

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term (1) 2024 No. 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children returned to school so well organised and looking smart in their school uniforms.

Values and learning hero for this term

Our collective worships for this term are focused on the value of 'friendship'. What a lovely way to start a school year! We have welcomed the children joining our school as new friends and have spoken about all communities as big groups of friends sharing their talents and gifts to make the community a better place.



In the classrooms, staff will be providing children with lots of opportunities to be like our learning superhero, the Investigator Dog. This hero is an enthusiastic and curious learner who asks lots of questions, enjoys research and perseveres. He is a champion of the British value of individual liberty. For our children, this is a reminder that we have freedom to make choices, but we are then responsible for the consequences of those choices.

In school, we work together to ensure that all of our friends feel happy and safe and able to learn. This week, we had a focus on being a good friend to everyone who lives in our wider Aldermaston community. We talked about the impact of anti-social behaviour, the importance of avoiding unkind and unsafe choices and how we can help everyone outside of school to feel happy and safe too. A whole school assembly was followed up by individual work in classes. The children showed great maturity and thoughtfulness when sharing their ideas. They were also able to give examples of lots of other communities they belong to and how they contribute to these in a positive way.

Year 6 positions of responsibility

Pupil leadership is an important tradition in our school. Year 6 children are given the opportunity to apply for a position of responsibility which makes good use of their strengths and areas of interest. We then support them to learn in the role and to lead by example; they find the skills developed in these roles very useful as they make their transition to secondary school. Many will have the opportunity to work with groups of younger children, e.g. running sports activities or lunchtime clubs.

It was a privilege to award their badges this morning in collective worship and it was clear to see how much the roles meant to each child individually. We wish them all the best as they start their leadership journeys.

House	Achard	Forster	Congreve	Keyser
Captain	Ben	Ana	Eden	Zoe
Deputy	Kailesh	Benjamin	Tia B	Joe

Position	Children appointed
Collective Worship Leaders	Evie, Amelia T and Harmony
Sports Ambassadors and Play Leaders	Sam and Jack
Librarians	Amelia H, Edith and Cheyanne
Wildlife/Eco Monitors	Stanley and Mary
Technical Team	Joe, Caison and Rafaela
School Photographers	Olivia and Phoebe

School Council

Congratulations to our School Council representatives who have been elected for 2024 – 25:

Class	Representatives
Robins	Avery Hetty
Owls	Michaela Christiana
Kingfishers	Tom Jacob
Starlings	Mary Amelia H



I am looking forward to working with you on some exciting projects this year and I know you will have lots of wonderful ideas.

Thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward as class representatives. It's great that so many of our children care so much about their school and were willing to give up their own time to take part in the School Council.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher



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

Attendance

We take your child's attendance very seriously at Aldermaston CE Primary.

School attendance is crucial for a child's academic and social development. Regular attendance ensures that students have access to all the lessons and resources necessary for their learning. Missing school unnecessarily can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding, making it harder to keep up with the class. Over time, these gaps can add up and have a significant impact on a child's progress. Our school attendance target is 96%, and we encourage parents and guardians to support their child's attendance whenever possible. Additionally, being present in school allows children to develop important social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which are essential for their future success.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please speak with our Senior Attendance Champion, Mr Gunn.

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

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

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

Wednesday 4th September

8.55am ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 10th September STARTING AND EVERY TUESDAY

3.30pm to 4pm Reading Café—Larks Room

Wednesday 11th September STARTING AND EVERY WEDNESDAY

8am Multiskills Club

Wednesday 11th September

3.30pm Year 6 Parents Information Event
(Residential.)

Friday 13th September STARTING AND EVERY FRIDAY

8am Street Dance Club

Tuesday 17th September STARTING AND EVERY TUESDAY

8am Acrobatics Club

Thursday 10th October

9.30am to 10.30am Open Day for Prospective Parents

Friday 11th October

9am to 10.30am Family Learning Morning

Wednesday 16th October

4.30pm to 7pm Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October

3.30pm to 6pm Parents Evening

Tuesday 22nd October

9.30 am to 10.30am Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church

Wednesday 23rd October

3.30pm to 4.30 pm Year 6 SATS Information Event

Thursday 24th October

3.25pm END OF PUPIL HALF TERM

Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4th November

8.55am ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

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

TERM DATES 2024

Autumn Term 2024

First Day of Term 1 Wednesday 4th September 2024

Last Day of Term 1 Thursday 24th October 2024

Half Term—no school Friday 21st October to Friday 1st
November 2024

First Day of Term 2 Monday 4th November 2024

Last Day of Term 2 Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

First Day of Term 1 Monday 6th January 2025

Last Day of Term 1 Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term—no school Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

First Day of Term 2 Monday 24th February 2025

Last Day of Term 2 Wednesday 27th March 2025



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