

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term (2) 2025 No. 9



We're having a lovely busy Spring Term at Aldermaston School. The children are enjoying lots of visits and visitors to help bring their learning to life.

Cattle in the car park

Look at these adorable calves who visited Owls recently along with the farmers who own them and run a local dairy farm. Our Wrens and Doves also enjoyed the opportunity to visit and learn about the calves who had taken up residence in our car park.



Don't be fooled by the cuteness of the baby animals. Owls Class found out that farming is a tough but essential profession. Looking after animals and land is demanding work. Mr and Mrs Bush clearly explained the responsibilities of running a farm and our children enjoyed asking them questions about their work. Aldermaston is part of a rural community and it's really important to us that our curriculum reflects the local area. We were very grateful to Mr and Mrs Bush for helping the children to have a much better understanding of farming.

Learning Heroes – Spring Term (1)

At the end of the last term, we celebrated the achievements of our Teamworker Learning Heroes.

Wrens Class	Everly
Robins Class	Larosa
Owls Class	Maisy
Kingfishers Class	Nikoleta
Starlings Class	Eden



These children led by example throughout last term. They worked brilliantly with other children in their classes by listening to ideas, sharing their thoughts, collaborating and supporting others.

Spring Term (2)

Our learning hero for this term is the Reflector Owl so staff will be supporting the children to develop their abilities to reflect on their learning and advice received and to check, correct and improve their work. The Reflector Owl is associated with the British value of democracy, so children will be thinking about how we have a voice in important decisions which affect us.

This term our Christian value is 'Wisdom' where children are considering the wise advice and teaching provided by Jesus' parables and also thinking about other sources of wisdom in our lives.

Abernant adventurers

It's a little quiet around the school this week as Starlings set off for Wales on Monday with Mr Gunn and Mrs Jordan.

We receive daily updates through their blog posts on our website and it's clear the children are having a wonderful time engaging in activities including raft building, axe throwing, abseiling, fencing and many more



As you can see, they are having fantastic weather too!

Our Starlings are getting ready to move on from our school to secondary education. We know that the experiences Year 6 are having on their residential trip will not only create amazing memories but will also develop the skills and self-confidence they need to face future challenges. We can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they return on Friday.

Supporting our children to stay safe

Last week, children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in follow on 'Speak out. Stay safe.' NSPCC workshops led by a trained NSPCC volunteer. These workshops were a brilliant opportunity for children to explore keeping safe in more depth, building on the virtual assemblies and class learning, and all delivered in an age appropriate way.

The NSPCC have some fantastic resources to support parents. Please do have a look. They cover a wide range of topics including tips for children sharing rooms, online safety and talking to children about racism.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

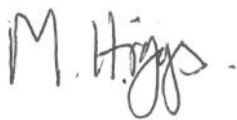


Junior Music Festival

Kingfisher class were lucky enough to go to Mortimer St Mary's school to rehearse their songs for the BMT Junior Music Festival. It was so lovely to see the children work with so many other schools and watch them enjoy a range of music genres. Well done Kingfishers!

Enjoy the wonderful sunshine forecast for the weekend. Next week we are very excited about our annual Book Week celebrations. We hope to see you at some of the planned events. Don't forget dressing up day on Monday!

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

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



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

Thursday 6th March 2025

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 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

1:00pm.....Cross Country Competition

Wednesday 2nd April

4:30pm to 7:00pm.....Parents evening (not Kingfishers)

3:30pm to 7:00pm.....Parents evening Kingfishers

Thursday 3rd April

3:30pm to 6:00pm.....Parents evening (not Kingfishers)

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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