase our vibrant community, outstanding facilities, and the many opportunities available at AGS. Please do spread the word to anyone considering joining us in the future!

Thank You

To our students – thank you for your energy, resilience, and achievements. To our parents and carers – thank you for your continued support. And to our staff – thank you for your unwavering dedication and care.

Wishing you all a restful, safe, and sunny summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another fantastic year at Allerton Grange.

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 21 July to Friday 29 August - Summer Holidays

Thursday 14 August - A level Results Day

Thursday 21 August - GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 2 September - School Reopens on Tuesday 2 September for Year 7 students at 8.30 am and for Year 12 student enrolment (10.30 am to 12.00 pm)

Wednesday 3 September - Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13 students return to school

Friday 5 September - Year 12 Timetable starts

Open Evening

Thursday 18 September 2025
6.00-8.00 pm



Book Online
bit.ly/AGS-Open-Days



Need support during the school holidays?

We have lots of useful information on the [Safeguarding pages of our school website](#). There are links to organisations that can help you and provide emotional support.

There are also resources on the [Active Learning website](#) to help you keep yourself safe over the summer.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe summer break!

Family Food and Wellbeing

[Click to open a Leeds City Council leaflet](#) with information on Free School Meals, Food Banks and Emergency Food Provision, Community Hubs, Healthy Holidays, Healthy Start Information, Leeds Money Information Centre, Children's Centres, Leeds School Uniform Exchange.

Child Friendly Leeds Summer Guide

Find out what's happening in Leeds over the 6 week summer holidays. There are free and low-cost ideas of things to do across the city.

[View the Summer Guide here.](#)

KS3 Public Speaking Competitions by Ms Ryding and Ms High, Teachers of English

All of our Key Stage 3 students have once again displayed a terrific show of confidence, sophistication, leadership and compassion during our 2025 Public Speaking Competitions.

Our 30 finalists bravely performed their carefully crafted speeches in front of their year groups and parents/carers, providing us all with some exceptionally powerful messages which Mr Roper described as being a symbol of hope for the next generation.

With topics ranging from gender inequality and racism in sport to climate responsibility and the value of the youth's voice, our students have shown their passion and commitment to building a better and fairer future for our world.

All students respected and supported each other throughout the process - from the beginning of our opinion writing lessons all the way up to the final performances in the main hall. We are extremely proud to have such talented and engaged young people at Allerton Grange.

Our expert judges, made up of members of SLT, Governors and Year 13 English Literature students, were tasked with the difficult job of deciding the winners. They commented on how challenging it was to choose clear winners among such brilliance, saying that they were all worthy of the prizes.

In the end, the winning votes went to:

- Aarohi, Prethisha and Pablo in Year 7,
- Sara, Esther and Sophia in Year 8, and
- Alfie, Bilal and Nathan in Year 9.

Thank you to the English Team for supporting all of our KS3 students with developing their public speaking skills.



Rewards Assemblies

This week we've celebrated students' achievements at our end of year Rewards Assemblies.

Well done to everyone who won an award!



Duke of Edinburgh

This school year, over 150 students, across three year groups, have taken part in the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award - 138 Bronze, 27 Silver and 8 Gold.

Mr Mahoney, Duke of Edinburgh Lead Coordinator said: *"We're very proud as a school that our young people are getting out there into the community, learning new skills and taking on these challenges, and we hope more students decide to take part next year."*



SPARX Maths

This year in Maths, Years 7-10 are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most. The top five students are Zoe, Ethan, Evan, Monae and Sunaina.

These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to the weekly homework.

Well done to these, and every student for their hard work this half term.



Leeds Rhinos Trip by Mr Gaunt, Teacher of PE

On Friday night, our Year 7 and 8 Rugby players attended Headingley Stadium for the Super League fixture between Leeds Rhinos and St Helens.

As part of the trip our students were part of the Guard of Honour to welcome the players onto the field.



While the result did not go Leeds' way, it was still a great experience for our young rugby players who were also able to obtain a fair few mementos from some of the St Helens players.

Sports Fixture Results

Rounders

Last Thursday, the PE team took all of our KS3 teams to the Leeds Schools Rounders Finals at Horsforth, what an amazing achievement that every team made it!

Miss Carter said: *"Our fantastic **Year 7 and 8 Rounders teams** qualified for the Leeds Rounders Final at Horsforth last week. Both teams were fantastic and came 2nd overall in the finals, making them both the second best teams in the whole of Leeds for their year groups, securing them a medal. Huge well done everyone! Bring on next year."*

Year 9 started really strongly with a comprehensive win against Horsforth.

Our second game was a highly anticipated game against Prince Henry's. Amrit one the toss and elected to field first. Our fielding was superb with a particularly unbelievable catch from Skye, we kept them to 5 ½ rounders. Our batting was confident and precise with Skye again scoring two huge rounders we won by 2.

The third and final game was against Temple Moor. Unfortunately, we lost the toss and had to bat first. This affected our concentration and we only set 2 ½ rounders and we were all out! Temple Moor ended up winning by 2 ½ which meant we unfortunately came second, but second in the whole of Leeds is something to be proud of.

Miss Caisley said: *"Make sure you're there next year to win!"*



Thank You Day

On Wednesday 16 July, we held our annual 'Thank You Day', and there was a flurry of activity during break times, where all students were encouraged to write a thank you card for a member of staff who made difference to them this year.



Year 7 Fundraising

Mrs Walker and the Year 7 St Gemma's RAG Enrichment group have been busy this term.

They planned and delivered several fundraisers - a staff bake sale, a sponsored walk/run round the field, making and selling bracelets and a sweet treats lucky dip.

To date they have raised an impressive £565.40 and the money from today's non uniform day will be added to this total.

Many thanks to all who supported us.



Dance World Cup Success

Massive congratulations to Lara in Year 9 who had a once-in-a-lifetime experience, competing for Team England, with 8,500 dancers, from 51 different countries

We're delighted that Team England were the overall winners of the competition!!



Music Tour

Late on Saturday night, 40 excited students from the Music Department set off on an unforgettable tour of the beautiful Rhineland region in Germany. Despite a challenging start - including a coach breakdown on the first excursion, meaning having coach substitutions from day one, which meant that for the whole trip we had to load and unload the coach everyday with all of the music equipment. The group's resilience and positivity shone through, setting the tone for a fantastic week of music, culture, and friendship building.

Throughout the tour, students had the opportunity to explore picturesque towns along the River Rhine, including the charming village of St. Goar and the stunning hilltop castles spotted during a scenic river cruise. One of the highlights was performing to a large and appreciative crowd in Bad Kreuznach, followed by a fun evening of bowling.

The musical journey continued with a visit to the quaint town of Rüdesheim, before heading to the elegant spa town of Bad Ems Kurpark for the final concert in the breathtaking Marmorsaal I'm Staatsbad Bad Ems, a truly spectacular venue that made the performance all the more special.

Students represented Allerton Grange with pride and professionalism at every turn. The tour manager even praised them as the most well-behaved group she has ever worked with which is a huge credit to the students and staff alike.

The hostel provided a perfect base, offering delicious meals, comfortable rooms, and plenty of outdoor space for students to relax and enjoy games together.

As we prepare to return in the early hours of Friday morning, it's clear that the students have made lasting memories, grown in confidence, and had an incredible time sharing their music abroad. We'll be sad to leave, but we return home with fun memories and a true sense of achievement.

Mrs Casey would like to thank Miss Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Mr Sumroy and Al for their time, energy and support they have given to making this trip a success.



KS3 Science Book Event

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Dr Michael Sweet, Associate Professor in Aquatic Biology at the University of Derby, to talk to KS3 students about coral reef conservation.

During the Year 7 sessions, Dr Sweet was supported in his presentation by Ewan, one of our Year 7 students and an aspiring scientist.



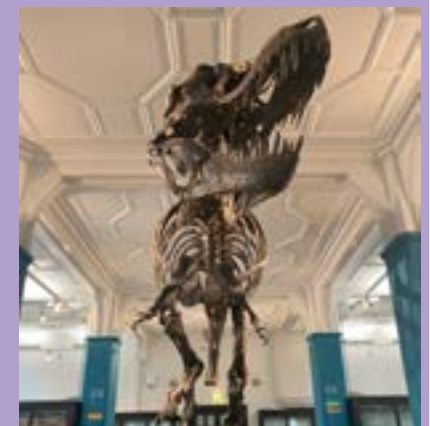
Year 10 End of Year Trip to York

On Monday, Year 10 students went on a trip to York, where they visited York Dungeon, and went on a walking tour of the walls, The Shambles, Clifford's Tower and York Minster.



Year 12 End of Year Trip to Manchester

Also, this week, Year 12 students had their end of year trip to Manchester. They visited the Whitworth Art Gallery and Manchester Museum, followed by an afternoon of free time in the city centre.



SCHOOL DAY 2025-26

Please see the amended school day we will be following from September 2025

