

ARH NEWSLETTER 26-27

16TH OCTOBER 2026

Our weekly newsletter for all our children and families in the ARH community



A MESSAGE FROM SLT: MRS COLLEY

This week, children across the school took part in No Pen Wednesday – a fantastic opportunity to put down their pens and learn through talk! Throughout the day, children developed their oracy skills, practising how to express their ideas clearly, listen carefully to others, ask thoughtful questions and build on different viewpoints. Oracy is an important part of learning at our school and is explicitly taught across the curriculum. Strong speaking and listening skills support children's learning and academic achievement, while helping them become confident communicators. There are lots of simple and enjoyable ways to support these skills at home too. Take a look at our Oracy poster [here](#) for more information, conversation starters and fun questions to try together!



LATEST NEWS

- **Reception Open Evenings** - Is your child due to start Reception next year? We will be holding our Reception Open Evenings on Wednesday 25th November and Monday 30th November. This is a great opportunity for prospective families to visit our school and find out more about ARH. Please see [here](#) for more details.
- **School Dinners** - Please find [attached](#) our school menu, which will remain the same until Christmas. Aspens are keeping our current menu in place while preparing for the new school food regulations coming into effect next September. We'll share the updated menu with you as soon as it's available. Thank you for your understanding!
- **Kedzior Award Winners** - We had three fantastic Kedzior Award winners this half-term, recognised for their outstanding achievements outside of school. Sophie has been supporting a local foodbank, Ava volunteered with Leicestershire Police to help train detectives in speaking with young children, and our Year 6 winner has been an incredible support to his family during a challenging time. We are extremely proud of them, and of all the nominees this half-term. Read more about our winners [here](#).

REMINDERS

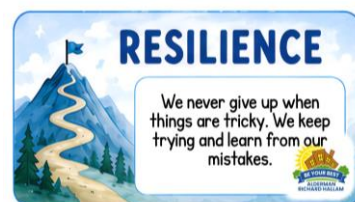
- **Police Confidence Survey** - Our local Police are inviting residents to complete a short Police Confidence Survey. Your views are valuable and help the Police understand local concerns and decide where resources and support are needed. If you would like to take part, please click [here](#).
- **Coffee Morning Date Change** - Please note that our Coffee Morning has been moved to Thursday 5th November. Please see [here](#) for more details.
- **Travel Survey** - Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, in partnership with Leicester City Council, are asking parents and carers to complete their 2026 School Travel Survey. Your feedback will help improve school journeys and make walking, wheeling and cycling easier and safer for our school community. Complete the survey [here](#) by 13th December 2026 for the chance to win a £50 Love2shop voucher!
- **Latest Topics** - Please click on your child's year group to find out about their new topics: [Nursery](#), [Reception](#), [Year 1](#), [Year 2](#), [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#), [Year 6](#).
- **Monsters' Ball** - See the details of our upcoming Monsters' Ball here – [FS](#), [KS1](#), [KS2](#), [LGH](#). Come along if you dare!

IFS SUPERSTARS

A big well done to the children across the school who have achieved our student spotlight of 'Teamwork' this week. Please click [here](#) to see our superstars.

NEXT WEEK'S IFS

In class after half-term...



ATTENDANCE

As we come to the end of our first half term, thank you to all our families for helping us maintain a positive start to the school year. Regular attendance and good punctuality make a real difference to children's learning, friendships and confidence.

Our overall attendance for Years 1–6 this academic year is currently [96.79%] – a fantastic start!

A huge well done to the Y6 Pumas class, who achieved the highest attendance across the school this half term! See [here](#) to find out how all our classes have done over the last half term.

Enjoy the half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready to learn.

Every day counts – every minute matters!

SEND

As we head into the October half-term break, here are some simple, fun activities to enjoy together at home while supporting your child's development.

These are just suggestions – the most important thing is to have fun together and enjoy time to relax and recharge.

- Drawing, painting or colouring
- Making autumn collages with leaves and sticks
 - Playdough and sensory play
 - Autumn scavenger hunts
 - Baking together
- Water play with cups and containers
- Board games to practise turn-taking

Every child is different, so remember that short activities and plenty of downtime are just as valuable. The most important thing is to have fun, relax and enjoy time together.

We hope you have a wonderful half-term break!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19th October–23rd October – Half Term
- 26th October – School re-opens
- 25th & 30th November – Reception Open Evenings

	Parent pop-ins
Monday	Years 3, 4 and 6
Tuesday	Years 2 and 5
Wednesday	Year 1

CLUB TIMETABLE

MON	Y5 & Y6 boys' football (Performance Squad and the boys training in the Autumn sessions.)
TUES	Ensemble
WEDS	
THURS	
FRI	Y5 & Y6 girls' football

PARENTAL SUPPORT

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI Companions

This [guide](#) explores the risks of AI companions, including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, misleading mental health advice, and data privacy concerns. It offers practical advice on discussing AI relationships with young people, encouraging real-world connections, and promoting safer use.

OTHER NOTES/LINKS

- **Family Fun with Raring2go!** - Looking for family activities this autumn? The FREE Raring2go! Leicester digital magazine is full of ideas for pumpkin picking, Halloween, Bonfire Night and festive events, plus exciting competitions! Click [here](#) to read the magazine and discover fun things to do with your family.
- **Leicester City in the Community** - will be running a range of free activities for young people aged 8–18. Young people can get involved in a fantastic range of sessions, tournaments, competitions, prizes, and workshops throughout the week. Find out more [here](#) and sign up <http://www.lcfc.com/kicks>
- **Pumpkin Picking at Broom Leys Farm** - see [here](#) for more information.

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