

# Aldryngton Primary School

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4<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that all families had a great half-term break and that the children have returned refreshed and recharged for the busy half-term ahead. A reminder that we are engaging with Cut Your Carbon month this November. Full details are provided further in the update.

This week, we have the science dome in the hall for Upper School and a cross-country league event on Thursday. There will also be a PTA Upper School Cake Sale taking place after school on Friday afternoon.

## **Anti- Bullying Week: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (Odd socks on Monday)**

We will once again be celebrating this week with an assembly and activities taking part in classes. The theme this year is 'Power for Good.' Children may come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Children in Need: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Children may come into school wearing non-uniform on this day in return for a minimum donation of £1 to Children in Need. Donations are to be made via the link below:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

## **Punctuality**

Please note that the classroom doors open from 8:40am and all children should be in class ready by 8:45am. In order to ensure a prompt start to the day, we close all gates at 8:45am. Any child arriving after 8:45am will need to go to the office to be registered first.

Towards the end of last half term, the number of children being late each day was averaging 20 per day. This equates to over 6% of the school population. The average for children being late each day for the academic year so far is 1.4%, so this is a significant deterioration. It is appreciated that this was the last week of half term and many of the children were tired, however we do need to start this half term with a focus on improving punctuality levels again. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Communications/ Frequently Asked Questions**

The office has received a number of communications related to similar queries, so I thought it would be helpful to put some links below to pages on our website, where you can access the required information:

- Menus and details related to our how you can resolve queries regarding our catering provider can be accessed on this page: <https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners>
- Details regarding our after-school club provider and how you can make bookings/ contact them: <https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/wrap-around-care>
- Where you can access forms such as leave of absence/ medical administration forms: <https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/forms>
- Key dates are contained at the bottom of each weekly update. There is also the calendar page on the school website with functionality to subscribe to this calendar on your phone: <https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/calendar>

Please note that whilst private WhatsApp parent networks can be useful, these are not official lines of school communication and information provided may not always be correct.

## **Admissions Arrangements Consultation**

Wokingham Borough Council is currently consulting on its proposed school admission arrangements for the 2027/2028 academic year. The consultation is now live and they are seeking views from all relevant stakeholders.

The consultation documents and details on how to respond can be found here:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions-consultation-2027-2028>

The consultation will remain open until **15th December 2025**, and all responses are welcomed to help shape fair and effective admission arrangements across the borough.

## **Cut Your Carbon - November**

This year, Eco-Council have again signed up for November's **Cut Your Carbon** month. Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete six small carbon cutting activities at home with friends and family. These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts! Below are the carbon cutting activities to complete. Good luck and enjoy cutting your carbon this November!

- Make three evening meals plant-based across the month. Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
- Make any three journeys 'active' across the month. Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
- Have a device-free day. Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
- Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week. Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
- Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month. Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
- Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week. Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!

Thank you for your support!

Aldryngton Eco-Council

## **Parent Evenings: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

We have reviewed our arrangements for parent evenings and the opportunities to view your child's work. As a result, we have decided to trial going back to face to face appointments in the school hall. We will also use this opportunity to view your child's work instead of the topic celebration.

We will be sending out details about how you can book your appointment on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## Events List

Date (Time)	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	US Science Dome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country League
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Upper School Bake Sale
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parent Tour
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks on the 10 <sup>th</sup> ).
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country League
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Junior Music Festival @ Hexagon
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Evening Week
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Wrap-a-Present
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	US trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Tuesday 2nd December (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	MS RE Inspired
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	FS RE Inspired
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (9:15am and 2:30pm)	Lower School Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	LS RE Inspired at church
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (AM)	Pantomime

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Poetry Competition Launched
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week-
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	US trips to Reading Museum
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country League
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Poetry Competition Finals
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Assembly
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Middle School trips to Waltham Farm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	US RE Inspired
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Sales
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country League Relays at Braywick
Week beginning 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening Week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Foundation Stage RE Inspired
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (2pm)	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Middle School Eid Assembly

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children Return to School
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	LS RE Inspired at church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	MS trip to Wisley
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	FS RE Inspired
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Gift Sales
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Upper School Cross Country

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	US RE Inspired
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PTA Make the Rules Non-Uniform Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher