



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Allerton Grange Community,

As we reach the end of an incredibly busy and rewarding half-term, there is only one place to begin: **Little Shop of Horrors**. What an extraordinary three nights we experienced this week. The talent, commitment and energy displayed by our students were nothing short of inspiring. I'll admit, I found myself getting a little emotional, and I make no apologies for that. Moments like these remind us why school communities are so special. Productions of this scale don't happen by accident. They are the result of countless hours generously given by our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to create these opportunities for our students. My heartfelt thanks go to every colleague involved.

Thank you, too, to our parent and carer community, whose support across the performances was overwhelming. Seeing the hall full each evening meant so much to the students and staff alike; your encouragement truly helps bring these events to life.

This week also brought more wonderful news: Allerton Grange has successfully achieved the **Red Kite RED Award**, recognising our ongoing commitment to Respect, Equality and Diversity.

The award panel highlighted our strong and consistent dedication to ensuring that every student experiences a school environment where they are valued, heard and supported.

Our self evaluation and evidence portfolio showcased:

- A wide range of impactful strategies to promote equality and diversity
- Strong practice across key strands of the award
- Clear, effective communication with students and the wider community
- Rich opportunities and meaningful challenge to help all young people thrive

The reviewers noted how these efforts help build a strong, inclusive community where equality and diversity have a high profile in everyday life at Allerton Grange. I am incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to everyone - students, staff, governors and families - who contributed to this important work.

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all find time to rest and recharge. And with a bit of luck, the rain might even give us a break too!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - Half Term Holiday (School is closed)

Monday 23 February - School reopens - Start of Half Term 4

Tuesday 24 February - Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening (online appointments)

Monday 2 to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day - Big Book Swap in the Library

Monday 9 to Friday 13 March - National Science Week

Thursday 12 March - NeuroStars Parent/Carer Support Group, 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 24 March - Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening (Online Appointments)

Monday 24 March - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines Mop Up

**Thursday 26 March - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 pm
Tickets available from ParentPay**

Training Days 2025-26

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026 ✓

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

**Join us at our KS4&5 Concert on Thursday 26 March at 7.00 pm - All Welcome!
Tickets are £5 from ParentPay.**



Parents' Information Evenings 2025-26

We have an online booking system for Parents' Evenings

<https://agrange.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For the 2025-26 academic year Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. You will receive a letter from school prompting you to book your appointments.

- 24 February 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

The Big Book Swap is back!

World Book Day is on Thursday 5 March this year and we will again be running the 'Big Book Swap'.

How it works: Bring in one or more book from home that you would like to swap. Be sure to check with people at home that they are happy for you to swap this book!

Bring your books to the Library between 23 February and Wednesday 4 March and swap them for a book swap token. Then, at break and lunchtime on World Book Day – Thursday 5th March we will have all of the books out on display and you can exchange your token for a new book.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email

sixthform@allertongrange.com



Little Shop of Horrors

Wow! What a show! We've had a fantastic week with the Little Shop of Horrors cast, band and crew, starting on Tuesday afternoon with our primary school and KS3 students' matinee show, followed by three spectacular evening performances.

Thank you to all the talented students in the cast and chorus; the dancers; the musicians in the band; the backstage crew including scenic artists, prop makers, puppeteers, sound, lighting and production; and our amazingly creative Performing Arts staff team of Mrs Spencer-Matthews, Ms Hullock, Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Al Matthews, Mr Hansen plus Ms Neilson and Ms Gershaw, and everyone else in school who contributed behind the scenes. Thank you also to family and friends for all of your support. Here's to 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:

Zaki, Haniya, Florence, Zak and Charlotte.

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.



Exciting news from Music

Huge congratulations to Daniel and Archie in Year 13 for both securing a place at the prestigious RNCM Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

Year 9 Visit to Huddersfield University

Today, 45 Year 9 students visited Huddersfield University to hear all about university life, understand how to get to university, learn what jobs require a degree and which ones don't, and have a tour of the campus and buildings.

Students were amazed by the number and range of degree courses on offer and learnt a great deal about being a university student. Allerton Grange students had some brilliant questions for the ambassadors we met from Huddersfield University and they showed fantastic ambition and curiosity. We continue to offer students a wide range of opportunities to raise aspirations and ensure social mobility.

"I've enjoyed learning about the different courses you can do and what different accommodation people live in"

Amber, Year 9

KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish.

To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.

Three Duolingo competition posters for Year 7, 8, and 9. Each poster features the Duolingo logo, a URL, and instructions on how to join the competition. The posters are decorated with colorful bunting and Duolingo characters.

YEAR 7 duolingo COMPETITION
www.duolingo.com/classroom/lyxzqh
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

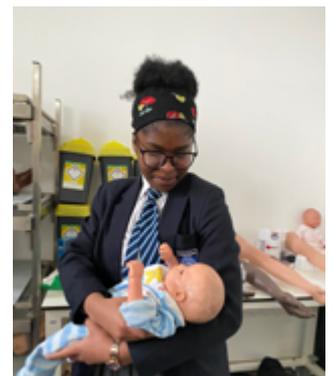
YEAR 8 duolingo COMPETITION
www.duolingo.com/classroom/nadbqx
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 9 duolingo COMPETITION
www.duolingo.com/classroom/qczpsq
Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!
First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 8-letter code.
You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

Year 7 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ



Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



Family Hubs SEND parent drop ins

Family Hubs are designed to support families by bringing together a range of services into one easy-to-access space. Whether you need parenting advice, health support, education guidance, or help navigating local services, our family hubs are here to help.

Family hubs act as a vital link between families and community support, offering a holistic approach to meet individual family needs. They are also a space where families can connect with others in their community.

The SEND Coordinators within the Family Hubs are hosting SEND parent drop in:

Outer West Family Hub

Last Thursday of the month, 9 am till 12 pm at Horsforth Library.

Inner West Family Hub

Last Wednesday of the month, 9.30 am till 12 pm at Armley Community Hub.

Book your place now

Book your place by calling 0113 535 0185 or emailing family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk quoting the drop in you would like to book a place for, upon booking you will be given a time slot.



NEUROSTARS
Neurodiversity Consultancy
SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE,
ADULTS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS & WORKPLACES
*DIAGNOSIS IS NOT NEEDED

Parent/Carer Support Group
You are invited to our upcoming support group:

**Thursday 12th March,
4.30pm- 5.30pm**

Allerton Grange High School

For more information about the work we do, or to book a FREE 30-minute Initial Chat, please get in touch:
07546 566997
hello@neurostars.co.uk
www.neurostars.co.uk

QR code: 

STARS Training (parents and professionals)

These workshops provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Please email send@leeds.gov.uk or leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Emotional wellbeing

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health.

We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms.

Puberty and sexuality - Secondary/Post-16

Wednesday 25 March 2026

This session will look at why autistic and other neurodivergent children and young people may need additional support to understand puberty, relationships and sexuality.

We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people of better understand these themes.



LEEDS LOCAL OFFER LIVE 2026

The Leeds Local Offer has information about services that help children and young people with SEND. It also helps parents and carers find support in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is an event where you can meet different SEND services and learn what they do.

This year, the workshops are about Supported Internships. Come along to find out more about this pathway.

Wednesday 25 March 2026 

10am till 3pm (Drop in) 

Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA 

BOOK YOUR PLACE 

Complete the booking form [here](#) 

QR code: 

Logos:    

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu
Little shop of Horrors Pit Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDu	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/CBa *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu	Years 9, 10 & 11 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JGA	Year 7 School of Rock- for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ CBa *
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	Years 7 & 8 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD	Years 8 & 9 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa	* Each term the club will explore a different programme
	Basketball Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			
	Little Shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			

**ALL
YEARS
KS3
KS4
KS5**



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

Clubs run from 3-4pm starting from January

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Fitness Y7/8	Fitness Suite	JAD
	Basketball	Sports Hall	DTO
WEDNESDAY	Trampoline Y 8/9	Sports Hall	KAI
	Table Tennis Y7/8	Main Hall	SNO
	Fitness Y 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	JGA
THURSDAY	Trampoline Y7	Sports	ECA
	Table Tennis 9/10	Main Hall	SNO

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS

Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.

These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.

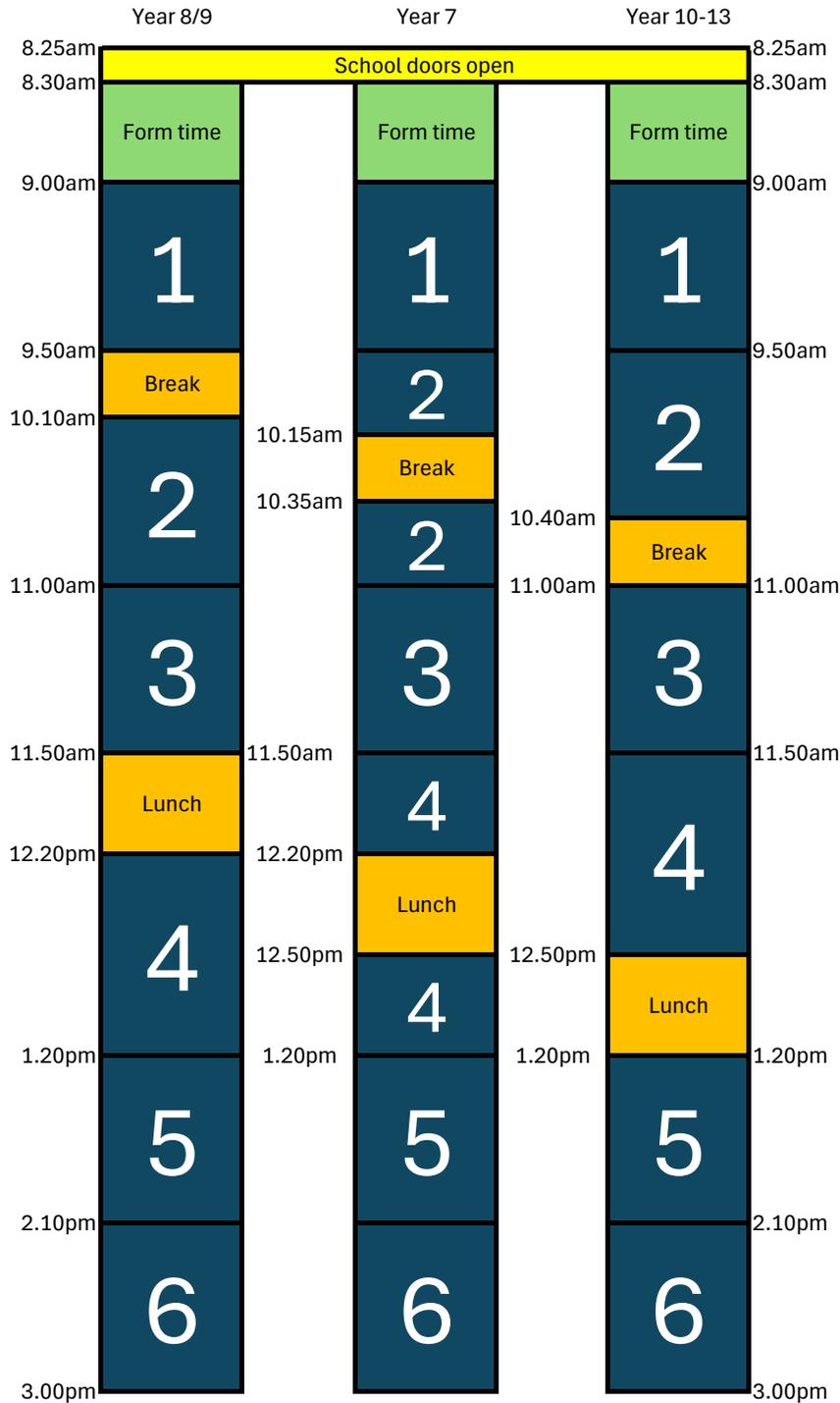
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Little Shop of Horrors Musical Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/Reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm
(30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm
(90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.