

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



## Spring Term (2) 2024 No: 4

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parents' evenings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend a parents' evening appointment this week. The children felt very proud of their achievements and I hope you enjoyed looking at their books. Please remember, we are happy to arrange telephone appointments if you are unable to attend in person. If you weren't able to make any of the appointments offered, please do try to make an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher. There are so many things to celebrate and support from home makes a huge difference to how children get on at school.

We hope you enjoyed the lovely spread on offer from PS Catering, the company who provide our school lunches. They were keen to share some of their food with you so you could have an actual taste of what was on offer to our children. Highly recommended!



### Team Aldermaston at the Cross Country Championships

Last week, a fantastic team of 26 superstars from Aldermaston CE Primary School represented us at the West Berkshire and North Hampshire Cross Country Championships. There was a record turnout of competitors with 1576 children finishing from over 50 Primary schools from the local area.

While we didn't bring home any trophies this time, every member of our team was a champion in our eyes. It's easy to underestimate the challenge posed by racing against hundreds of other children over a significant distance with thousands of spectators cheering you on. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part and it was clear that their weeks of dedicated training really helped them to achieve their best on the day.

A big shout-out to Mrs Redding, Miss Jenkins and all the family and friends who came out to support our team.

### Roll of honour:

<b>Owls Class</b>	Frances, Bonnie, Sofia, Zoe, Amelie, Nan, Charlie, Jacob, Thomas, Joseph-James and Christian.
<b>Kingfishers Class</b>	Ben, Stanley, Oscar, Benjamin, Sam, Sienna Marie, Zoe, Harmony, Amelia, Neveah and Mary.
<b>Starlings Class</b>	Felicity, Ella, Isabelle and Alicia.

### Whole school running

And for more of the same, this afternoon we are holding our whole school Cross Country Championships. This event allows every child to take part in a whole school competition and is the only time in the school year that we lock the gates to the car park during the school day and allow children to run laps around the school building. Our Wrens Class seem particularly excited about the race as they loved watching the older children train for the external competition. We'll report back on the winners in our next newsletter.

### Ashmolean visit

This week, we had another quiet day at school when Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Ashmolean Museum as part of their Ancient Greeks history topic. The children enjoyed a workshop and the opportunity to view and handle important historical artefacts and find out more about primary and secondary sources. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school with their polite behaviour and engagement with learning. Thank you to Miss Jenkins and all our staff and volunteers who made this trip possible. *See photo gallery later in this newsletter.*

### School Trips

School trips are a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn beyond the classroom walls, build lasting memories with friends and experience new things. Our staff spend lots of time researching possible visits and planning to ensure they are effectively linked to curriculum topics.

We understand that trip costs can be a burden for some families. We strive to keep our trips affordable, but like everyone else, we're affected by rising costs. Timely payments allow us to continue to run offsite visits. Unfortunately, if costs aren't covered, we may have to consider cancelling future trips. If you can't pay the full amount, any contribution you can make, big or small, might make the difference.

For families facing financial hardship, please contact the school office to discuss. Your information will be kept confidential and we may be able to help.

### Mrs Boyden

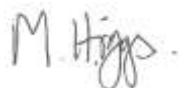
Many of you will have already heard that, after over 18 years of service, Mrs Boyden is hanging up her office manager badge and relocating with her family to another part of the country. She will be so greatly missed by all of her friends here in school and in the wider community. It's hard to imagine the school office without her and every child will have their own special 'office' memory. I know she would love to say goodbye in person to many of you so please do feel free to pop in and wish her well for the future.

Although Mrs Boyden will be a hard act to follow, we are interviewing for a new office manager and will share the outcome of this in due course.

### End of term service

We're looking forward to our end of term Easter Service which is taking place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday at 9.30am. I know the Robins Class have worked hard to put together this celebration and parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this worship.

Next Wednesday is the last day of our school term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Have a wonderful Easter break.



**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**



# School News

## NOTICES



A gentle reminder that toys/cuddly animals from home should not be coming into school with your child. There has been an increase in cuddly toys entering classrooms, then getting misplaced. We do not want your children getting upset over this and thus could we please ask that all toys/cuddly animals are left at the school gates with an adult.

### 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. This has loose coping stones and could cause injuries.

### 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.



## EVENTS THIS YEAR

### Tuesday 26th March

9 to 10.30am ..... Easter Service at St Mary's Church

### Wednesday 27th March

3.25pm ..... END OF PUPIL TERM

### Thursday 28th March to Friday 12th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

### Monday 15th April

8.55am ..... ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Tuesday 16th April

3.30 to 4pm ..... Reading Café in Larks Room—every Tuesday

### Monday 13th to Friday 17th May

Various ..... KS2 SATS Week

### 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>

## 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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# Year 5/6 Ashmolean Trip







# ALDERMASTON SCHOOL

## HALL FOR HIRE

Our school hall is available for hire evenings, weekends and during some holiday periods, for any activities you may need a venue for. With secure grounds, easy access and ample off road parking our site is ideal for:

**Family/Birthday Parties • Social Events • Dance Clubs • Amateur Dramatics  
Health & Wellbeing Sessions • Art/Photography Clubs  
or any other event.**

Our school hall leads on to a decking area with sun awnings and outside lighting. The large playing field which can be used for all parties hiring the hall, is included in the hire cost. At a small additional cost, we can also offer the use of our kitchen space to provide room for making drinks and offering food which you have prepared offsite.

If you would like to hire the school hall or for further information, please visit our website:

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/community/hire-of-hall>

or contact us at: [enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk).

