

# Allerthorpe

## News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting and busy half-term has come to a close at Allerthorpe School. Learners have embraced a wide range of activities — from celebrating the Winter Olympics to taking part in conservation work through the RSPB Big Bird Count. We have also continued our outdoor learning projects, installing the bird boxes created last half term in Forest School to support this spring's nesting birds. Our hedgehog houses and bat boxes are now placed around the grounds, too, ready to offer shelter to any wildlife that needs a safe home.

Our long-anticipated LEGO Challenge is also nearing its finale. Our talented team is preparing to take their robotic creation to the championships at the end of March — an incredible achievement. Please keep an eye out for further information coming home soon.

**The Allerthorpe Team**

### **Our School Values: BRIGHT Futures!**

- **Belonging:** Foster a sense of belonging where every learner feels valued and accepted.
  - **Respect:** Promote kindness and dignity throughout our school community.
  - **Inclusivity:** Celebrate diversity and ensure everyone's needs are met.
  - **Growth:** Show dedication to continuous growth and development.
- **Holistic Support (Help):** Address academic, emotional, and social needs with care.
- **Trust:** Build trust through transparent communication and safeguarding.

# Allerthorpe School Takes Part in National Bird Count to Support Learning and Conservation

Allerthorpe Special Educational Needs School has proudly taken part in the RSPB National Bird Count, joining schools and communities across the country on Friday, 23rd January and over the weekend to help monitor and protect local wildlife.

Learners and staff spent time observing, identifying and counting birds within the school grounds and surrounding outdoor spaces. The activity provided a valuable opportunity for learners to connect with nature while developing observation skills, patience and environmental awareness in a calm, meaningful way.

Taking part in the National Bird Count also supported wider learning objectives, including communication, numeracy and personal development. Learners were encouraged to work together, share their findings and take pride in contributing to a national conservation initiative.

The school places a strong emphasis on outdoor learning and real-world experiences that support both academic progress and emotional well-being. Participation in national initiatives such as the Bird Count reflects Allerthorpe's commitment to inclusive, enriching education that meets learners where they are and builds confidence through meaningful experiences.



## Allerthorpe School Learners Join FIRST® LEGO® League with York University

Allerthorpe Special Educational Needs School has launched an exciting weekly STEM initiative for learners aged 9–16, taking part in the FIRST® LEGO® League in collaboration with York University every Wednesday afternoon until March.

The programme introduces learners to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through fun, hands-on learning. This year's theme, Unearthed, encourages learners to explore real-world challenges while building and programming LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime robots to complete missions in a friendly, competitive environment.

Learners will also engage in a research project, identifying and solving a relevant real-world problem. Teams will work together one afternoon a week at school to develop their robot and research project, culminating in a presentation of their challenge to the judges in York in March. The programme fosters problem-solving, teamwork, creativity, coding skills, and confidence in a supportive and inclusive setting.



Allerthorpe joined the February Press-Up Challenge, with both learners and staff taking part.

Riley in Year 8 achieved the highest number of press-ups — an amazing effort and a fantastic example of determination and resilience. Well done, Riley!

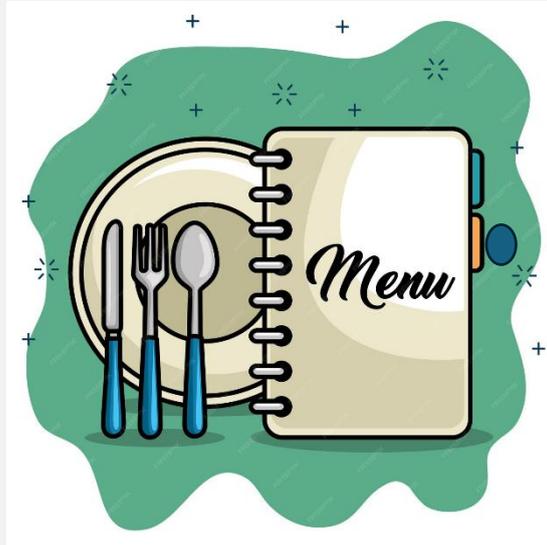
# THE PUSH-UP CHALLENGE

To celebrate the Winter Olympics 2026, Allerthorpe staff and learners took part in activities each break time, collecting all 5 coloured rings and achieving the Olympic cup.



# Other News

## Spring Term Menus



## DAILY LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE

Spring Term 2025/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DINNER</b>	Hot Dog <u>or</u> Sausage Potato Wedges	Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry Naan Bread	Cottage Pie	Fish Chips Beans or Peas
<b>DESSERT</b>	Jelly and ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Angel Delight Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cake and custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cookie Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Sponge Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

<b>DINNER</b>	Pasta - Plain or with cheese	Wraps - Cheese - Tuna - Ham - Salad	Jacket Potato - Cheese - Beans - Tuna - Butter	Salad served with every meal
<b>SNACK</b>	Fresh fruit and vegetables	Cheese and crackers <u>or</u> Crisps <u>or</u> Toast	Waffle and spread (only a Friday option)	
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Selection of cereals	Toast - Butter - Jam	Decaf coffee and tea Milk	

\* Please note: This is the core weekly menu, however, we will be introducing our learners to new foods each week to see what they like/dislike for future menu options. Full allergen information is available on request.

# DAILY LUNCH MENU

## WEEK TWO

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DINNER</b>	Chicken Burger <u>or</u> Beef Burger Chips	Sausage and Mash Beans or Peas	Roast Gammon (Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Mash, Vegetables)	Chicken Nuggets Herby Potatoes Corn on the Cob	Pepperoni or Margarita Pizza Chips
<b>DESSERT</b>	Jelly and ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Angel Delight Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cake and custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cookie Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Sponge Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
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## Main Dates for your diaries:

Return to school for learners is on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

Term Report sent home: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Parents' Evenings: **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Easter celebration event for parents' **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1.30pm**



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