



Aldington Primary School

Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 10 — Week Ending 20th June

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 19th June
2025 Reception Induction Evening

Friday 20th June
Key Stage 2 Sports Day - 9.15am
Key Stage 1 Sports Day - pm

Sunday 22nd June
PTFA Summer Fete

W/C 23rd June
Year 6 Fiver Challenge

25th and 26th June
New Class Transition Afternoon

W/C 30th June
Year 6 Secondary Transition Week

2nd and 3rd July
New Class Transition Afternoon

Monday 7th July
Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 9th July
Dolphin and Otter Class Trip

Friday 11th July
Eagle Class Trip

W/C 14th July
Whole School Enrichment Week

Monday 14th July
Leavers Disco

Tuesday 15th July
Year 5 and 6 Production 2pm/5pm

Wednesday 16th July
Owl Class Trip

Thursday 17th July
Leavers Assembly and Rounders

Friday 18th July
Last Day of Year - 1pm Pickup

I am very excited to be writing to you on this term's newsletter!

Firstly, I wanted to thank you all for such a warm welcome back to Aldington after my maternity leave, I am very excited to be back and will be working Tuesdays and Wednesday this term in my Deputy Headteacher role.

As you know, Mr Dawson usually writes the newsletter introduction but I took the opportunity to do it this time to share some incredible news! Last term, Mr Dawson attended the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards where he was awarded **East Kent Headteacher of the Year!**

I'm sure you will all agree that this is a well-deserved recognition that celebrates his unwavering commitment to our school community, dedication to the education of our children and the positive impact he has had on both staff and students alike.

Under Mr Dawson's leadership, Aldington has continued to thrive and develop. After his first very successful Ofsted last year, Mr Dawson has shown continuously his love and passion for our school and works tirelessly to create a school for us all to be proud of. From championing his pupils for all accomplishments (both personal and academic), giving up his own time to develop our outside area, supporting students and staff through challenging times and being his reliable upbeat, cheerful self. The school is certainly the place it is because of him and all in his second year of being a Headteacher!

This award is also a reflection of the incredible community we have here at Aldington. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—it plays a vital role in the success and spirit of our school.

I know you will all join me in congratulating Mr Dawson on this well-deserved recognition!



Term 6 is always such a busy one but definitely one of the best! Please refer to the calendar for key dates, making sure you don't miss anything. The class teacher for next year will remain the same as this year, please see a refresher of these on the next page.

There have been so many achievements this term already, please see below for pictures of all these fantastic events!

Best wishes
Miss Gates



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At Aldington..



Eagle class have had two visitors; Kent Police and Francis from Reform, Restore Respect charity. Both talks have helped them prepare for their transition to secondary school.



PE Days

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

* Please can PE kits be kept in school, these days may change depending on the production rehearsals

Paul O'Grady Award!

Whether you have a project focused on environmental sustainability, supporting the elderly, promoting inclusivity, or any other aspect of community service, we want to hear from you. This award is open to individuals who attend Aldington Primary School but you can always have help from your family too!

The project/activity must have an impact on the Aldington community. Please present your idea on a A4/A3 poster.

Entries must be in by Friday 4th July and can be completed at home or in school.

The winning entry will receive a family prize.

Class Teachers	2025/2026
Reception (Panda Class)	Miss Bradley
Year (Dolphin Class)	Miss Wilson
Year 2 (Otter Class)	Mrs Ransley Mrs Stewart
Year 3 (Owl Class)	Miss Richards
Year 4 (Bear Class)	Mrs Byron Mrs Crowley
Year 5 (Jaguar Class)	Miss Paggett
Year 6 (Eagle Class)	Miss Williams



Eagle class have been given £5 and two weeks to set up mini businesses and create a product or service they can sell at a profit. The pop-up shop will take place after school on 23rd to 26th June.



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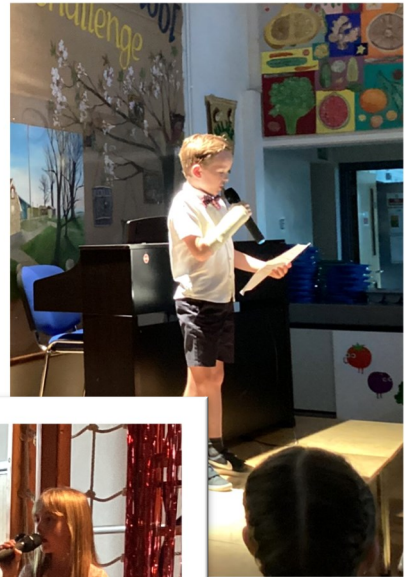
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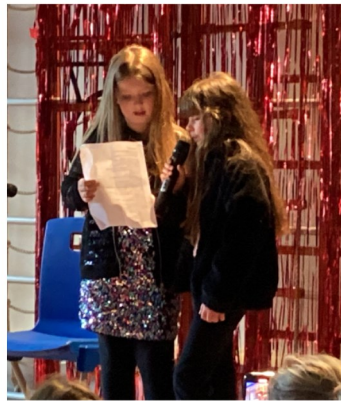
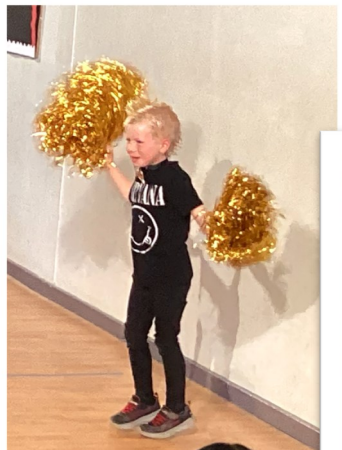
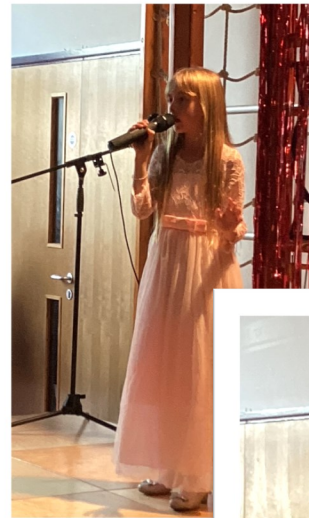
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AGT Winners!

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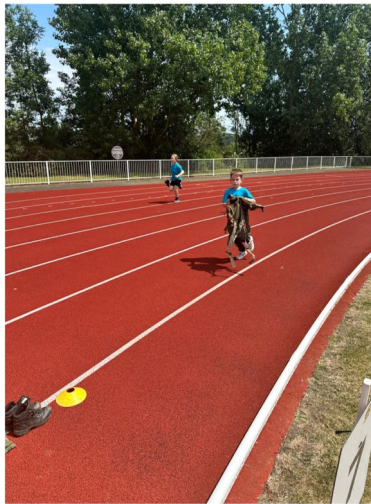


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Forest School



Forest School Dates

- Thursday 26th June - Otter (School)
- Friday 27th June - Jaguar (Backhouse)
- Friday 4th July - Owl (Poulton)
- Thursday 10th July - Eagle (Backhouse)



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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

