

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



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Thank you for your help in ensuring our children keep their cool during a very hot final term. It's great to see the hats and water bottles coming in every day and children are well prepared with wearing and applying their sunscreen. We are supporting children to drink regularly and seek the shade as necessary and adapting timetables and activities all to avoid overheating.

Sports Day 2025

We welcomed over 170 visitors to our school to enjoy a family picnic and to cheer on their children for an afternoon of races. Spectators were treated to flat races, obstacle races (with a traditional egg and spoon section), hurdles races and the incredible spectacle which is the All Age Relay. Our children were kind and supportive towards each other and received plenty of encouragement from their families who were cheering trackside.

Congratulations to Achard House Group (blue team) who triumphed on race day with a winning score of 62 points.

Of course, our final Sports Day results are made up of the scores from race day and from the field events which take place beforehand. For the field events, children took part in three athletic disciplines - Speed Bounce, Standing Long Jump and Vortex Javelin - with the top three children scoring points for their Houses. Our highly trained Sports Ambassadors, House Captains and Deputy House Captains supported each class in completing these field events. They were magnificent! Their work in setting up the events, demonstrating, supporting and encouraging every child to do their best evidenced everything good about our pupil leadership programme. Take a bow Jack, Sam., Ben, Kailesh, Eden, Tia, Zoe, Amelia, Ana and Benjamin.



When all the scores were combined, the House Group winner of our field events was Keyser House (yellow team).

This led to a very tense Sports Day cup presentation in our collective worship on Monday. There was just one point between the overall winners and second place House Group!

Congratulations to Achard House Group who were confirmed as our overall winning House Group for Aldermaston Sports Day 2025. A very proud moment for their House Captain Ben and Deputy House Captain Kailesh.

Summer Fete

What a lovely evening we had for our Summer Fete. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying such a wide range of stalls and activities. A particular highlight was the amazing dance performance from Breaking Barriers. This incredible PTA event has raised £4,000 for our school. Congratulations to all those who won a raffle prize. Thank you to our hardworking PTA committee, everyone who volunteered and everyone who supported us on the day.



Road Safety update

We were delighted to hear that the road safety survey that we sent out on behalf of the Parish Council received 72 responses. Lines outside of the school have already been repainted and a scheme involving pedestrian guard rails and a safer crossing point has been approved and added to the council's programme of construction. They are hoping to complete the required work during the school holidays to minimise disruption.

What a fantastic example of the positive changes we can achieve when we work together as a community.

'Grub' – a transformational KS2 Summer Production

If you have been lucky enough to attend one of our performances of 'Grub' you will have been wowed by the quality of this production. The show (written by our very talented Mrs Ebrey) contained a very important message about becoming the person you were born to be and thinking about how we treat others, celebrate individuality and promote acceptance and kindness towards all. There was superb singing from all of our KS2 classes as Starlings stole the show performing in a wide variety of speaking roles and singing some beautiful solos.

With thanks for all the support provided at home, including bringing your children to evening performances and to all our staff who made this production possible. Especially Mrs Ebrey and Miss Jenkins who directed and created a beautiful stage setting too.



Music Assembly and Clarinet Final Performance

In more news about our incredibly talented children, we were treated today to our end of term Music Assembly. In addition to some incredible performances from those children currently taking music lessons in school, we also heard the final clarinet performance of our Year 4 (shared with families yesterday), some excellent percussion and rhythm work from Wrens and a recorder concert from Robins Class. KS2 also treated us to a final selection of 'Grub' songs.

It was wonderful to see individual instrumentalists performing to the whole school. It was inspiring for all the children to see what could be achieved with natural talent, practise and the bravery to stand up and perform. Well done to our guitarists (Clark, Edward, Isabella, Jack and Benjamin), saxophonist (Sam) and pianist (Phoebe).

Dynamic Dodgeballers

On a very warm evening, our Dodgeball Team, Jacob, Amelie, Sienna, Zoe, Tom, Benjamin, Ben, Kailesh, Zoe, Sam, Jack, Eden, Ahmyiah and Harmony had a brilliant time at Theale Green School. You will be very glad to hear that Miss Jenkins and Mrs Waugh who kindly gave up their time to support this event were not required to do any ball dodging. You will be unsurprised to hear that the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and its values and made their teachers and families very proud.

There are still so many events to look forward to over the remainder of our term.

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.

PLEASE SEE OUR FULL NO NUTS STATEMENT ON OUR SCHOOL WEB-SITE

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners/no-nuts-statement>



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

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

Monday 14th July

All day.....KS1 Bournemouth Oceanarium trip

Monday 14th July & Tuesday 15th July

All day.....Y5/6 Bikeability Level 2

Tuesday 15th July

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

Wednesday 16th July

AM.....Owls Pilgrimage

Thursday 17th July

AM.....Y6 Basingstoke Aquadrome

Friday 18th July

9:15am.....Y6 Leavers Assembly

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>

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.



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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