

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



## Summer Term (1) 2024 No: 2

Dear Parents and Carers

### Worries workshop for KS1

We have previously welcomed the Mental Health Support Team into school to work with our older children in KS2. This term, we welcomed them back to work with our Robins Class.

The session was well timed as children are starting to think about the changes that will happen at the end of this school year. For our Year 2 children, this involves joining Owls Class as Year 3 children and enjoying the new challenges in KS2. For our Year 1 children, it's being at the top of their class and helping to support the younger children when they join as Year 1s in September.

The children talked about what it means to feel anxious or worried and answered the question, 'What is a worry?' They were able to talk about how someone might feel if they were worried. The team helped them learn how to make their worries smaller by talking to a trusted adult or using strategies which included breathing exercises (the children learnt about 'birthday breathing'). It's been lovely to see the children's confidence grow in recognising when they are worried and understanding which zone they are in on their Zones of Regulation chart.

### Quadkids

We took a team of twenty athletes to represent our school at the recent Quadkids athletics competition. The conditions were warm and sunny and there was an amazing turnout of children and supporters from schools around the local area. Each child took part in four events: a sprint, middle distance run, vortex javelin and standing long jump. It was an amazing experience and the children's performances were really impressive with many excelling in their favourite events and all taking on the challenge of a proper middle distance race in very hot conditions. A huge well done to the team and many thanks to Mr Gunn and Miss Renfrew for giving up their Saturday to support and encourage.



### Choir performance

Our school choir sounded magnificent at 'Summer Music' concert on Friday night. St Mary's Church was a fabulous setting for their performance and we were delighted to receive comments on their impeccable behaviour alongside their wonderful singing and musicality. It was great for them to sing alongside Kate Rittson-Thomas, a professional soprano, and to experience being accompanied by concert pianist Ikuko Inoguchi. They were very well supported by parents and families and we're proud that they helped to raise money for the maintenance of our beautiful local church. Thank you to Mrs Ebrey and Mrs Miller and many of our school governors who supported on the night.



### Manager Learning Heroes

Well done to the Summer Term (1) Manager Learning Heroes.

<b>Wrens Class</b>	Alfie	<b>Robins Class</b>	Mason
<b>Owls Class</b>	Thomas	<b>Kingfishers Class</b>	Phoebe
<b>Starlings Class</b>	Freddie		

Many congratulations to these children for their superb learning this term.

Next term, we're focusing on the ultimate learning hero – someone who combines all the learning skills of our superhero team. I know some of our children are working really hard to achieve this already!

### D Day 80

We're looking forward to our commemoration events in school planned for June 6th. Do get involved with the wonderful local events. Our KS2 children will be visiting the special exhibition hosted by the Aldermaston History Group at the Hinds Head. The children may even want to show you what they've seen themselves, as the exhibition is running throughout the day.

## Sex and relationships policy

You will have seen in the news that there are potential changes in the pipeline to government guidance about how schools deliver sex and relationships education. In the meantime, our current policy is due a review. As part of this process, we held a parents information event in Spring Term which provided the opportunity for discussion about the school's approach and a chance to view materials. I know some of you also had individual discussions with class teachers too. There are no substantial changes to our existing policy as a result. Our draft policy is available to view here <https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/community/governance/policies> We welcome any comments on the policy through the [enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk). We will then review the policy again if required by changes to government guidance or legislation in the future as we would with any school policy affected by changes in best practice.

## Y6 SATS

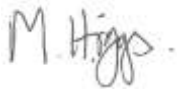
... Were completed by our fantastic Starlings Class in a calm and mature fashion. The children were safe in the knowledge that they had worked hard throughout the year and everyone was already very proud of their achievements. They were supported by having a good range of wellbeing strategies and knowing that everyone in school was wishing them the best.

## Staff news

Today, in our collective worship, the children said a fond farewell to Mrs Dean and thanked her for all of her help and support in their learning. We wish her and her family all the best with their move and in future endeavours.

We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the half term break. We look forward to seeing all our children back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

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



# School News

## NOTICES



A gentle reminder that toys from home should not be coming into school with your child. We do not want your children getting upset over lost or broken toys from home.

### 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.



### Play equipment

Please note that all play equipment, including the slide and climbing frames, can only be used during the school day under supervision of trained school staff. Please do not allow children to use this equipment before or after 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.



### DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site. Many thanks

## EVENTS THIS YEAR

### Friday 24th May

3.25pm ..... END OF PUPIL TERM

### Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED

### Thursday 20th June

Creative Klick—Class Photographs

### Friday 21st June

9 to 10.30am ..... Family Learning Morning

### Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July

All day ..... Willink Induction Day

### Monday 1st July

4.30 to 6.30pm .. Willink Parent Information Evening

### Friday 5th July

AM ..... Sports Day and Family Picnic

### Monday 8th July

1.30pm ..... KS2 Production Matinee and Dress Rehearsal

### Tuesday 9th July

6.30pm ..... KS2 Production

### Wednesday 10th July

6.30pm ..... KS2 Production

Friday 19th July

9.30am..... Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July

9.30am..... End of Year Service at St Mary's Church

### Wednesday 24th July

3.25pm ..... END OF PUPIL YEAR

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

**Don't forget Reading Café! This is on and open to all ages every Tuesday between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. You'll find us in Larks Room.**

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024
Last Day of Term 5	Friday 24th May 2024
Bank Holiday—no school	Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term—no school	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024
First Day of Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last Day of Term 6	Wednesday 24th July 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	Fri 25th October to Fri 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 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



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LAMP LIGHT OF PEACE

## Lights and Lanterns workshops

Saturday 1st June, 10am and 2pm,  
In Aldermaston Parish Hall

Designs for all age groups or create your own design.  
Materials provided include led lights and tea lights, and you  
can bring your own materials to help your design.

Refreshments will be provided.

This is a free event, with any donations welcome to D-Day charities.

Supported by Aldermaston History Group, Aldermaston Craft  
Group, Aldermaston Parish Council and Aldermaston Parish Hall.



# D-DAY 2024

6 JUNE

## D-Day Commemoration

Thursday, 6th June

Be involved - put a lamp for peace in your window.  
From 11am to 6.30pm, the Hinds Head will have a D-Day exhibition,  
showing how Aldermaston was involved.

Join National Fish and Chip Day at local venues or at home.

Lamp Lights for Peace - meet at the Hinds Head with your lanterns  
at 8.45pm, then follow the beggiper, Bill Copeland with your lamps to  
the Loosey. The National Tribute will be read by

Wing Commander Jim Watchorn at 9.15pm.

Refreshments at the Aldermaston Parish Hall

**SATURDAY 29TH JUNE, 11AM-5PM**

## **ALDERMASTON PARISH HALL ARTS & CRAFT EXHIBITION**

**DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE  
WITH THE COMMUNITY?**

We are seeking Artists of all kinds including photographers, poetry writers and all crafters etc..

This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to show off your fabulous work and network with potential buyers for any future business.


To reserve your place or for any questions please contact  
Chris Newman on 0118 971 3525  
OR via email: [chrisnewpc2018@outlook.com](mailto:chrisnewpc2018@outlook.com)

If you are aged 3-11, why not enter our children's competition?  
Fabulous prizes to be won.

Subject: Your Holiday (interpret as you wish), using any medium from poetry to painting. Exhibits to be judged on the day. Winners to be announced at 1pm.

(All entries to please arrive between 9am-11am)

No charge for entry but donations welcome

 **Aldermaston  
Parish Hall**