



Ad Meliora Academy Trust Parent and Carer Newsletter Autumn term 2026



Welcome back

Welcome to the start of another exciting academic year. We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer break and had plenty of opportunities to make the most of the warm weather.

It has been fantastic to welcome our pupils back into our academies. The classrooms are once again full of energy, enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. Across the Trust, staff have been working hard to prepare for another successful year of learning, growth and achievement, and we are delighted to begin that journey together.

In this edition of our newsletter, we share updates from across the Trust, including information about our core values, attendance, family support services, upcoming open days for our 2027 intake, opportunities to become an Academy Committee member, and the exciting premises improvement projects planned for our academies.

Why our core values matter

At Ad Meliora Trust, our core values are much more than words displayed on a website or classroom wall. They provide the foundation for everything we do, shaping our culture, guiding our decisions and helping us create environments where every child can flourish.

Across our academies, our values help ensure that pupils feel safe, valued, respected and supported. They influence how we teach, how we work together and how we build positive relationships with children, families and our wider communities.

By promoting **respect and inclusion**, **compassion and kindness**, and **cooperation**, we help children



develop into thoughtful, caring and responsible members of society. Through **high expectations** and **excellence, courage, and reflection and growth**, we encourage our pupils to be ambitious, resilient and confident in embracing new opportunities and challenges.

Our values of **integrity**, **restorative practice**, and **appreciation** ensure that honesty, accountability, positive relationships and recognition of achievement remain at the heart of our work.

Together, these values unite our academies while celebrating their individuality. They provide a shared vision that guides our actions and helps ensure every child receives the education, care and opportunities they deserve.



In each newsletter, we have focussed on one of our core values. In our Summer Newsletter, we explored our fourth core value, **high expectations and excellence**. This term, we turn our attention to our fifth core value: - **Integrity - We act with honesty and strong moral purpose**

Integrity is one of the most important values we can help children develop. It encourages them to make the right choices, even when nobody is watching, and helps build the character and confidence they need for future success.



Children who demonstrate integrity learn to: -

- Build trust through honesty, reliability and truthfulness.
- Take responsibility for their actions and learn from mistakes.
- Treat others fairly and stand up for what is right.
- Develop strong moral values and good character.
- Become responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities.

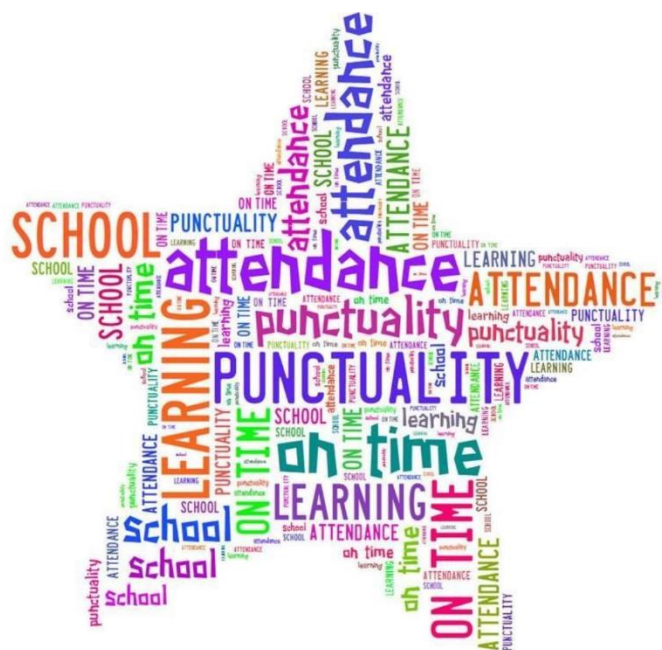
By nurturing integrity from an early age, we help children develop the skills, attitudes and behaviours that will support them throughout their education and beyond.

Every day counts: the importance of good attendance

Regular attendance is one of the strongest indicators of educational success. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, social development, friendship building and participation in the wider life of the school.

Children who attend school regularly are better placed to achieve their potential academically, socially and emotionally.

We also recognise that attendance challenges can arise for a variety of reasons, including health issues, anxiety, wellbeing concerns, transport difficulties or changing family circumstances.



When difficulties occur, our schools are committed to working with families to identify solutions and provide support.

Support may include: -

- Meetings with school staff Pastoral and wellbeing support
- Attendance guidance and planning
- Signposting to specialist services where appropriate

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact your academy's Family Support Adviser. Working together at an early stage can often prevent concerns from becoming more significant barriers to learning.



Every day counts. Together, we can help every child be present, participate and succeed.



**WE ARE
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HELP**



Family Support Advisers: here to help

At Ad Meliora Trust, we understand that family life can sometimes be challenging. When additional support is needed, our Family Support Advisers are available to provide guidance, practical help and encouragement.

Our advisers work closely with families, schools and external agencies to help overcome barriers that may affect a child's wellbeing, attendance or learning. Support is confidential, non-judgemental and tailored to individual circumstances.

Family Support Advisers can help with a wide range of issues, including: -

- School attendance
- Behaviour and routines at home
- Emotional wellbeing
- Parenting support
- Housing concerns
- Financial difficulties and benefits advice
- Accessing specialist services

Seeking support early can make a significant difference and often prevents small concerns from becoming more complex challenges.

We firmly believe that strong partnerships between families and schools help children thrive. By working together, we can ensure every child feels happy, safe and supported to achieve their full potential.

If you would like advice or support, please contact your school's Family Support Adviser. They will be happy to listen, discuss your circumstances and help identify the most appropriate support available.





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School meals

At Ad Meliora Trust, we know that a healthy, nutritious meal is an important part of a successful school day.

That's why we are proud to work in partnership with **Aspens**, our school catering provider, to offer pupils a wide range of delicious, balanced meals every day.



School is a wonderful place for children to develop healthy eating habits and explore new foods. Our menus are designed to provide familiar favourites alongside opportunities to try new tastes and ingredients, helping children develop confidence and enjoyment around food.



Using fresh, seasonal produce wherever possible, Aspens creates meals that are both nutritious and appealing. Menus are carefully designed to meet the needs of children at different ages and stages, ensuring appropriate portion sizes, reducing food waste and providing plenty of choice.

School meals are about more than simply providing lunch. They help children understand healthy lifestyles, nutrition and where food comes from, enabling them to make informed choices that support their wellbeing both now and in the future.

Further information about menus can be found on your academy website.

Special diets and allergies

Aspens can support children who have food allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements linked to religious beliefs.

They work closely with families to ensure children receive meals that are safe, appropriate and enjoyable. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please complete a dietary requirements form and return it to the school office as soon as possible so arrangements can be put in place.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this entitlement because school meals provide:

- High-quality, freshly prepared food
- A nutritionally balanced meal each day
- Excellent value for families
- Opportunities for children to try a wider range of foods

Key Stage 2 school meals (Years 3 to 6)

School meals for Key Stage 2 pupils currently cost **£2.80 per day**.

Please remember to order your child's meal through the **Pupil Asset app**, where pupils can choose from a range of options including: -

- Main meal
- Vegetarian option
- Jacket potato
- Pasta option
- Cold meal option

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Families who may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding are encouraged to apply. Successful applications can unlock additional support and resources that benefit both children and schools.

Further information and application forms can be accessed via the academy's website.

Looking ahead: welcoming our 2027 intake

As we begin a new school year, we are also looking forward to welcoming the next generation of pupils into our academies.

Choosing the right school for a child is one of the most important decisions a family will make. Our upcoming Open Days provide prospective parents and carers with an opportunity to experience our academies first-hand and discover what makes each school unique.

Visitors will be able to: -

- Meet staff and pupils.
- Tour our learning environments.
- Learn about our curriculum and wider opportunities.
- Experience the welcoming and inclusive culture of our academies.

We are incredibly proud of the nurturing, ambitious and supportive environments we provide and look forward to welcoming prospective families in the coming weeks.

See below for further details about our open days. We look forward to welcoming you.





Ranked in the county's **top three** for Year 6 attainment and **proud to be part** of Norfolk's highest-performing trust

OPEN DAY

14th October 2026

For parents of children in Reception to Year 6 and also children looking for a Reception Class place in September 2027



To book a place, please

☎ 01485 528368

✉ office@blenheimpark.norfolksch.uk

🌐 www.blenheimpark.norfolk.sch.uk

📍 Blenheim Park Academy, Lancaster Road, Sculthorpe, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 7PX



School Tours For Reception Intake 2027

Tuesday 6th October 2026 10am & 5pm

If you are a prospective parent or carer with a child starting Reception in September 2027...

You are invited to Greenpark Academy's Open Day

- Friendly and experienced staff
- Plenty of outdoor space
- Breakfast club from 7.45am each day
- Afterschool club until 4pm each day



Website: www.greenpark.norfolk.sch.uk

Email: office@greenpark.norfolk.sch.uk

Telephone: 01553 772018



Our Aim: For children to have the skills and mind set to embrace learning at school and beyond.

Reffley Academy tours for **NEW** reception intake & Nursery pupils, September 2027 intake

📅 Wednesday 7th October 2026 10am and 1.45pm

📅 Monday 19th October 2026 10am

📅 Friday 6th November 2026 1:45pm

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027? Book a place to have a look around and find out about what our school can offer.

Ofsted March 2022, Reffley Academy was graded **GOOD** with **outstanding** for behaviour and attitudes. It stated most pupils will say "they learn a lot" Please visit the Ofsted website for the whole report.

☎ Please phone 01553 671045 in order to book a tour space



Becoming an Academy Committee member: make a difference in your community

Our academies are always looking for committed individuals who are passionate about making a difference to children's lives.

Academy Committee members play a vital role within our academies, providing support and challenge to school leaders and helping to ensure that every child receives the best possible education.

You do not need a background in education to become an Academy Committee member. We welcome people from a wide range of professions, experiences and backgrounds, all of whom bring valuable skills and perspectives to the committee.

Being an Academy Committee member offers an opportunity to: -

- Make a positive difference to children and young people;
- Develop leadership and strategic thinking skills;
- Gain experience in governance and accountability;
- Give something back to the local community;
- Work alongside dedicated professionals who share a commitment to educational excellence.

The role is both rewarding and fulfilling, offering the chance to contribute to the future success of our schools and the communities they serve.

If you would like to learn more about becoming an Academy Committee member within the Trust, please get in touch with our Governance Manager, Penny Folkard penny.folkard@admtrust.org.uk, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Investing in our academies: premises improvement projects

Creating safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environments remains a key priority across the Trust. We are pleased to share details of several improvement projects taking place across our academies during the year ahead.

Blenheim Park

Work is currently underway to replace classroom blinds throughout the school, helping to improve learning environments and classroom comfort.

During the October half-term break, we will also complete the second phase of our motion-sensor lighting installation programme, supporting improved energy efficiency and reducing running costs.





Greenpark

We are delighted that the new playground project has now been completed, providing pupils with an improved outdoor space for play and learning.

A phased programme to install air conditioning across classrooms will begin this year, helping to improve comfort during increasingly warm summer months.

Work also continues to address the longstanding field drainage issues. Norfolk County Council has confirmed its commitment to funding and delivering improvements, with remedial works currently planned for Summer 2027.

Reffley



Several projects are planned to improve both sustainability and the learning environment, including: -

- Installation of motion-sensor lighting
- Replacement of failed window panes
- Installation of self-closing taps

A phased programme of air conditioning installation will also commence this year.

In addition, classroom redecoration and recarpeting will begin during the October half-term break, starting with Year 1 classrooms and progressing through the school as budgets allow. Our aim is to refresh all learning spaces over time, creating bright, welcoming environments for pupils and staff.

Websites

Our websites contain a range of useful information: -

School contact details	PE and sport premium
Admission arrangements	Pupil premium information
Charging and remissions policies	Requests for paper copies
Curriculum information	School meals
Equality objectives	Special educational needs and disability information
Governance information	Test results
Inclusion and behaviour policy	Trust complaints procedure
Ofsted reports	Values and ethos

				
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