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Friday 28th March 2025

31st March 9am

EYFS Easter assembly

1st April 9am

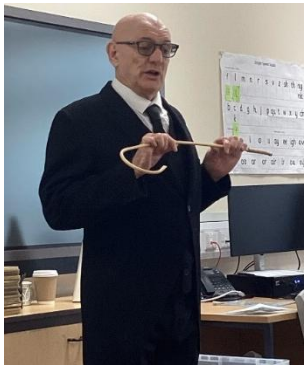
KS1 Easter assembly

1st April
29th April

Y5 visit to Jodrell Bank
Reception visit to
Monkey Forest

w/b 22nd April

Willow Wood Bunny Hop



This term, Year 2 have been learning about schools in the past and this week a visitor from Portland Basin helped the children to understand more about what school was like in the Victorian era. The children learnt what it was like to attend a Victorian school and had the opportunity to write using slate, experience what it was like to learn by rote and learn about Victorian school punishments. The children learnt how different it was to attend school in the Victorian era compared to school now and all agreed that modern day schools are by far the better option!





Year 1's Fantastic Toy Adventure!

Year 1 had an incredible day exploring the history of toys—how they were made, how they work, and the forces behind them. One of the highlights was discovering an ancient Egyptian toy horse that was an astonishing 3,500 years old!

The children also learned nursery rhymes linked to toys and uncovered fascinating facts. Did you know that London Bridge once had 200 shops on it, including a toy shop? They also discovered how children in the past played with their toys and learned that LEGO originally made wooden toys and furniture before switching to plastic to create the LEGO we love today.

To bring their learning to life, the children had the chance to design and create their own toys. They carefully sanded, coloured, drilled holes, and assembled their masterpieces. Don't they look fantastic? Well done, Year 1!





We have recently held events for families in nursery as we continue with the REAL project. The children and parents enjoyed taking part in activities relating to the story *The Tiger Who Came For Tea* by Judith Kerr, and also Mother's Day activities.

The REAL project (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) is an award-winning programme where trained Early Years practitioners work with families to support children's early literacy and development. At Aldwyn, we deliver the REAL project in Nursery, providing our families with ideas, resources and fun workshops to enhance their children's progress using the four key strands of literacy; environmental print, books, oral language and mark making.



Year 1 celebrated World Maths Day. They had to use their problem-solving skills to find out the answer to the Maths question - How many centimetres long is your foot? They also found the class total was 541cms!

The children learnt about an eight-year-old Maths Champion who is the gold medal winner in the UK Year 3 category of this year's World Maths Day Global Challenge.

The children chatted about how much they enjoy the Maths that they do at Aldwyn.

" I like time tables. Maths is really fun" Phoebe,

"I am good at counting" Isaac E,

" I like to add like $20+20$ is 40" Samuel and

"Probably takeaways and adds are my favourite" Kobi.



A fantastic performance from our Year 6 Basketball Team tonight to finish in third place in the Tameside Basketball Competition. Plenty of baskets scored and loads of teamwork and team spirit on show. We were very proud of the team!



On Thursday morning, Dr. Cox and students from Chetham's School of Music led a strings assembly for KS2, offering them the opportunity to experience live music performed by the very talented students.

The orchestra introduced and performed a solo or duet on each type of stringed instrument before playing themes from Aladdin and The Avengers. The event was an enriching and inspiring experience for our pupils.



The KS2 Pupil Voice members have been working on a project set to them by the school office over the last few weeks. When the school office moved to the front of the school, the office staff felt that they would like to have some artwork displayed in the office to enjoy. Mrs Jenkinson commissioned the Pupil Voice children to design and create bespoke art for the office. The children submitted their designs and then worked together to create 2 large canvases based on Eesa and Charlie's designs which Mr Hyde has hung in the office.





Attendance for this week = 96.2%
 Congratulations to 1S, 3F, 5H, 5C and 6M
 who all achieved the Aldwyn target this
 week



Well Done!

The Birthday Message

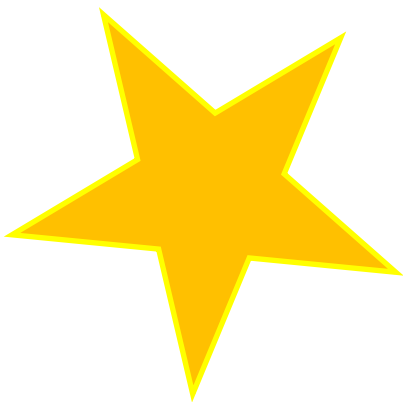


We wish you many happy returns of the day.
 We hope you will be healthy and strong all the way
 Strong to do right, slow to do wrong,
 And thoughtful of others all day long.

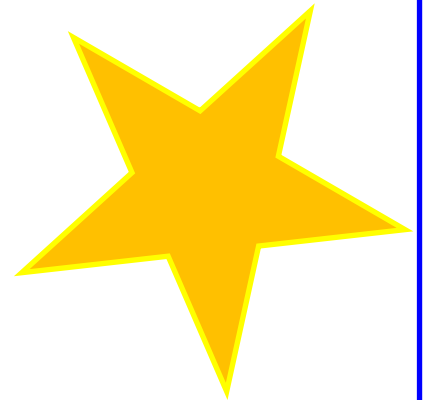


This week we celebrate the birthdays of:

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| Ali | Aurora
Mr Beaty | Oscar
Mr Gibbons | Esmae | Jaxson |
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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:

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| Noah | Teddy | Tommy | Milo | Oscar | Khaled |
| Logan | Halimah | Bonnie | Joseph | Henry | Harry |
| George | Ayra | Seren | Talha | Deacon | Lee |
| Dolcie | Alexi-Mia | Oliver | Eva | Michelle | Jaxon |
| Delcie | Adam | Anum | Carter | Emily | Mohmamad |



Aldwyn Book Corner

You're Snug With Me

Author: Chitra Soundar

Illustrator: Poonam Mistry

Most Suitable for: Years 1-3

Reviewed By: Rachael Collins, Primary Teacher



This story follows a polar bear from when she gives birth to her cubs as winter sets in to caring for them as spring emerges. Each page shows the cubs' curiosity about the world outside their den deep in the snow, with Mama Bear's reassurance of "you're snug with me." With each worry that the cubs raise, Mama Bear's response gently explains more about the habitat which they will become a part of. The repetitive style of the story makes it ideal for Key Stage One and a good choice of story to read aloud.

The illustrations throughout the story are stunning. Each page is made up of repeating patterns, forming both the animals in the foreground and the whole of the wintry setting making up the background. Illustrator Poonam Mistry uses colour selectively and carefully: all of the illustrations are made up of yellows, oranges, blues and greens and as spring approaches, the pages become brighter. Different snowflakes feature on almost every page and overall the illustrations throughout the book have a magical quality. My class of Year 3 children found them fascinating.

Review taken from <https://www.booksfortopics.com/review-youre-snug-with-me/>

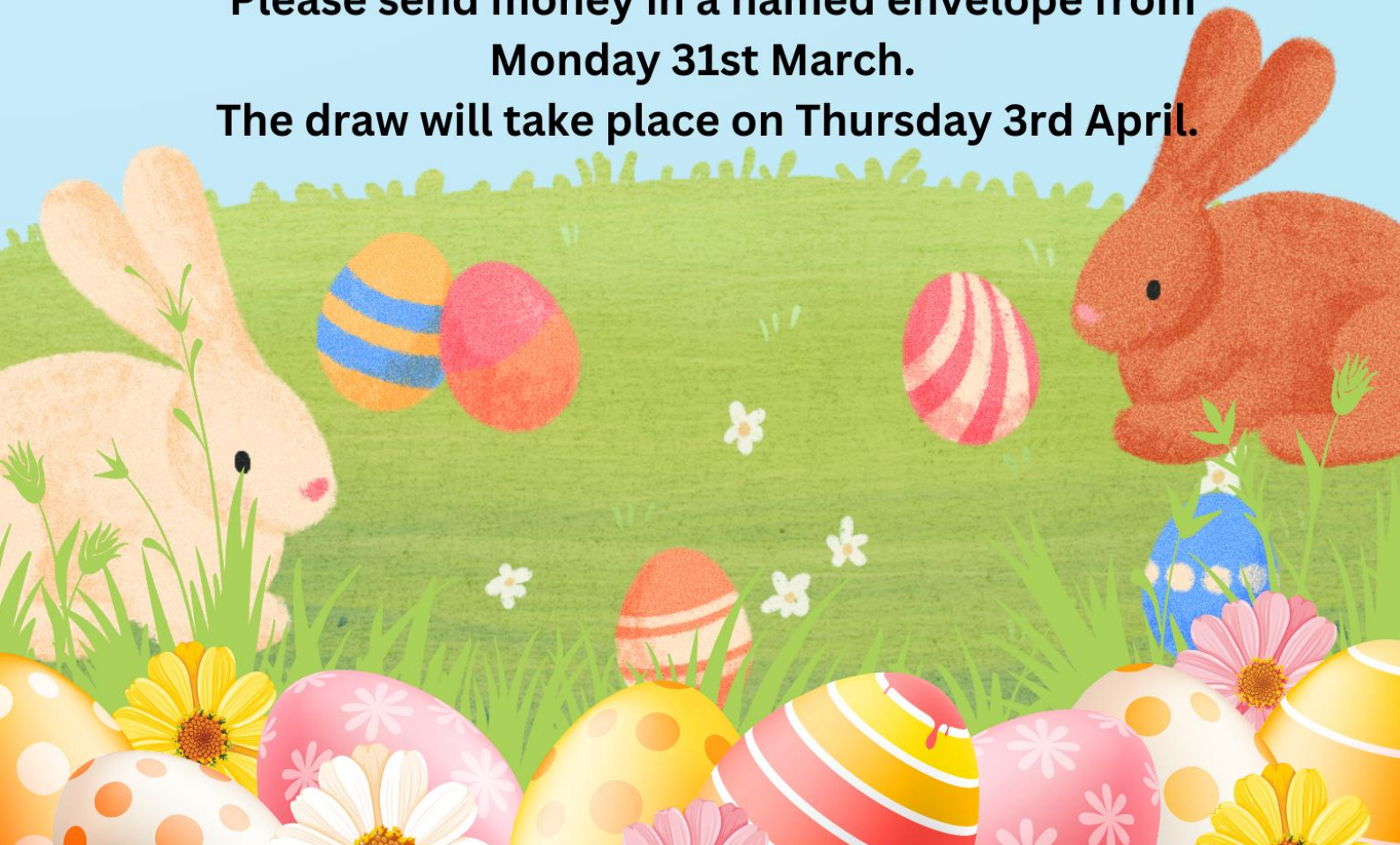




EASTER RAFFLE

Friends of Aldwyn are running an Easter raffle next week with a prize for each class filled with tasty treats to enjoy. Children can buy a raffle ticket for £1 to be entered into the draw.

Please send money in a named envelope from
Monday 31st March.
The draw will take place on Thursday 3rd April.



A festive Easter-themed background featuring a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. The word 'EASTER' is written in large, pink, textured letters, each decorated with small illustrations of chicks, butterflies, and Easter eggs. The bottom of the page is decorated with a white cartoon rabbit, several colorful Easter eggs with various patterns (stripes, polka dots, zig-zags), and a rainbow. There are also illustrations of flowers and a butterfly on the left side.

EASTER

Monday 31st March 9am EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade assembly

Tuesday 1st April 9am Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Parade assembly

Children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet at home to wear at the assembly. Please send any bonnets in on Friday 28th March or Monday 31st March.

Key Stage Two

Children are invited to 'Egg'spress themselves creatively to take part in our Easter decorated egg display. Eggs could be characters, animals, famous people, sports stars, patterned - whatever you choose. Please send any egg displays into school on Friday 28th March. Eggs will be displayed throughout school.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're excited to share that Aldwyn Primary School have kindly agreed to take part in this year's 'Bunny Hop' campaign to help raise funds for Willow Wood Hospice.

Your child will be doing a sponsored Bunny Hop during week beginning 22nd April. The event is a fun, physical activity for the children to enjoy with their friends. It also gives them an opportunity to understand the work of the hospice within the community.

Each child will receive a fundraising pack containing; bunny ears, a snap band, an activity booklet, a certificate for taking part, a Cadburys Creme Egg and an envelope for sponsoring their participation in this event. The envelope includes a table for sponsors to complete with a tick box to easily Gift Aid their amount, if they are a UK tax payer. Please read the Gift Aid It section of the envelope for further information. A QR code has been added to the envelope for cashless sponsoring, by scanning the code they will be directed to the Just Giving page to make a card payment.

Please add your child's name to the envelope and return it sealed by 25th April. When all envelopes have been returned they will be sent to the hospice.

At Willow Wood Hospice, we provide person-centred, individualised, high-quality and responsive care for local people living with any life-limiting illness. Through specialist and compassionate care, we support patients and those closest to them, empowering them to enhance their lives, to live as well as possible, for as long as possible but, we are only able to do this thanks to the support of the local community, who help towards raising our daily running costs of £10,000.

On behalf of all the staff and patients at the hospice, we sincerely thank you in advance for your support

Kind regards

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