

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Newsletter
July 2025



National Autistic Society
Autism Specialist Award 2023



Dear families,

As we reach the end of another incredible and busy year at Alt Bridge School, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a special time for our community.

This week has been nothing short of magical. Our Gold Celebration Week has brought smiles to students and staff alike, with visits from alpacas and donkeys, live musicians and artists, silent discos, and fun-filled activities with form groups. Staff and students were also treated to golden snack bags which have been a small but heartfelt token to celebrate all we've achieved together.

Looking back on the year, Alt Bridge has continued to flourish, not only in numbers but in character, community spirit, and the support we provide. We're especially excited to announce that on Wednesday, 3rd September, we will host a special opening event for our brand-new classrooms. These beautiful new spaces mark a big step forward for us, and we're thrilled to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Knowsley who recently visited and met with students, staff, and yes, even the donkeys, to help us officially open them.

We're proud to have received significant capital investment from Knowsley Council, helping us to expand and enhance our provision. This year, we've worked closely with the council and other key partners to shape the future of our current site, as well as our planned Post-16 site in Kirkby. These developments are incredibly exciting, and we can't wait to see them come to life.

In September, we look forward to welcoming back our outstanding commissioned services: OSSME Autism Initiatives, Shine Therapies, Merseycare, and an expanded presence from Knowsley's Educational Psychology Service. These partners, alongside our health, care, and EYES

service colleagues help make our support for students truly unique, ensuring every young person can access what they need to thrive.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff team, whose energy, positivity, and commitment have made every day count. And of course, to our amazing students; you inspire us daily and remind us why our work matters so much.

Finally, to our families, thank you for your constant support, encouragement, and partnership. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer break with your loved ones. Whether you're travelling or staying local, may your holidays be filled with happiness. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Menagh
Head teacher

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We ask that all parents and carers support school with our mobile phone policy by ensuring that students ***leave mobile phones at home*** when they board transport to school. Only students who are independent travellers would be expected to bring phones to school and these must be handed into our office on arrival.

SOME KEY DATES COMING UP

SEPTEMBER 2025

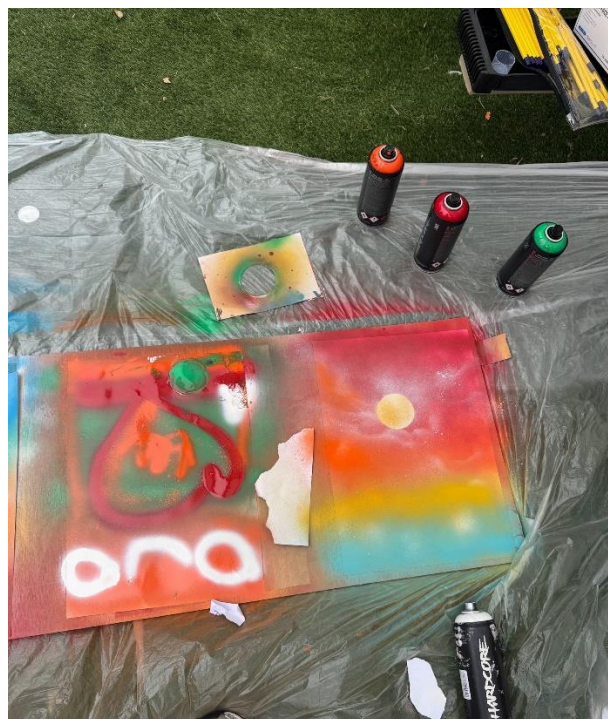
Wednesday 3rd September – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL and the official opening of our new classrooms!

And now the chance to share some news.....

Gold celebration week!







What an amazing week! Alpaca walking has been a massive hit with the students. They want their own now! That's a lovely wish to hang onto for the future!

We also welcomed a graffiti artist, beat boxer and DJ for year 9 and 10s workshops and donkeys for our base classes.

Everyone had an ice-cream this week and enjoyed a visit from some very important people: the Mayor and Mayoress of Knowsley.



Behaviour for Learning

Don't forget, our new whole school expectations from September:

**Ready
Connected
Safe**

And our brand-new core values:

**Belonging
Independence
Respect
Kindness
Ambition
Courage
Individuality**

New Classrooms!!!



Just a first glimpse at our lovely new classrooms...we cannot get inside yet but they are looking amazing and have a lovely log cabin feel! Thank you to Knowsley council! We look forward to the official opening in September!

Leavers 2025

Our year 11 leavers had an amazing leavers week for 2025! They enjoyed their trip to Blackpool, leavers assembly and Prom! Students looked amazing turning up to the event at Knowsley Village hotel! We are going to miss them hugely and are massively proud of their achievements. A huge well done to year 11 and year 13!!





Recent Kindness Champions

Recently, our Kindness Champions have been:

Micheal Dragon Class with two votes from different staff.

'Michael for a kindness award please! He has been lovely to Lewis from Helix class and has been sitting and reading with him'

'Michael over the past few weeks has been going out of his way to say hello to me. This has not always been the case with Michael. What a difference! Well done Michael'

Michael 9.2

'Can you give Michael a kindness award in 9.2. When a new student arrived for his first day Michael offered to show him around the school'

Mrs Keegan

Mrs Keegan for being so lovely and doing the toast for the children and staff with a smile'

Year 7. Poppy

'Poppy was a positive role model to her friend, gave positive encouragement and helped her when she was feeling very upset. Thankyou Poppy'

Year 9. Warren

'for being a good friend. Warren is so kind to everyone, always wanting to help and offer support. He gave a bottle of water to Michael when he was upset after losing his. So, so kind!'

Year 7. Lilly

'for letting her class mates take turns using her fan, she brought this in from home when the weather was warm'

Staff. Ms Austin

'I'd love to nominate Ms Austin for a kindness award, she just found a local persons parcel on the ground during her lunch walks and spent her lunch returning it to them! They were made up to have it'

Mr Reddin

Mr Reddin is always helpful and goes above and beyond when it comes to helping out in school. Thanks for being Alt Bridge number one DJ'

Mrs Menagh and Mrs Parkinson

'Both Natalie and Kerry have done a fantastic job this week organising the celebration for Golden Week. Lots of happy children with lovely memories'

Safeguarding Team

The ***Designated Safeguarding Leader for the school is Mrs Richards*** (Assistant Head teacher). We also have five other members of staff who are trained to the level of Designated Safeguarding Leaders;

Miss Pritchard – Pupil Welfare Manager

Mrs Murphy – Assistant Head teacher

Mr Randall – Assistant Head teacher

Miss Williams – Learning Mentor

Miss Freeman – Learning Mentor

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child who attends Alt Bridge, please report them to one of the DSLs above. You can also contact Knowsley Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub on **0151 443 2600**.

Please note if you believe a child, young person or adult at immediate risk, you should contact the police urgently, CALL 999 EMERGENCY.