



# Aldwyn Primary School

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Looking Ahead...  
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For Christmas event dates see further pages in the newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

End of term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Start of term

On Thursday 5H travelled to Dukinfield Town Hall to take part in the Christmas Victorious Voices event with children from all schools within the Trust. It was a wonderful festive morning with a wide variety of Christmas songs.



Continuing with their learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, Year Three have used their knowledge of the tools that were used and crafts that were made to make their own beaker pots in a style similar to those seen in the early Bronze Age. Beaker pots were introduced at the beginning of the Bronze Age, they were brought over from Europe from a second population of farmers who brought new skills to Britain.



A few weeks ago, children in school were invited to take part in a competition to design a Christmas Card for The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP which would be used to send to constituents and fellow MP's. This morning, we were pleased to welcome Ms Rayner into school to present a prize to Kobe whose design has been awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition.



## Messages from the Office

Don't forget to book on Arbor **Today** if your child would like a Christmas dinner next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder that if you need to collect your child because they have a medical appointment, please can you make sure you let the office know by e-mail, including a copy of the appointment letter. [absence@aldwyn.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:absence@aldwyn.tameside.sch.uk) Wherever possible, we request that non-urgent medical appointments are made outside of school hours.

If you are planning to take your child out of school for anything other than a medical appointment then please complete our online absence request form by following the link on our website - <https://aldwynprimary.co.uk/parents/attendance>

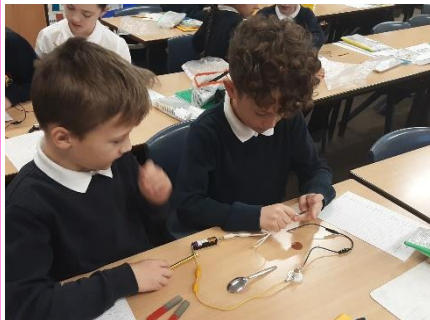
We said goodbye to our receptionist Mrs Stopford as she retired this week after many years at Aldwyn. We welcome Mrs Hart to the office team on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, she will be looking after our reception as part of her duties so we are sure many of you will meet her over the next few weeks.



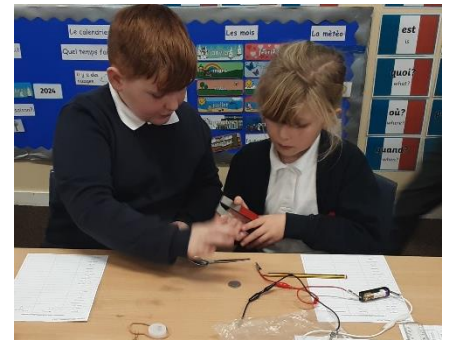
Attendance for this week = 93.6%

Congratulations to 3O and 5C whose attendance hit the Aldwyn target

Well Done!



This term, in Science, Year 4 have been learning about electricity. We have investigated how to make a circuit to light a bulb using wires, a cell and a light bulb. We have also made a switch using cardboard, 2 split pins and a paper clip to turn the light bulb on and off. We then used our knowledge of circuits to investigate whether objects are conductors or insulators. We have learned that metal is a good conductor of electricity. This means the material allows electricity to run through it.



This term Year 5 have been learning about installation art. We have looked at a variety of different artists who create work using 3D mediums. As their final piece, the children were given a box which represented space within a gallery. They were asked to create a piece that had a message about something they were passionate about. The children had a fab time bringing their space to life.



Nursery and Reception have treated us to a fantastic Nativity performance this week with beautiful singing, clear speaking and super dance moves. Next week, Year One and Year Two parents are invited to join us in school for their Christmas Carols performance, and KS2 families are invited to join us at St. Mary's on Tuesday for our Carol Services.



EYFS have had an important letter to post this week...all the way to the North Pole. I'm sure they will all be added to the good list!



The first of our Christmas Parties have taken place this week with Year 1 and 2 setting the scene for a great day of dance, games and party food ahead of the Christmas Festivities.



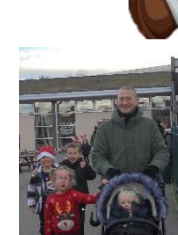
Class 2MK had a good time foraging in the forest on Friday for natural resources to use to make Christmas decorations. They had 3 things on their agenda.

1. To be kind to the forest.
2. To find sticks that are no longer than the length of your arm to your elbow.
3. To have fun!

Mission Accomplished!



We have had a great time running from Land's End to John O'Groats this week in our Santa Dash. We still have some monies to come in to school, but have raised in the region of £3000 for the event. Thank you, once again, for the support you give to Aldwyn.





# Aldwyn Book Corner

## The Christmas Carrolls

Author: Mel Taylor-Bessent

Illustrator: Selom Sunu



Funny festive middle grade about the world's most Christmassy family from the founder of Authorfy, perfect for 8+ readers and fans of Matt Haig, Ben Miller, Sibeal Pounder's Tinsel, and the Nativity! films

Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

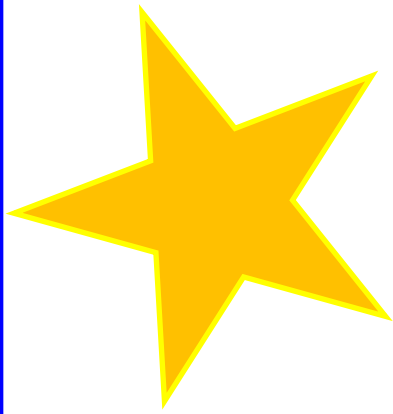
But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?

The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.

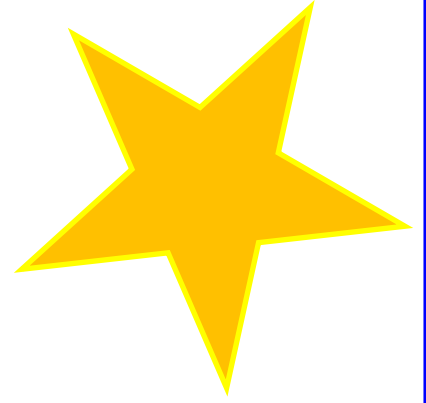
*Review taken from [www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com) A wonderful website full of recommendations of books for all ages, topics and genres.*

If you have read a great book recently and would like to share a review in the newsletter, please speak to your class teacher, Mr. Beaty or Mrs. Clark





# To be our best at



We will:

- Care for people and property
- Value others at all times
- Listen, think and follow instructions
- Be helpful, kind and polite
- Enjoy and achieve in all our work

Each week teachers choose a star of the week based on the Aldwyn Values.  
The winners of this week's awards are:

Tommy  
Harry  
Talha  
Niamh

Aleeza  
Emmeline  
Sonny  
Madina  
Amina

Khaled  
Aurora  
Joe  
Emmy  
Ivy

Wren  
Ahmad  
Scarlet  
George  
Gabby

Grayson  
Aria  
Navya  
Archie  
Jack

Azaan  
Theo  
Charlie  
Myla

## The Birthday Message



We wish you many happy returns of the day.  
We hope you will be healthy and strong all the way  
Strong to do right, slow to do wrong,  
And thoughtful of others all day long.



This week we celebrate the birthdays of:

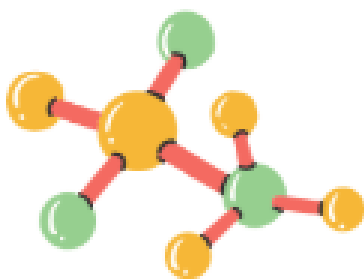
Alexis  
Emilia  
Harper

Harrison  
Anthony  
Heidi





Freya  
Bella  
Phoebe

Alfie  
Ella  
Mrs Rowbotham

Sarah the Scientist from Mad Science came to visit school on Tuesday to share some jaw dropping, ear-covering, and eye-popping experiments with us. Following the Christmas Break, Sarah and her scientist friends will begin an after-school club at Aldwyn which can be booked through the following link <https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx?action=search&org=52276&city=Manchester#ctn-activitylist>. Bookings are made through the Mad Science company and payments are made direct to them. These clubs are usually extremely popular and are limited to numbers. In the first half term the sessions are for Years 3 – 6. After February half term the sessions will be for Reception – Year 2 pupils.









## Christmas Performances and Parties

\*Please see separate list for the Santa Dash information




Wednesday 11th December 9.15am EYFS nativity for Nursery and Reception  
Parents




Thursday 12th December Year 1 and Year 2 party day  
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Parents


Monday 16th December Year 3 and Year 4 party day  
9.15am KS1 Christmas Carols for Y1 parents  
10.30am KS1 Christmas Carols for Y2 parents







Tuesday 17th December EYFS party day  
9.45am Y3 & 4 Carol Service at St. Marys  
10.45am Y5 & 6 Carol Service at St. Marys  
3.15pm - 4.15pm Y1/2 Popcorn and Pillows



Wednesday 18th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day  
3.15pm - 4.45pm Y3-6 Popcorn and Pillows

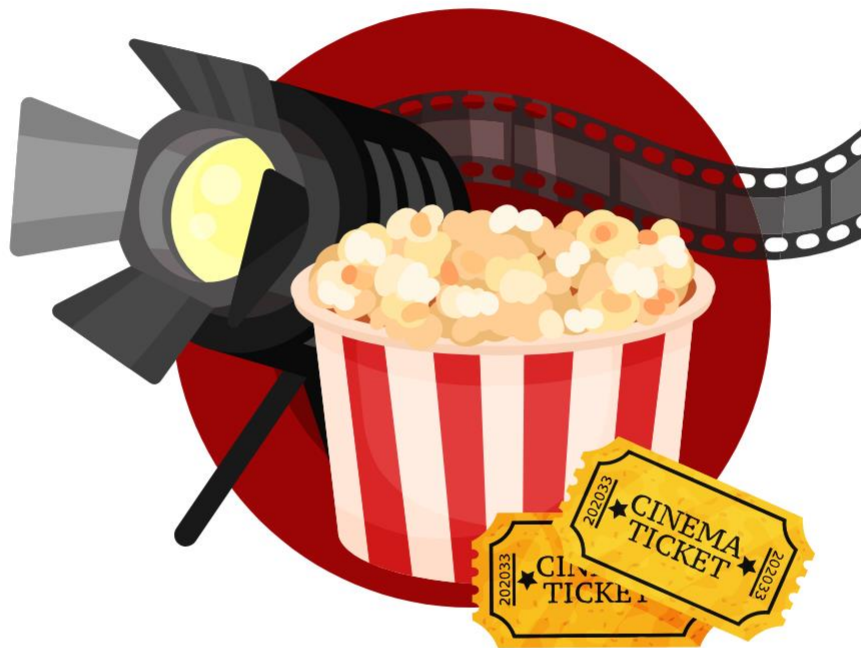


Thursday 19th December Year 5 and Year 6 party day





# Christmas POPCORN & PILLOWS



**Years 1 & 2 Tuesday 17th December  
3.15- 4.15pm**

**Years 3 - 6 Wednesday 18th December  
3.15- 4.45pm**

**£2.50**

**Price includes  
drink and snack**

Children can bring a  
pillow/cushion  
small blanket/Oodie to snuggle up in

Please send money in a named  
envelope to your child's teacher.

