

# Aldrynton Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It was great to see the Y6 children return safely from Little Canada on Friday. I hope that all the children had a great time and thank you to all staff who supported with this and Mrs Culham in particular for once again organising this trip.

This week, we will have all Y1 children and some Y2 children completing the Phonics Check and Y4 children will be completing the Multiplication Check. Good luck to all of the children taking part in these national assessments.

On Wednesday after school we welcome families from our new 24/25 reception cohort to a welcome meeting.

On Friday, the Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park is planned to take place. At the moment, the weather forecasted for this day has varied. Due to the logistics involved for the day, we will need to make a call on Thursday if we are unable to proceed on this day due to forecasted poor weather conditions. So please keep a close eye on your email inboxes on Thursday.

It is the annual PTA Try-a-Tri on Saturday. Thank you to all of the PTA members that are organising this. I am sure the children will have a great time!

## Key Stage 2 Sports Day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Further to previous communications, a reminder to:

- Provide your child with a lunch (nut-free) and drink(s) for the morning. Your child will need this with them from the registration point forward.
- Ensure your child is prepared for the weather forecasted e.g. sun hats and cream if UV levels are forecasted to be high, coat/jacket if the weather is cooler.
- Ensure that if your child is in the walking group that they arrive at 8:30am. Entrance point will be via the hall doors. Please note that this group will leave school by 8:40am.

A clarification that:

- Children can remain in their P.E. clothes and trainers all day.
- It would be great if the children **could wear T-shirts in their house colour**, however they can also wear their usual P.E. shirt if you do not have a T-shirt in the house colour.

Houses and colours:

Beaver – Red



Wallaby – Green

Kiwi – Blue

### **Vehicle Use on School Grounds**

As mentioned previously, cars should not be driven onto school grounds during drop off and collection times. However, there may be occasions when it is required to drop off/ collect children either during out of hours times or if your child is unwell during the day. However, I am sad to report that on several occasions recently, it has been reported that cars have been reported to either have been driving faster than they should or not being considerate to pedestrians also using the entrance to the school. If problems persist, then we may need to update our risk assessment for this area and deny access to cars that do not belong to staff or pre-arranged visitors. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring safety in this area.

### **OFSTED Update**

As you are probably aware, Aldryngton was last visited by OFSTED in December 2011. For many years, schools that received an outstanding rating were exempt from OFSTED visits. The OFSTED Framework changed quite considerably in 2019 and subsequently the removal of the exemption from inspection was announced in 2021. Outstanding schools under the previous frameworks, were placed in two categories (schools inspected after September 2015 and schools inspected before this date). Schools, like Aldryngton, with a more historic inspection would be subject to a full two-day inspection, whilst outstanding schools inspected since September 2015 would have a one-day ungraded inspection in the first instance. As you can imagine, both the inclusion of previously exempt schools on top of the delays caused by the pandemic has meant that there is a back log of schools due for inspection. About a year ago, OFSTED published information about the window in which to expect the inspection. For Aldryngton, the window that applied to us was that we would be inspected at some point before January 2025. We have been expecting an inspection visit for a considerable time and we now approximately within the top 20 schools in the country for the longest time without inspection. Therefore, I would estimate that we are likely to have a visit either this half-term or if not, very early in new academic year.

As part of the inspection process, families will be able to provide feedback through a questionnaire. Usually the inspection team also spend time on the playground to talk to families also at either drop off/ collection times. The questions asked will be very similar to the questions asked in our annual parent survey. Today, I will focus on two of the areas to explain what the school does to address them:

### **How does the school make you aware of what your child will learn?**

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities and formats in which information is shared. In September, within the first few weeks is an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' and at this meeting there is usually a PowerPoint which details information. This is then followed up with Team newsletters at the start of both Spring and Summer terms. Curriculum Overviews and Knowledge Organisers are sent out at the start of each term. The Curriculum Overview covers a brief summary of what they are doing in each subject within the topic, whilst the Knowledge Organiser details key vocabulary, useful links/books and content matter related to the history or geography topic being studied. To access examples of Knowledge Organisers and our Curriculum Map of topics, it can be accessed here:

<https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-map>



Also, on the website, there is a Curriculum section which details further information regarding the individual subjects. In the Children section there is a page set up for each team.

Throughout the year, there are some targeted workshops/ presentations for families. These are usually arranged in order to provide further information about some of the systems that the school uses e.g. Read, Write, Inc Phonics, Evidence Me and Accelerated Reader.

At the end of each term, an opportunity is provided where families can access work undertaken in class, so that you can see what has been studied.

### **How does the school let me know how my child is doing?**

There are two parent/ carer meetings with the teacher each year scheduled in the Autumn and Spring terms. An end of year report is issued in July and families can request an appointment with the teacher if they wish to discuss any aspect of this report. In addition to this, an attainment data report is provided on a termly basis (usually on the last day of term) and there is an opportunity to view work on a termly basis.

### **Wellbeing Update from Mrs Boba**

Just a reminder transition books will be coming out to all children as normal. These will be available closer to the end of term, when staffing is finalised. Year 6 children continue to have the Wellbeing drop-in session on a Wednesday lunchtime in the Alder room with myself.

### **Cost of Living Update from Wokingham**

Are you free school meal eligible?

With the higher cost of living in recent years you may now be getting support you didn't used to.

Let the school know if you're free school meal eligible and the school gets extra funding, as well as daily meals for your child or children.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

### **Events Update**

Updates made this week are highlighted in yellow.



## Events List: Summer

Date (Time)	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (9:25am)	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try a Tri
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	District Sports (selected children)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2pm) NEW TIME	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning (whole morning)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower School- dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School – technical performance



Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Middle School trip to Wisley
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30-4pm)	Y1-Y4 Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Happy Circus
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Out to Parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Topic Celebrations
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Celebration-Pool Party
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher

