

# Aldryngton Primary School

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9<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to start off by thanking staff for the additional sporting activities that were organised for the children last week. I would also like to acknowledge the children for their great levels of sportsmanship and abilities displayed throughout the week. Thank you also to families that were able to spectate at some of the activities last week.

Yesterday, the children found out their new classes for next academic year. The end of an academic year is always a time where some staff move on and we have new staff joining for September. I will update you in full later on in the update.

This week, we have the Upper School production and I know that the children are looking forward to sharing this with their families. Both the staff and children have worked amazingly hard on this and once again it promises to be a great show.

Tomorrow, Middle School are on a trip to Wisley and Lower School will have their topic celebration taking place. A reminder that both Middle and Upper School topic celebrations are now taking place between 3:30 and 4pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

We finish the week with Happy's Circus on Friday. Thank you once again to all of you that have purchased a ticket.

## **Key Stage 2 SATS Results**

This morning, I had the pleasure of logging on to see yet another great academic performance by children at Aldryngton. The results from the Key Stage 2 SATS that our Y6 children took in May were released today. The headline measure is the proportion of children that achieve reading, writing and mathematics combined and this year, 87% of our children met this target. This compares well to the national average of 61%. 24% of our children achieved the higher level in all of these three subjects. The national average for this is yet to be released yet, but in 2023 the average was 8%.

I have compiled a table below, so that you can see how performance at Aldryngton compares to other schools. We have set a new school record this year for both the highest average scaled score and the highest proportion of children reaching Greater Depth in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. As not all of the national averages have been released yet, I have also included the 2023 national averages for all areas.



	Reading			Writing		Mathematics			Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar		
	ARE	GD	Average Scaled Score	ARE	GD	ARE	GD	Average Scaled Score	ARE	GD	Average Scaled Score
Aldryngton	91	62	109	91	24	91	53	109	89	71	112
National Average 2024	74	-	105	72	-	73	-	104	72	-	105
National Average 2023	73	29	105	71	13	73	24	104	72	30	105

## Key

**ARE-** Age related expectation. This is the proportion of children with a scaled score of 100 or more in the tests or judged to be the expected level in writing.

**GD-** The proportion of children with a scaled score of 110 or more in the tests or assessed to be greater depth in writing.

**Average Scaled Score-** The average scaled score of all children. This is created from using the test score and converting it to a scaled score. The lowest scaled score possible to be assessed on the Y6 level is 80 and the highest scaled score possible is 120.

For further information about the assessments, I have included a link to a leaflet from the Department of Education that has been designed for parents:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66755ba155cac01f4aad80c9/Assessment\\_results\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_2\\_information\\_for\\_parents\\_2024.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66755ba155cac01f4aad80c9/Assessment_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2_information_for_parents_2024.pdf)

## Staffing Update

At the end of this year, we will be saying farewell to Miss Goodchild, who will be embarking on a career change. Miss Goodchild has had a tremendous impact during her time at Aldryngton and has brought a lasting legacy with all of the additional work she has completed with the arts.

We will be welcoming Miss Beckett back as a class teacher in September. Miss Beckett has spent this academic year training as a teacher and will be a great addition to the team.

We will also be sadly saying farewell to two of our teaching assistants at the end of this year. Mrs Calway, who has worked with us for a number of years, will be retiring. Miss Walker-Jude will be relocating to another area of the country. I would like to thank them all for all of their contributions during their time at Aldryngton and wish them both all the best for the future.

## End of Year Parent Survey

Each year, we ask parents to feedback their thoughts about the school. We use this data as one aspect of our self-evaluation and to identify potential improvement areas to factor into our school development plan next year. The senior leadership will review the findings of this survey and I will provide a summary of findings and



what is being done as a result in the Autumn term. The link for the survey can be found below and it will close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Thank you in advance to all of you that are able to provide feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ADnTXsbmCk>

### **Considerate Parking**

Ideally, we would like families to walk/ scoot/ cycle into school and where this is not possible for families to pursue park and stride options. We have recently received several complaints of inconsiderate parking in Lancaster Gardens. This has involved cars being parked and left blocking the entrance of this road. Please could families that do travel by cars park lawfully. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

#### **Apply now for money to help with cost of living**

You can get money to help with the cost of food, bills and other essentials through the [Household Support Fund](#).

Families with children who receive means-tested free school meals should apply for Holiday Food Vouchers. You'll get £20 per week, per child, during the school holidays, so apply now in time for this year's summer holidays,

#### **If you have successfully applied for Holiday Food Vouchers since April 2023, you do not need to reapply**

Everyone else should apply for a Household Support Grant if they're struggling. Get £70 or £140 depending on your situation.

Support is available to households who feel they are struggling with rising costs of living as well as people in receipt of benefits.

[Apply now for the Household Support Fund](#).

### **How registering for free school meals helps us**

We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can.

Healthy school food has obvious benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. 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**

<b>Date (Time)</b>	<b>Event</b>
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)	Lower School Topic Celebration
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
Week Beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Out to Parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30-4pm)	Middle and 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

