

# Aldrynton Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It was a positive first week back and I enjoyed visiting classes with a focus on art progression. We certainly have a number of talented artists across the school! I also received the draft OFSTED report last week and we have fed back some minor amendments, which will need to be considered before the report is finalised and shared with you. This may slightly delay the process, but hopefully I will be in a position to share the report and judgements with you soon! The OFSTED reports being published today are much more concise in style with an introductory page giving you an overview of the four possible judgements (outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate) across the five areas. The five areas are Quality of Education; Personal Development; Behaviour and Attitudes; Leadership and Management; Early Years. There is then about a page and a half of information related to the findings before some factual information about the school and inspection process taken. The very large majority of schools receive good judgements, with the outstanding grade only being used where performance is considered exceptional and worthy of sharing with others. It is very rare for a school to be graded as outstanding in all areas and in our last inspection in 2011 whilst the school was graded outstanding for overall effectiveness (which no longer exists), it was graded as good in Early Years.

## School Meals Catering Contract

Historically, our school meals catering contract has been managed by Wokingham Council and they have procured the contract on behalf of schools. Caterlink is our current provider with the contract managed by Wokingham Council until the end of the academic year. Just before Christmas, we were informed that Wokingham Council will no longer be offering this procurement and management service beyond the end of the academic year. They have also served notice to Caterlink as they will no longer be offering this service to the schools. Wokingham will be arranging a supplier event in early February and after this point we will need to decide to go with one of the suppliers with either our own contract or join a group of schools making the same decision. Our choice is essentially to renegotiate a contract with Caterlink or to go to a different supplier. To support with our decision-making process, I have added a quick survey below, where you will be able to feedback directly to me whether or not you are happy with our existing supplier. You will also be able to feedback anything that you would like us to consider ahead of attending the supplier event in early February. The deadline for completing the form is the 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you in advance for anyone taking the time to feedback their thoughts.

<https://forms.office.com/e/0nAV75Bdq7>



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## PTA Non-Uniform Day: Dress a Decade (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January)

As part of the celebrations for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, children and staff are invited to dress in clothing that relates to the decade of their choice on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. For those you with little time to prepare, this is essentially a non-uniform day wearing current clothing from this decade! For the more creative, it will be a chance to visit the loft, dig out some old clothes and celebrate 60 years of Aldryngton!

### Wellbeing update

#### **Children's Mental Health Week - 3 -9 February 2025**

We shall again be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, and this year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself! We have lots of exciting things planned for our school community, which I am in the process of finalising. Mrs Blakely and I shall be holding our Children's Mental Health Week coffee morning for parents on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 8.50 to 10am and we would love to see you there if you can make it.

### Events List

Please find the latest version of events for the year below. We have added a parent coffee morning and a trip to Marwell Zoo for Middle School this week.

Date (Time)	Event
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Non-Uniform Day: Dress a Decade
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Lower School Trip to Brooklands Museum
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (8:50am-10am)</b>	<b>Mental Health Week Parent Coffee Morning</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper School trips to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)



Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Parents' Evenings Week
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Y1-6 Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Music Festival
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (2:30pm)	Lower School Eid Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children Return to School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window



Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (4pm)	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try-a-Tri
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Middle School trip to Marwell Zoo</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower School trip to Hawk Conservancy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prom and Picnic
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	District Sports (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Non-Uniform Make the Rules Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm)	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents



Wednesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term
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Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher

