



Aldington Primary School

Nurture and Challenge

Newsletter 6 — Week Ending 7th February 2025

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 6th February
Bear Class Trip

Friday 7th February
Bear Celebration Afternoon

Wednesday 12th February
Parents Evening

Friday 14th February
Owl Class Trip
PTFA Cake Sale
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 24th February
First Day of Term 4

Sunday 2nd March
PTFA Big Breakfast

W/C 3rd March
Book Week

Monday 3rd March
Big Dance Off

Thursday 6th March
Book Day - Dress Up

Friday 7th March
Owl Celebration Afternoon
NHS Year R Hearing Screening

W/C 10th March
Science Week

Friday 14th March
Otter Celebration Afternoon
PTFA Break The Rules Day

Wednesday 26th March
Year 3/4 Production

Thursday 27th March
Dolphin Celebration Afternoon

Monday 31st March
Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 2nd April
Easter Walk to Church

Thursday 3rd April
Egg Competition (Key stage 1)

Friday 4th April
Teggno Games (Key stage 2)
Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April
First Day of Term 5

I hope you are looking forward to spring arriving and brighter evenings as we reach the end of another busy term.

We have taken part in lots of sporting activities this term so far, including netball, hockey, football and athletics. Well done to all the children that took part, we are proud of how you represented the school. There are many more sporting events across the school coming up in the next few weeks.

For Term 4, until the weather improves significantly every child will need to have wellies or change of shoes to go outside at lunchtime. If they do not have these they will need to stay indoors. If your child is taking part in games on the field, they will also need a change of trousers. Please work with us to enable this to happen.

Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Penfold, after 9 years she is moving onto an exciting role in Kent Police. Mrs Penfold has been an amazing member of our school team and has had a hugely positive impact on so many children's lives. On behalf of everyone at Aldington, I would like to say thank you and good luck for the future.

Following feedback from the School Council, we will bringing back Star of the Week.

Please can I remind all children to dismount from scooters and bikes on school grounds - a small child was knocked down last week.

We are looking forward to parents afternoon/evening on 12th February, if you have not already made an appointment there is still time to do so, any problems please contact the office. Children's books will on display during the Celebration Afternoon's and not parents evening.

Best wishes
Ben Dawson

Book Week 3rd to 7th March

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day 2025 on Thursday 6th March, and this year, our theme is inspired by the beloved *Where's Wally?* series! To join in the fun, we're inviting all children to come to school dressed as Wally. Children can wear a red-and-white striped t-shirt to replicate Wally's signature look. If you're unable to find one, a plain red or white top is fine. Glasses and red-and-white hats are welcome too for an extra touch of fun, though these are optional.

Additionally, our World Book Day competition will be to design a book door! The best designs from each class will receive a book of their choice from the Scholastic website and their door will be created by their class. Once the class book doors have been created, the children will vote for which book door they feel is the most creative and the winning class will win a movie afternoon with treats! Deadline for book door entries will be Friday 7th February 2025.



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Forest School



Bears built shelters in groups with tarps and then played in them. We tried to protect the bluebells that they noticed starting to come through by making barriers. We made popcorn on the fire and finished off playing manhunt.



Pandas talked about bug hotels, what lives in them and then they started to build one. They had their first experience with fire, we talked about safety and who we ask for help.



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Jaguar class build dens, explored the environment, organised their own games and rolled down the hill on the way home.

Owls made aqueducts, linked to their topic work and practised using flint and steel to mark sparks.

Forest School Dates

Eagle - Friday 7th February (Backhouse Woods)

Otter - Thursday 13th February (School)

Term 4

Bear - Thursday 27th February (Backhouse Woods)

Panda - Friday 28th February (In school)

Jaguar - Friday 7th March (Backhouse Woods)

Dolphin - Thursday 20th March (In school)

Owl - Friday 21st March

Eagle - Friday 28th March (Backhouse Woods)

Otter - Friday 4th April (School)



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At Aldington..



Some Year 3 and 4 children attended a AIM High Writing workshop with author Debre Bertulis.



PE Days

TERM 4

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



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ALDINGTON SCHOOL PTFA
NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR

Big Breakfast Donations

For our Big breakfast event we are asking for any donations

KS1

Tins of baked beans and Tinned plum tomatoes

KS2

Apple and Orange juice litre cartons

we do really appreciate any help from you
All donations to be left in the blue tub by reception
from 24th February
Thankyou

Wraparound Childcare Programme Survey

In Spring 2023 the previous Government announced its ambition that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term-time childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm.

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine interest in their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school-aged children. The information will help us assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. Please find below the link and QR Code. We would be very grateful if you could please complete by 3 January 2025.

<https://survey.kent.gov.uk/AfterSchoolClub>



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**ALDINGTON SCHOOL
PTFA
PRESENTS**

THE BIG BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY 2ND MARCH
2025**

9.30AM - 11.30AM

Join us in the school hall, for a freshly cooked
breakfast

- *No need to book just turn up
- * Breakfast options range from £3-£9
- * vegetarian option also available



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Aldington School Ptfa

Break the Rules Day

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No makeup
7. Wear school shoes only

WHEN

**FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
ONLY £2**

Here's how It works

*Break any of
the rules above
for just £2
Have fun*





The team at Kent Life magazine, in partnership with Eclipse HR, is giving the county's children the chance to have their poem published in our spring issue of the magazine.

We are inviting Kent youngsters to send us in a poem celebrating their mum - or the person who is like a mother to them.



Suggested entry titles include: Why I love my mum; Why you are so important to me; and Why I'm thankful for you this Mother's Day.

Each entry must include the young poet's first name, age and school and should be sent as a word doc or PDF.



The Prize!

Our favourite entry will win a Buyagift Family Fun Gift Experiences Voucher, worth £49.99. The voucher offers a wide range of experiences, from solving escape room clues to bouncing at trampolining parks. A selection of entries will appear in our Mother's Day edition of Kent Life magazine.



Entries should be sent to: KentLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk no later than Friday, February 21.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Poems to be included in the magazine will be selected from the entries by the Kent Life team and an Eclipse HR representative. The prize is given at the editor's discretion and contact information for the prize's distribution will be provided by the school of the winning child (subject to parental consent). The competition is open to all children living in Kent and closes at 11.59pm on Friday, February 21, 2025. The editor's decision is final. **Newsquest terms and conditions apply please visit [newsquest.co.uk/prize-competition-rules](https://www.newsquest.co.uk/prize-competition-rules)**

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EAT WELL, SPEND LESS & WELLBEING ROADSHOW

Aldington Village Hall

Roman Road,
Aldington,
Ashford,
TN25 7EE

**Wednesday 26th
February 2025**

10am – 2pm

Funded by
UK Government



Expert advice on
looking after yourself
(and your bank balance!)

Guidance on additional
support services that
may be available to you

Free recipe bags with
ingredients for you to
take home and try



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FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS February Half-Term

BEACH BIRD BONANZA - GREATSTONE DUNES

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Spot wildlife through our scope, and step into the role of an oystercatcher as you scour the beach for food and hidden treasures.



BIRD BINGO - FORT BURGOWNE

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Join us for a guided walk as we search for a variety of birds to fill up our bingo cards. Can you get a full house?

BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT - SAMPHIRE HOE

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Discover the wonders of the shore! Hunt for mermaid's purses, cuttlefish bones, and other exciting coastal finds.



All bookings via the website:
whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/events/whats-on



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