

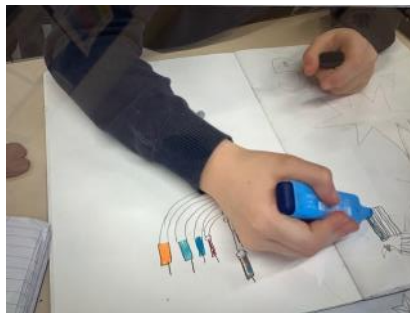
# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2025 No. 8



## Speed Stacking

Last week we sent two brilliant teams of KS2 children and this week we sent two brilliant teams of KS1 children (and their supporters) to attend Speed Stacking Festivals at Theale Green School. This was a competitive event which tested the children's coordination and speed in creating and dismantling different stacked shapes of cups as fast as they could. Our children were superb at both individual challenges and teamwork. Miss Jenkins, Mrs Redding, Mrs Makepeace and Miss Renfrew were so proud of the way our children supported each other and represented our school. Well done to Sapphire, Amelie, Tom, Sienna, Alfie, Zoe W, Jack, Phoebe, Eden, Ahmyiah, Ben and Daniel for representing KS2 and Leo, Ralph, Max, Izaiah, Mary Rose, Amelia, Alfie, Tessa, Roman and Jack for representing KS1.



## Family Learning Morning

Thank you to all the brilliant visitors who joined us for an RE lesson as part of our Spring Term Family Learning Morning. We enjoyed welcoming you into school to learn alongside your children for a lesson themed around the symbolic importance of light. As a church school, we want our children to have a rich and deep knowledge and understanding of Christianity as a global living faith. We also want our children to appreciate the diversity of other faiths and worldviews and respect wider beliefs and practices. We aim to develop children who can reflect on their own beliefs and explain their views. We had over 60 visitors for this event. The staff were very impressed by the quality of work completed by both children and family members!

## Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday next week, all children will be taking part in learning linked to Safer Internet Day. This is an annual event which raises the profile of online safety and is well aligned with our curriculum. This year the theme is 'Too good to be true?' and it focuses on spotting and avoiding scams. Please do talk to your children about what they learn next week – I'm hoping they can give us some top tips.

Here is a link to some parents guides and resources:

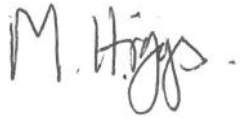
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

I think we all know someone who has been affected by a scam. Scams can be incredibly plausible and convincing. Here is some advice for adults on spotting and reporting scams.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams/spot-scams>

We're all looking forward to our disco dancing this evening. Thank you to our PTA for organising what I am sure will be another brilliant event!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



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



### **Attendance.**

Attendance is incredibly important to children's development and progress, our school target is 96%

We understand that sometimes unavoidable absences occur, but regular school attendance is vital for your child's success. Every day in the classroom provides valuable learning opportunities, from academic lessons and social interactions to developing essential life skills.

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between lower achievement and absence below 95%

Consistent attendance helps children build strong foundations in reading, writing, and maths, while also fostering important social and emotional development. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning that become increasingly difficult to overcome.

We encourage you to work with us to ensure your child attends school regularly, as it significantly impacts their academic progress and overall well-being.

If there is anything the school can do to help and support you, please get in contact with us and we can discuss this face to face or over the telephone.

**Iain Gunn**

**Deputy Headteacher & Senior Attendance Champion at Aldermaston Church of England Primary School**

## **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**



# 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 11th February

All day.....Safer Internet Day

### Friday 14th February

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

### Monday 24th February

08.55.....ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March

All week.....Year 6 Residential

### Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March

All week.....Book Week

### Monday 10th March

All day.....World Book Day—Dress-up

### Monday 24th March

7:00pm.....Junior Music Festival—Hexagon

### Tuesday 25th March

9:30am.....Easter Service at St Mary's led by Robins

### Friday 4th April

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

### Wednesday 23rd April

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

### Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May

All week.....KS2 SATS

### Friday 23rd May

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

### Monday 2nd June

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

### 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>

## TERM DATES 2024

### Spring Term 2025

First Day of Term 3	Monday 6th January 2025
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 14th February 2025
Half Term—no school	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025
First Day of Term 4	Monday 24th February 2025
Last Day of Term 4	Friday 4th April 2025

### 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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