



Aldington Primary School

Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 2 — Week Ending 4th October 2024

At the end of last year we received a Gold Award for School Sports, Mental Health & Wellbeing Award and our National On-line Safety Award. As this year progresses we will continue to work on being recognised for the schools hard work.

You will probably have noticed that we have had three additional CCTV cameras installed and that the wooden gate to the playground is now locked. This is to keep our school as secure as possible and the children safe. Please help to do this by not propping the gates open. This message will also be sent to the Kaleidoscope children parents.

Congratulations to the children that are now part of the Eco Committee, they are already thinking of some great ways we can make the school and the community more environmentally friendly. The School Council and Digital Leaders will be announced on Friday.

Parents evening bookings will be going live on My Child At School next week for Years 1 to Year 6, parents evening will run from 2pm to 7pm in the school hall on Wednesday 23rd October. There will also be a phonics workshop that will take place at 3.45pm and 5.30pm in Panda class on the same day, this is mainly aimed at Panda Class parents but everyone is welcome, it will last around 45 minutes.

Our walk to the church for Harvest Festival will be on Friday 18th October, weather permitting. We invite children to bring in a non-perishable food item or toiletry on this day, these will be donated to the local food bank. Wellie boots will be needed along with normal school shoes to change into at the church. Unfortunately, the church capacity is not big enough to invite parents.

Best Wishes
Ben Dawson



Reminders...

- Long hair should be tied back please
- No scooters to be ridden on the paths
- Celebration Assemblies start at 2.55pm in the hall
- Please take care of the reading books that are sent home especially the new Little Wandle books these are very expensive so you may be asked to pay for replacements
- Names coats and wellies are needed in school everyday

Well done to those children that completed the reading challenge over the summer.



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Dates for your diary...

Friday 4th October
Celebration Assembly Owls

W/C 7th October
Space Week

Wednesday 9th October
Residential Trip Meeting 5pm

Thursday 10th October
Dress Down - Wear Yellow

Friday 11th October
Celebration Assembly Otters

W/C 14th October
Bikability & Cycle ready

Friday 18th October
Harvest Church Walk
PTFA Hairy Scary Disco

18th to 24th October
Book Fair

W/C 21st October
Book Week

Wednesday 23rd October
Parents Evening

Thursday 24th October
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 4th November
First Day of Term 2

W/C 4th November
Year 6 Residential Trip

Friday 8th November
Celebration Assembly Dolphin

Friday 15th November
Outside Celebration Assembly

Thursday 21st November
2025 Reception Open Day

Thursday 28th November
Flu Vaccines

Monday 2nd December
NHS YrR and Yr6 Screening

Wednesday 11th December
Yr3to Yr6 Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th December
YrR to Yr2 Nativity

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Friday 20th December
Last Day of Term 2

Forest School

Thursday 3rd October - Eagles
Backhouse Woods (Packed Lunch)

Friday 4th October - Bears
Backhouse Woods (Packed Lunch)

Friday 11th October - Pandas -
School

PE Days

Panda — Tuesday
Dolphin — Monday & Thursday
Otter — Tuesday & Wednesday
Owl — Monday & Thursday
Bear — Tuesday & Wednesday
Jaguar — Monday & Wednesday
Eagle — Monday & Wednesday

**Wear
it loud.
Wear
it proud.**

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Children are invited to Wear it loud, Wear it proud by dressing down and wearing yellow (if you have it) on Thursday 10th October. This is part of World Mental Health Day to raise funds to help tackle the emergency in youth mental health. If you would like to donate, please see the below link to donate online.

<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-my3onk3r545w?currentTab=fundraising>

Book Fair 18th to 24th October

We are very excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us from Friday 18th October until the morning of Thursday 24th October! During this period, the Book Fair will be open before school (times to be confirmed) for you to purchase some amazing books. Every book purchased during the Book Fair helps to fill our library and classrooms with amazing books.

There are many ways to pay for your child's next reading adventure:

1. Pay with cash at the fair
2. Pay with gift vouchers – you or a family member can purchase pre-paid gift vouchers at travellingbooks.co.uk/parents
3. Pay online – you can pay for books from a Wish List securely online. Even if you attend in person, you can still pay online via travellingbooks.co.uk/pay or scan the QR code at the Book Fair.

The wish list form will be sent home for you and your child to complete should you wish to do so. You can also collect a wish list from the book fair.

We really hope that you are able to attend to help support our school!

New to the range:



(NETFLIX Film *The Twits* TBC for 2025)



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Forest School

Owls had fun shelter building, identifying trees and competing a 'lava' challenge



Otters enjoyed bug hunting, leaf rubbings and shoe laces



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Supporting school improvement through play

For children to take part in all the OPAL activities we have on offer they must have wellies and a coat in school please. Wellies can be left at school.

If you have any old wellies you are able to donate or need a bigger size, there is a Welly Exchange box located the classroom doors.



The children have been enjoying the new Wheels Zone this week.

At Aldington..

Bear Class had a fantastic day at Kent Life, bringing their Ancient Greeks topic to life. They met Madusa, played some Greek games, wove, completed warrior training and learnt about the theatre, magic and medicine.



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