



# Aldington Primary School

## Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 3 — Week Ending 28th November 2025

What a fantastic and incredibly busy start to the term we've had! A warm welcome to Miss Gore, our new Office Administrator and Mrs Blake in her additional new role of FLO (family Liaison Officer). We're delighted to have them both as part of our school community.

This term already feels full of energy and achievement. Our Year 6 children enjoyed a brilliant Residential - thank you to the staff that travelled with the class. Our football team kicked off the season in style with an impressive 7-2 win over Goat Lees. A huge well done also to all our pupils who took part in the Cross-Country event—you made us very proud!

We've also had a wonderful range of enriching experiences, including an Indian Dance workshop, Karate workshop, Rocksteady workshop, an AIM High Writers' Day, a Challenge Maths event and choir rehearsals. And we are only in Week 5!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers and helpers. Our reading volunteers, sports coaches, and our wonderfully supportive community and parents make such a difference to school life. We truly appreciate everything you do.

Looking ahead, there's plenty more to be excited about: Parliament Week (this week), Cycle Ready, Parents' Evening, the School Disco, and of course our upcoming Christmas events. We also have more extra curricular opportunities on the horizon, including further football fixtures, Sports Hall Athletics and Carols by Candlelight.

I would like to thank Aldington FC for marking our football pitch, they do this for us free of charge and sometimes at short notice so thank you very much.

Thank you for your continued support—I'm looking forward to an inspiring and successful term ahead!

Best Wishes

Ben Dawson

Flu cases among children are rising earlier than usual this year and health experts are warning that this season could be particularly severe. Latest UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) data shows flu activity is **three times higher than this time last year**, with a sharp increase among school-aged children.

Flu is not just a bad cold. It can make children very unwell and is more likely to lead to complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and ear infections. In severe cases children may become so unwell they need to be admitted to hospital. Children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes are at even higher risk. Flu can trigger asthma attacks and make diabetes harder to manage, increasing the risk of serious complications.

### Why vaccination matters

The nasal spray flu vaccine is quick, painless and the best protection against flu for children under 16.

Vaccinating your child not only protects them but also helps stop flu spreading to vulnerable family members, such as grandparents or babies.

If your child is unable to have the nasal flu due to medical or cultural reasons, they can have an alternative porcine free injectable option.

### What to do if your child hasn't had the flu vaccine

- Book a catch-up appointment at a local community clinic
- For more information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Don't let flu ruin the festive season. Protect your child and your family.

### Dates for your diary...

W/C 24th November  
Parliament Week

Tuesday 25th November  
Cycle Ready - Panda Class

Wednesday 26th November  
Parents Evening  
Classroom Cycle Training Yr4-6

Thursday 27th November  
Reception 2026 Open Afternoon  
Cycle Confidence

Friday 28th November  
PTFA Too Cool for School Disco

Friday 19th December  
Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday 6th January  
First Day of Term 3

Monday 19th January  
Year 5/6 Young Voices

Friday 30th January  
PTFA Movie Night

## Forest School Dates

Friday 28th November - Panda  
Thursday 4th December - Eagle

## PE Days Term 2

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

## Lost Property

A personal plea from all the staff - Please ensure that your child's belongings have their names on, especially coats and jumpers but also Forest School kit, PE kits and shoes. We are spending so long every day trying to locate lost items. Anything left on the playground during break or lunch will be left on the tables in the playground so check here if you are missing something.

## At Aldington..



The whole school enjoyed a walk to the church to celebrate Harvest.



## Christmas Dates

**Wednesday 3rd December**  
Make Time for Music Concert 2.50pm

**Wednesday 10th December**  
Christingle  
Key Stage 2 Concert 2pm & 6pm

**Thursday 11th December**  
Nativity 9.15am and 4pm

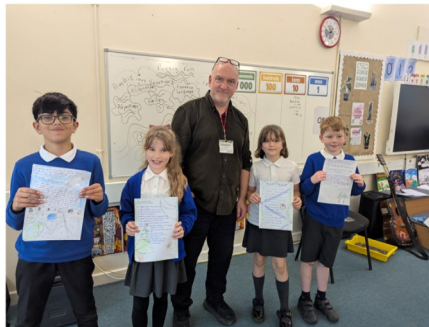
**Friday 12th December**  
PTFA Own Clothes for Chocolate

**Monday 15th December**  
Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm

**Tuesday 16th December**  
PTFA Father Christmas & Fun

**Wednesday 17th December**  
Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

**Thursday 18th December**  
Whole School Panto Trip



Some children from year 5 and 6 spent the day an inspirational day at Brenzett Primary with author Ed Boxall. They produced some amazing poems about not having a voice.



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# Clubs

We have tried really hard to get a good variety of clubs this year.



Cookery club loved making sausage rolls last term.



All the key stage two children got involved in the Karate workshops in school. They are now running an after school club on Friday's.



Creep Claws have had a huge range of animals so far from the cute and cuddly to the eight legged variety!



In Warhammer club the children have been busy painting their models ready for the next battle.



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# Eagle Class Residential Trip



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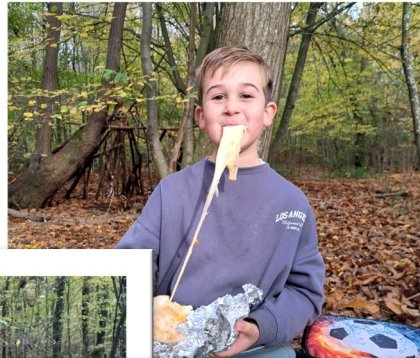


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# ADVENT FAMILY FUN DAY

**7th December**

12-4 pm

Aldington Village Hall

Entry £1 per adult

**CHILDREN FREE**

Children's Xmas Crafting,  
Games and Activities


**GIFT STALLS**

Cafe with seasonal  
refreshments

Visit Father Christmas  
in his magical grotto

£7.50 per child - booking required  
Email:- [santa@aldingtonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:santa@aldingtonvillagehall.co.uk)

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ALDINGTON VILLAGE HALL FUND



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