



Aldington Primary School

Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 12 — Week Ending 18th July

We have reached the end of another very exciting year and whilst we are already looking forward to next year and further exciting times for our school, I would like to take the time to reflect on the last 12 months.

As we approach the end of this year, we have to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children. Seeing each and everyone of you grow into the confident, enthusiastic, happy people you have become has been an honour and we will miss each and everyone of you. Please come back and visit us soon.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all of my staff in what has been a challenging year for us. The loss of Mrs Elderton was a great shock to us and we miss her presence around the school. I am very proud of how everyone pulled together and supported each other through this difficult time. Your dedication, care and commitment to the children is second to none, Aldington is very lucky to have you all!

We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Shepherd (Jaguar class teacher) and Mrs Benjamin (Deputy Head) to the Aldington family in September 2025. Mrs Stewart is leaving us for her first full time teaching position, we wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her hard work.

A big thank you to our very strong Governing board. A lot of work goes into running the school behind the scenes, I appreciate your dedication and the skill set each one of you brings to our school makes 'us' even stronger. Thank you.

This year Aldington's PTFA have been brilliant, a massive thank you to Mrs Seymour and her team for arranging such exciting events for the children, my personal favourite was the Summer Fete. We are indebted to the work of this small group of parents in raising money to support our children, enabling them to go on more school trips, the Panto and in school workshops to name a few. The PTFA are always looking for volunteers - please help if you can, it makes such a difference to our school.

At this point I just want to say an additional thank you to sometimes the unsung heroes of our school- the office team, premises team and cleaners. Behind the scenes day in day out they ensure that our school keeps running, is kept clean, maintained, safe and continually upgraded. Thank you to you all for everything that you do.

We continue to be a popular school within the area which we are really proud of, this year and at the start of next year, we welcome many new families to Aldington, it is lovely to see that our reputation is attracting new families. I am looking forward to getting you know our new Year R families and supporting them right from the beginning of their journey with us.

Thank you to all the parents that completed the questionnaire this term. It is a really helps us to make further improvements to our school next year. We, as a staff, are very grateful for all of your positive comments, many quoting our nurturing environment, family feel, supportive staff, extra curricular activities and Forest School provision as reasons for choosing Aldington.

Academically, our school continues to flourish. For the second year running, outcomes across the school have been very positive; Key Stage 2 SATs, our Year 1 phonics, Year 4 multiplications and Early Years 'Good Level of Development' have all maintained their levels or showed improvements on last years results. These results are testament to the hard work of the teaching staff but also the support given at home from parents.

Everyone will look back on the year with their own personal highlights and there have been so many! For me it's our first Aldington's Got Talent and all the sporting events we have taken part in. I'm competitive, so having teams compete in Athletics, Netball, Girls and Boys football, Hockey, Cross Country, Rugby and Cricket from year 1 to 6 has been fantastic. We are looking forward to getting even more children involved next year. The impact of our Eco Committee and School Council in the community, the Year 6 and Year 4/5 Residential trips, Nativity, Beauty and the Beast and Matilda were all superb. I could go on but you get the idea, I love the school and cannot wait for next year's events!

Next year will see even more exciting trips, opportunities to get outside the classroom, OPAL play equipment and Aldington's Got Talent will be bigger and better!

I am so proud of our Aldington community. For what we stand for and what we aim to achieve. For all of us that play a part in that vision- you as parents, the children and all our wonderful school staff and governors, I want to say a massive thank you. Have a wonderful summer break and we all look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd September.

Best Wishes
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At Aldington..



The Eco team had a great time harvesting the vegetables they planted. They were delivered to the local villagers at the HUB.



The Aldington team did us proud at District Sports. Well done to Eli for coming third in the mega howler!



Thank you to the children that made artwork to be displayed at Ashford Pride



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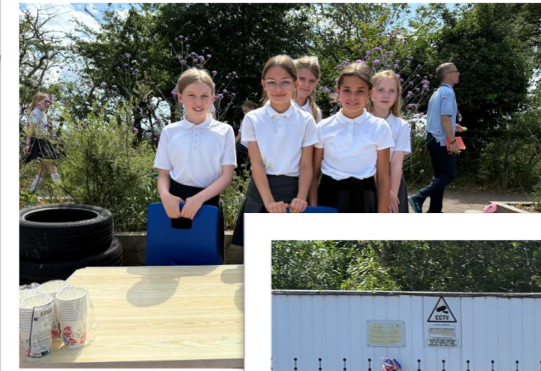


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Trips



Eagle class enjoyed their trip to Ninja warrior and Pizza Express. They raised an incredible £830 from the Fiver Challenge, that along with tips from the PTFA Big Breakfast paid for the whole trip.



Dolphin and Otter class enjoyed a joint trip on the train to the beach.



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Trips



Owl Class went to Samphire Hoe and enjoyed some time at the beach after their Stone Age workshops.



Sports Day



Congratulations to Leeds for winning Sports Day 2025!

Also a massive well done to Charlie A and Yeala for being our sports personalities of the year!



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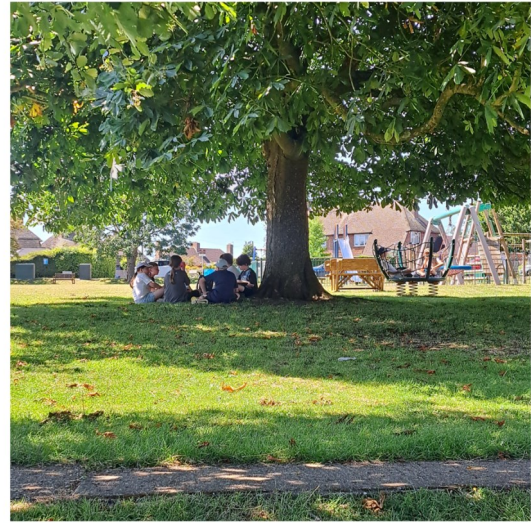


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