

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term (1) 2024 No: 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our Summer Term (1).

Running champions

We had a lovely end of term before the Easter holidays. One of the highlights was the whole school internal cross country competition. This is an annual event for every child in the school. The course for each race takes the children on laps around the school building.

The standard of running was very high! The children were enthusiastic and determined. Our Wrens were very impressive on their first outing, aided no doubt by the lovely Year 6 children providing them with running buddies and lots of encouragement.

Here are the overall winners of each race:-

EYFS Cross Country Champion	Oscar
Years 1 & 2 Cross Country Champion	Mason
Years 3 & 4 Cross Country Champion	Charlie
Years 5 & 6 Cross Country Champion	Oscar

The first ten children back in each race scored points for their House Group. Once the totals had been calculated, the winners of our 2024 Cross Country Competition were Keyser House. Congratulations to the yellow team.

Learning Heroes

In our end of term assembly, we also got to celebrate the achievements of our Reflector Owl class learning heroes.

Wrens	Naomi	Owls	Alfie
Robins	Kayson	Kingfishers	Rowan
		Starlings	Isabelle



These children, who are experts at checking, reflecting and improving their learning, are also celebrated on our Learning Hero display just inside the entrance to the school.



Summer music

We're having a very musical start to the summer. Our Robins Class are learning to play the recorder. As I'm sure many of you will remember from your own days at primary school, learning this instrument is a great way to start reading music. It's early days, but the sounds coming from the Robins' classroom are very promising. A little further up the school, our Year 4 children are receiving excellent tuition on the clarinet through Berkshire Music Trust. These lessons provide great progression in the children's musical knowledge and really develop key skills along with individual confidence. We know, for many of our children, it will also lead to an enduring interest in learning to play their own instrument.

D Day 80

As you will see from the attached flier, there are wonderful local events planned to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944. Please do get involved if you can. In school, we will hold a special collective worship and we will also be helping children to prepare for the planned lantern procession during a lantern building House Group learning morning. KS2 children will be visiting a special exhibition hosted by the Aldermaston History Group.

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**



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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

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>

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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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 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

Summer Music @ St Mary's



**Come and listen to glorious
music in a fabulous setting**

Friday May 17th ,7pm

Kate Rittson-Thomas

Aldermaston C.E. School Choir

Saturday May 18th , 7pm



Kingsclere Performing Arts College

£20 Adult Ticket, £5 Children in full time education, under 12s free

Both nights: £30 adult, £10 children, under 12s free

includes refreshments

All to raise funds for St Mary's Church, Aldermaston

Box office & more information :

<https://concerts.project-stmarys.uk>



St Mary the Virgin, Church Rd, Aldermaston, RG7 4HR