



Aldington Primary School

Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 1 — Week Ending 5th September 2025

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and had the chance to enjoy some time with your family. We are looking forward to seeing the children tomorrow morning and would like to offer a very warm welcome to all the new Panda class children and those starting in other year groups with us tomorrow.

The staff and I would like to thank you so much for the gifts, cards and messages that you sent us at the end of last term, we really appreciate these kind gestures and your continued support.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Sheperd to our school, she will be teaching in Jaguar class on Thursday's.

We have made some changes to our Behaviour policy; more information on our three principles of **Be Safe, Be Ready** and **Be Respectful**, along with the rewards and sanctions that will be in place can be found in the full policy; [click here](#). Please also review our Homework policy; [click here](#), this gives further details on our compulsory Nurture expectations (Daily Reading, Spellings and Times Tables) and our optional Challenge homework tasks.

Our vision and values remain the same this year. We are passionate about unlocking the potential in all of our children and will achieve this through our core values of Nurture and Challenge.

I am really looking forward to a year of exciting learning, OPAL play, lots of sporting opportunities and school trips.

Best Wishes
Ben Dawson

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 2nd September
First Day of Term 1

Thursday 11th September
Kent Test

22nd to 24th September
Individual School Photos

Thursday 25th September
Bear Class Trip

W/C 29th September
Bikeability (Year R and 4)

Thursday 2nd October
Special Menu (Census day)

Friday 3rd October
Flu Immunisation

W/C 6th October
Space Week

W/C 13th October
Book Week

Wednesday 15th October
Parents Evening

Thursday 16th October
Harvest Festival

Friday 17th October
Inset Day (No children in school)

Monday 27th October
Start of Term 2

Reminders...

Mobile Phones – If children are bringing mobile phones into school they **MUST** be handed into the office. Mobile phones should be handed in before the school day and collected after leaving school from the school office. Parents and children also need to complete the Code of Conduct and Permission form before phones come into school. These can be collected from the office or can be found on the school website, under 'Parents - Useful Forms'.

Snacks/Lunch – Please ensure that children do not bring anything into school that contains nuts due to the allergies we now have in school. Also, just a reminder, children in Year R, 1 and 2, will receive a fruit or vegetable snack. If you would like to supply a healthy alternative, please ensure this does not contain high amounts of sugar such as chocolate bars, cakes, cereal bars, that could create concentration difficulties, hyperactivity and mood swings.

School Day - Gates open at 8.30am, classroom doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. After this time children should come through the office and will be recorded as 'Late'. School pick up is at 3.20pm.

Absence - If your child is unwell you must inform the school office via email or phone. Please be open and honest if you are planning on taking children out of school for a planned activity or trip. It is important from a safeguarding point of view that we know where children are and that they are encouraged to be honest with the adults in school.

WhatsApp - Whilst we appreciate the usefulness of class WhatsApp groups, if we are unaware of any issues you may have we cannot address them. Mr Dawson has an open door policy, if there is anything you wish to discuss, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Uniform - Please ensure your children are wearing the correct school uniform, [click here](#) for the full policy. Children with long hair need to ensure it is tied back.

School Dinners - The menu remains the same until after half term. School dinners must be paid for in advance for those children in Year 3 to 6 that are not entitled to Free School Meals.



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PE Days

- R – Panda – Friday
- 1 – Dolphin – Monday and Thursday
- 2 – Otter – Tuesday and Thursday
- 3 – Owl – Monday and Wednesday
- 4 – Bear – Tuesday and Friday
- 5 – Jaguar – Monday and Tuesday
- 6 – Eagle – Monday and Wednesday

Please can PE kits be kept in school.

Forest School Dates

- Thursday 11th September – Bear Class
- Friday 12th September – Owl Class
- Friday 19th September – Eagle Class
- Friday 26th September – Otter Class
- Friday 3rd October – Dolphin Class
- Thursday 9th October – Jaguar Class
- Friday 10th October – Panda Class

Eco Committee

If your child would like to be on the Eco-Committee, they are invited to make a poster or write a poem that shows why the environment is important to them and why they would be a good member of the committee. Year 4, 5 and 6.

School Council

To be on the School Council children are invited to present their application in any way they wish for example poster, speech, poem. Year 1 to Year 6.

Applications by Monday 22nd September please

Celebration Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us at 2.55pm in the school hall for class celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- Friday 12th September - Eagle Class
- Friday 19th September - Jaguar Class
- Friday 26th September - Owl Class
- Friday 3rd October - Bear Class
- Friday 7th November - Otter Class
- Friday 14th November - Dolphin Class

APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2025

NOURISH

WEEKLY MENU



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE					
21 st APRIL 12 th MAY 9 th JUNE 30 th JUNE 21 st JULY 1 st SEPTEMBER 22 nd SEPTEMBER 13 th OCTOBER	Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jacket with a Choice Of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells 1,7 Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Sausage Roll & Gravy 1,6 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Pasta 1, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9	Fish Fingers 1,8 or Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8 Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Diced Cucumber Caramel Cookie 1,7 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO					
28 th APRIL 19 th MAY 16 th JUNE 7 th JULY 8 th SEPTEMBER 29 th SEPTEMBER 20 th OCTOBER	Vegetable Nugget with Katsu Sauce 1VG Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas Vanilla Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Beef & Onion Pie 1 Cheesy Pasta Twists 1,7 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Cornflake Cookie 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Cauliflower, Coleslaw 9 Spiced Apple Focaccia 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Tuna Penne Pasta 1,7,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE					
5 th MAY 2 nd JUNE 14 th JULY 15 th SEPTEMBER 6 th OCTOBER	Pork & Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Caribbean Chicken Curry Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Green Beans, Carrots Peach Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Swede Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Coconut & Spinach Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers Chocolate Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Bites 1 Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets 7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9 Ginger Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

AVAILABLE DAILY
Primary 3K

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Cuscutans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame & Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Out Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

WE ♥ VEGGIES



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