

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



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Junior Music Festival rehearsal

This week the hall was filled with musical excellence as we hosted a rehearsal for the Berkshire Music Trust's Junior Music Festival. We were joined by the choirs of eight other schools to practise songs for this year's performance entitled 'A night at the movies'. It was a fantastic chance for our Kingfishers Class to enjoy working alongside children from other local schools on a really exciting musical project. It was also great to be able to share our school facilities with others. Thanks to Mrs Waugh for all of her work behind the scenes to co-ordinate this event and to the other staff, both Aldermaston and from other schools, who helped on the day.



EYFS coffee mornings

Thank you to all our EYFS families who were able to join Mrs Makepeace recently to find out more about how we teach phonics in our Wrens Class. I hope you found the resources provided helpful to support learning at home. The EYFS mathematics coffee morning will take place next week on Tuesday 3rd December at 9.00am in Larks Room.

Safety learning

You may have spotted a fire engine on site this week. Nothing to worry about! Our Year 5 class welcomed members of the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service to their class to lead a session on fire safety. This is all part of our curriculum designed to give children the skills to keep themselves safe. The children enjoyed finding out more about smoke alarms and personal escape plans and of course the chance to have a closer look at the fire engine and all the equipment it carried. The Fire Officers did a fantastic job and we're very grateful to them for spending time in our school. If you would like to find out more about safety at home, the link below shares useful advice on keeping families safe and reducing the risk of fire.



[RBFRS Safety at Home](#)



Car safety

We've had some concerns raised about how children are travelling to and from school. There is some very clear guidance on the law and when children should be using car seats below. Please do check this – it is very worrying to think that some of our children may not be safely strapped in for their journeys.

[Using child car seats](#)

Supporting learning at home – PE kit

Just a reminder that PE sessions, including outdoor PE, continue throughout the year. Children have a statutory entitlement to this subject and need to wear the right clothing to be safe taking part in their lessons. If the weather prevents a session, staff will attempt to reschedule on another day. Please ensure that all children have their PE kit in school for every day of the week. For a reminder of uniform expectations, including PE kit, please see the information on our website.

[School Uniform](#)

If you are struggling to afford uniform items, please let us know. There is help available.

Science workshops through AWE

We are receiving some excellent science enrichment through AWE's outreach programme. The practical science workshops are closely linked to our curriculum and give the children extra opportunities for hands on investigation work. Owls Class participated in a workshop about the properties of magnets and we were very proud of how well children met the challenges presented to them. Thanks to the excellent AWE staff and Mrs Jordan, our science lead, who has organised these workshops.



Children In Need

Thank you for your generous donations, we managed to cover our giant Pudsey in coins (as you can see in this photo.) We managed to raise 151.64 (including 1401 pennies!!) for the charity.



Fancy Dress

If you have any fancy dress costumes that your children have grown out of, our Wrens class would appreciate any donations to add to their dressing up wardrobe. They really enjoy this type of activity and it helps develop their role play, creativity and communication skills.



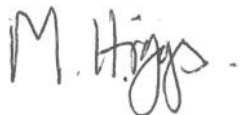
Advent Wreath

Look at the results of some wonderful work by our Worship Leaders and Reverend Jane. This beautiful wreath will be the centre piece of our collective worship table for the remainder of the school term.

House learning morning

In a further example of great pupil leadership, our House Captains and Deputy House Captains led an Advent Collective worship for their House Groups on Thursday morning. Followed by a whole school Art and D&T project to create fantastic decorations for the school Christmas tree. As always, it was really inspiring to see all of the different year groups working together and enjoying spending time with each other. These events really help to underpin the sense family in our school community. We're excited to see how the decorations look on our tree which is arriving next week. Many thanks to the Wasing Estate for providing our tree once again.

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 WEBSITE



**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

Tuesday 3rd December

08.45am to 9.30am EYFS Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th December

PM.....Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Friday 6th December

10am.....Whole school trip to the Watermill Theatre for Pinocchio

Monday 9th December

PM.....KS1 Nativity Performance

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PM.....Douai Abbey Carol Concert (Starlings)

Friday 13th December

12pm.....Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th December

9:30am.....Advent Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 19th December

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

Please see our online diary for more dates at:-



TERM DATES 2024

Autumn Term 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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