

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



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### Tri-Golf Championship

Look at our Year 3 and 4 team getting into the swing of a fantastic golfing event which we attended last week. These were new skills for many but they embraced the challenges and finished in a very respectable fourth place. Of course, their behaviour was exemplary.



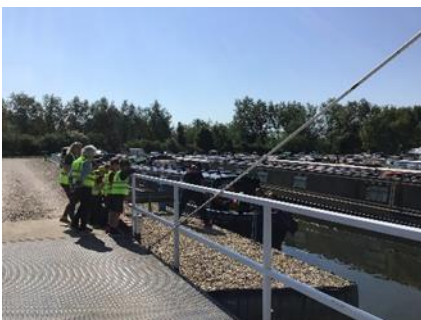
Well done to Felix, Jacob, Poppy, Thomas, Mia, Mason, Devon, Maisy and Bella. Thanks to Mrs Ebrey and Miss Renfrew for giving up their time to support our team to take part in this event and to all the excellent family members cheering them along.

### Owls' Canal Trip

Owls Class recently took to the water – in a barge – to find out more about their history topic. The class have completed a local study on the Kennet and Avon Canal and this trip allowed them to see first-hand many of the things they had been learning about in the classroom.

Different 'crews' took turns to spend time aboard the Falcon Adam (a community narrow-boat) whilst others enjoyed a short, guided history trail around the Wharf to discover some of our local historical buildings.

Mrs Ebrey and Mrs Waugh planned and organised this trip, ably assisted by Mrs Saunders, Mrs Miller and our lovely volunteers, Mrs Newman and Mrs Phillips. Thank you.



### Kingfishers visit The Base

Year 5 were lucky enough to visit The Base in Greenham for a tour around their new art exhibit, INSIGHT. They spent time with one of their resident artists, looking at the different artistic skills on display. After the tour, they were invited upstairs in The Base to see some of the artists' studios. The children found their visit very inspiring and particularly enjoyed chatting with the artists themselves! Thank you to Miss Jenkins for organising this visit.



### Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to Keyser House Group who won the annual Aldermaston House Group Cross Country Championships which took place this morning. Forster were hot on their heels and every House Group scored very well!

House Group	Points Scored
Keyser	58
Forster	54
Congreve	51
Achard	47



Congratulations also to our cross country running champions for this year:-

EYFS	Franklin and Mavis
KS1	Roman and Tessa
Lower KS2	Charlie and Devon
Upper KS2	Oscar and Amelie

This event is a real highlight of the school calendar. We close the vehicle gates to allow the children to run laps around the field and our school building. It is the only time we actually encourage children to run in a car park!

The event took place in beautiful sunshine and there was so much encouragement and friendship between the children clearly on display throughout each race. Many thanks to all the staff for supporting but in particular to Miss Renfrew on successfully organising and running her first Aldermaston Championships.

Every child ran in an age grouped race and the first ten children to finish scored points for their house groups. For our Wrens Class, this was their first whole school running event and many of them smiled for the full lap! The Robins Class completed two laps, Owls Class completed four laps and Kingfishers and Starlings Class needed even more stamina to finish their six lap race. Every child demonstrated our termly value of perseverance as they completed their laps. We had a lot of fun! Many thanks to our Year 6 helpers who supported in setting up and marshalling this event.







### **Y6 SAT's Superstars**

In our last newsletter, we highlighted all the statutory assessments which were due to take place over the Summer Term. We're happy to report that the first set have been completed this week. It was a privilege to watch our Year 6 children complete their KS2 SATs. They showed such maturity and composure over the four days of assessments and should feel incredibly proud of their efforts. Thank you for all of your support at home in ensuring the children were ready for this week. The Starlings have mastered yet another milestone in their school career.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs M Higgs**  
**Headteacher**



## NO NUTS STATEMENT

We have a responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for everyone in our school and we take the management of allergies very seriously.

As our school currently has one or more pupils on roll who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we request that parents and carers **DO NOT** send food to school that contains nuts. This includes:-

- All types of nuts
- Spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella
- Cereal and chocolate bars which contain nuts
- Cakes or biscuits which contain nuts

Please check food labels if you are unsure about ingredients.



**No nuts in  
this area due  
to allergies**

**PLEASE SEE OUR FULL NO NUTS STATEMENT ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

### Lost Property

We are currently sorting through our lost property bin and most of the items in there are unnamed. Can you please make sure that you clearly label your child's clothing so we can reunite them. Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be donated to the PTA's second hand uniform sales.

### School Attendance Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to express our thanks for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. We recognise that good attendance is crucial for children to maximise their learning potential and build strong foundations for their future.

As outlined in the DfE's guidance, *Working together to improve school attendance*, regular school attendance is a shared responsibility between the school, parents/carers, and pupils. We understand that occasional absences due to illness are unavoidable, and we appreciate you informing the school promptly when your child is unable to attend. Please remember to provide a clear explanation for any absence.

We would also like to gently remind everyone that holidays during term time should be avoided wherever possible, as these absences disrupt your child's education and may result in a penalty notice. Requests for leave of absence should only be made in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the school's attendance policy.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's attendance. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if your child is experiencing difficulties that are affecting their attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and offer support.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in making every school day count.

Mr Gunn

**Senior Attendance Champion**

## ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY

### Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**

# School News

## REMINDERS

### ACCESS TO SCHOOL BUILDING

Please note that at all times there should be **NO PARENTS** in the school building without having first signed in through the office and obtained a visitor badge. Thank you.



### WALKING ON SCHOOL WALL AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please could we remind you **NOT TO ALLOW** your children to walk on the small wall at the front of the school.

### NO Smoking or vaping on School Grounds



Our school site is a no smoking zone and we therefore ask all parents to NOT smoke or vape within the school grounds. Thank you.

### Car Park

Please be considerate when parking in our school grounds to drop off and collect your child. The spaces on the left hand side of the drive are meant to be used for people who can drop off or pick their child/children up quickly, rather than for those needing to wait for a long time. If you need to wait, please park in the spaces to the right of the main drive or in the spaces in front of the field to the left of the main school building as you come into the entrance gate. Thank you.

### Use of Playground Equipment

We would ask that **NO CHILDREN** are allowed to play on the school equipment in and around the playground. These areas are for use by the children during school time only and should **NOT BE USED** by children before school or after school. Our insurance only covers the use of this equipment with supervision by staff, who are trained in the correct use of the play equipment and we would not want any harm to come to the children without the correct supervision. Thank you.

## EVENTS THIS TERM

### Friday 23rd May

3:25pm.....END OF PUPIL TERM

### Monday 2nd June

08:55am.....ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Saturday 7th June

TBC.....Quadkids

### Friday 20th June

9am to 10:30am.....Family Learning Morning

### Tuesday 15th July

9:30am.....End of Year Service at St Mary's led by Kingfishers

### Tuesday 22nd July

3:25pm.....END OF PUPIL TERM

Please see our online diary for more dates at:-  
<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>

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## TERM DATES 2024

### Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term 5	Wednesday 23rd April 2025
Last Day of Term 5	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term—no school	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025
First Day of Term 6	Monday 2nd June 2025
Last Day of Term 6	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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