



# Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
September

Flu vaccines

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

European Day of Languages

## Welcome back!

We have had a wonderful first week back in school following the summer break. It is great to see the children excited and ready to learn. September is always a lovely time of the year when we can welcome our new families to the Aldwyn community and catch up with our families who are returning to school following the summer break. We hope the children have enjoyed their first week as much as we have enjoyed ours and we look forward to the great half term ahead of us.

The children look very smart in their school uniforms, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that they have the full and correct school uniform, including black school shoes and not trainers. Some of the classes have already had their first PE session for the year and many children have brought their PE kit into school already. If your child has not yet brought their kit, please can you make sure it is in school for Monday.

### Indoor PE Kit

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Pumps or trainers with non-marking sole for indoor games
- Bare feet for gymnastics

### Outdoor PE Kit

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Trainers



***Children will not be permitted to participate in PE wearing their school jumper or fleece.***

***Children must get changed for PE. They must not come to school wearing part of their kit on PE days***

## After school activity clubs

Our after school activity clubs started back this week. There are some spaces still available. Sports activity clubs can be booked and paid for through Arbor and Spanish Club will be paid directly with Yolanda ([Yolanda.mansilla@outlook.com](mailto:Yolanda.mansilla@outlook.com))

Monday – Y5/6 Boys football, Spanish Club

Tuesday – Y3/4 Boys football

Wednesday – KS2 Girls football, Spanish club

Thursday Y1/2 Multisports

Friday – KS2 Dance

Good attendance and punctuality continue to be a priority at Aldwyn. We have an ambitious target for whole school attendance of 97%. We have made a great start to this term and our attendance for this week is only slightly below the target. Good attendance can be achieved by all when families and schools work well together.

### What can you do to help your child attend school regularly?



- Talk to your child about school
- Take a positive interest in your child's work, including homework
- Make sure your child knows why school is important
- Get everything ready for school the night before
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays
- Take holidays during school holidays 2025 -2026 holiday dates are available on the school website
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness (you will know!)
- If your child is slightly under the weather, still send them into school – children often start feeling better as the day goes on and they get busy, and if the school is worried, we will call you.



Intrahealth, on behalf of NHS England will be administering nasal flu vaccines in school on Tuesday 3rd October. Parents and Carers must complete the consent form by following this link [Flu Vaccine consent form](#). The form needs to be completed for all children from Reception to Year Six whether you are consenting to the vaccine or declining the vaccine. If you wish for your child to receive a non-porcine vaccine you will be able to indicate this on the form.

We have had a great first week back in Forest School with children from across the school enjoying a variety of activities within the forest.

Thank you to Mrs Oakes and the team from Inside Out Forest School who worked together over the summer to develop the provision in the forest.





## Year 2's Mysterious Visitor!

This week, something very exciting happened in Year 2! A mystery letter arrived from a special friend we've never met before. In the letter, they said they would send us a storybook as a gift—but only if we agreed to follow their special rules!

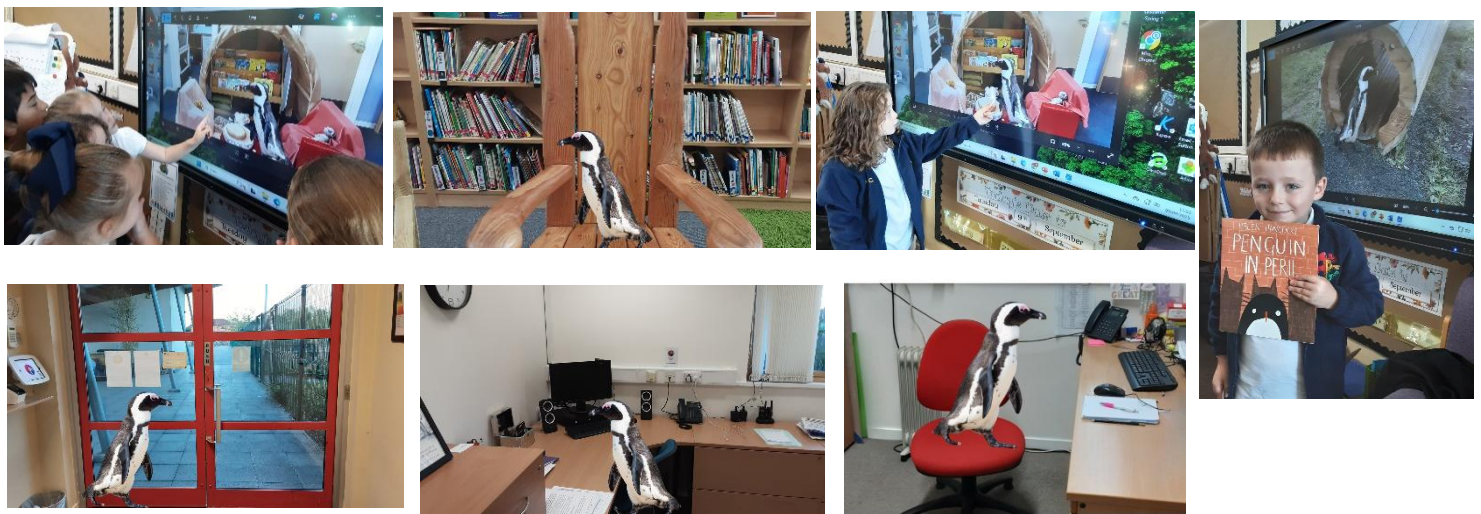
We were so curious and excited, we wrote back straight away to say, "Yes, we agree!"

Later that same day, just before home time, a box and a wrapped gift were delivered to our classroom! But it was too late to open them... so we had to wait until the next morning.

Then, something very strange happened! Mr Clark, our site manager, told us that he had received messages during the night saying there had been movement in the school. When he checked the CCTV cameras, he saw some unusual things happening!

When we arrived at school on Tuesday, we were shocked to find the box had been ripped open... and there were white feathers everywhere!

Who is this mysterious friend? What will happen next? We can't wait to find out!



## Year 1's Magical Dragon Surprise!

Year 1 had an unexpected and exciting surprise this week when a letter and a book *flew* into their classroom—sent by none other than a dragon named Ruby!

But Ruby hasn't been on her best behaviour... she's been snatching up fairytale treasures! The Witch has lost her hat, and poor Cinderella can't find her carriage! Luckily, our brilliant Year 1s jumped into action. Working in pairs, they used their amazing oracy and drama skills to tell Ruby to return everything she took. Let's hope Ruby listens—those fairytale characters need their things back!





## Year 4

This term, Year 4's geography lessons are going digital! Students will explore the world using tools such as Google Maps, Bing Maps, and Google Earth to investigate landscapes, places, and global patterns. We'll collaborate using Google Docs to share our findings and use Google Sheets to visualise population data and trends. These technologies help bring geography to life, making learning interactive, engaging, and connected to the real world.



## Year 3

Year 3 are Learning Word Processing Skills!

This term, Year 3 are starting to explore how to use a word processor. They're learning how to make their writing stand out by using bold, italics, and underline, as well as changing text colour to make it fun and eye-catching. They're also discovering how to find and insert images to bring their work to life. It's a great way to build confidence with technology while practising their writing skills!



# Pre Loved Uniform shop



**open each day  
via Reception**

We have a range of freshly laundered uniform items, coats and shoes in all sizes available for selection. We recommend a 50p donation per item. The Uniform Shop is located in the Parents Room at the front of school. Due to your generosity, the shop is currently well stocked and we are not accepting further donations at present.



## School Meals

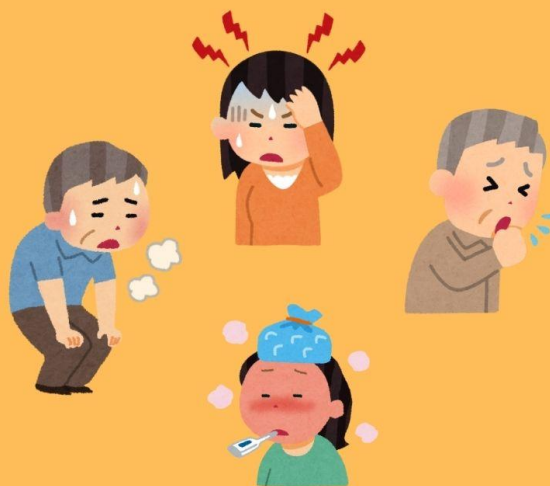
Just a reminder to login and choose your child's meal option whether that be a hot meal or packed lunch. This saves lots of time in the classroom for our teachers and helps ensure that your child has a meal reserved that they will enjoy.

## Reporting Absences

Please ensure that you contact the school office directly before 9am on each day that your child is absent from school.

You can report an absence via:

- Arbor app (*our preferred method*)
- E-mail to [absence@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org](mailto:absence@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org)
- Leave a message on the absence line - 0161 370 3626



## Medical Information

Please ensure that school are informed if there are any changes to your child's medical needs. An updated healthcare plan should be completed and returned at the start of each academic year, so please ensure these are returned to school. If your child has an inhaler or Epi-pen kept in school, please check with the class teacher that these are still in date and do not need refreshing.

## Item Drop Offs



A reminder that we are unable to accept any water bottles, lunch boxes, PE kits, Forest School clothes, spends or accessories in to school via reception.



We would urge you all to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings and ensure that they bring with them what they need to be ready for each day. We do appreciate that we all have busy lives and things are sometimes forgotten, but our classroom teams do have spare clothes that can be loaned to children, drinks are always available and we can provide a school lunch if needed.

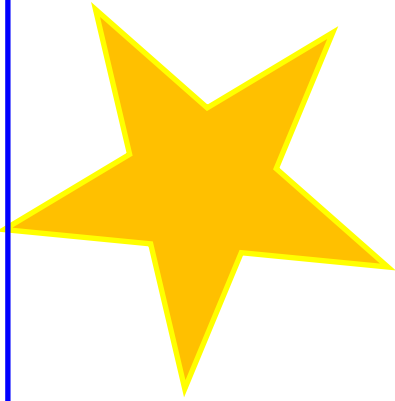




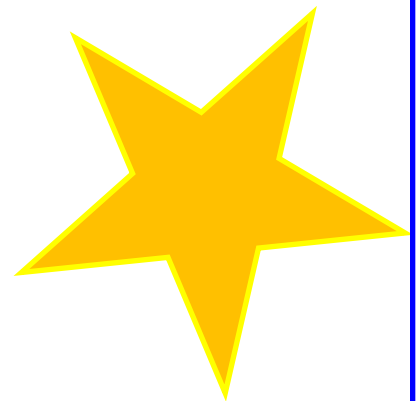


Attendance for this week = **97.6%**

Congratulations to Nursery, RA, RH, 1P, 1Pe, 2H, 2S, 3KO, 6M who all achieved the Aldwyn target this week and 14 out of 15 classes had attendance above 96% Amazing! Well Done!



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:

Hollie	Noah	Leonora	Louie	Grace	Sophia
Azavier	Kian	Bobby	Minnie	Harvey	Freya
Joe	Sienna	Faith	Ellie	Jaxson	Rose
Lily	Leo	Oscar	Annie	Kenzi-Rae	Fletcher



### 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:

Rory	Joseph	Riley	Anton
Jace	Aiza	Shiloh	Max
Mason	Bobby	Deacon	Jonah



# Aldwyn Book Corner

## The Moonlighters

Lee Newbery



Peter Pan meets Oliver Twist in the magical new book by rising star Lee Newbery, author of Waterstones Children's Book of the Month, *The Last Firefox*.

When ten-year-old Theo runs off from a school trip to London's Natural History Museum and decides to pay his gran a surprise visit, he discovers the surprise is on him – his gran is on holiday and Theo finds himself alone in the big city with nowhere to turn.

Enter Alistair Goodfellow, a mysterious, flamboyant young person with a charismatic twinkle in their eye. Alistair offers Theo a room at the Casablanca Lily – by day, a run-down and unloved hotel; by night, a palace of magical wonders.

Each night, Alistair sends their found family of runaways and ne'er-do-wells, the Moonlighters, out into London in search of lost magical artefacts, gifting them their own magical powers as a reward.

Theo is quickly enthralled, but there is more to Alistair than meets the eye, and soon Theo comes to realize that the items Alistair is hunting could be more dangerous than he'd ever imagined . . .

Our Review Panel says...

Theo finds himself lost and alone in London after accidentally knocking the head off a Velociraptor with an old piece of dinosaur poop and running away from the chaos that ensues. He soon finds himself in the company of the fabulous and well-mannered Alistair Goodfellow, who offers him a get out of jail clause with a stay at the Casablanca Lily. He finds Alistair mysterious with his tricks and strange objects that seem to be magic.

As he finds himself needing to stay at Casablanca Lily, he soon realises that he has entered a magical world where even the house becomes alive and enchanted at night. He meets Alistair's other lodgers and soon finds himself hunting for magical relics and enjoying having a taste of what fun the magic can bring. It all seems too good to be true, and soon the Moonlighters find themselves in danger and also doubting whether Alistair is as kind as he seems.

This book screams *Oliver Twist* meets *Harry Potter* with its characters and storyline. Alistair Goodfellow plays a Fagin-like character (but more stylish and devoted) with his group of run-away children, known as his Moonlighters, who are fighting a magical villain for the good of the magical community. It was easy to read, and I was gripped and emotionally invested in the Moonlighters as they faced their challenges.

Review taken from [www.Booksfortopics.com](http://www.Booksfortopics.com) a wonderful website showcasing a wealth of fabulous books for children.





# Autumn Term 2025 Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUPS INVOLVED
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Vaccines	Years Rec – 6
26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages	Whole School
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability	Year 6
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 swimming sessions	Year 5
8 <sup>th</sup> October	2026 intake open evening	2026 potential applicants
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Wellbeing Ambassador celebration	Year 5 (invitation only)
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y1/2 Harvest Assembly	Year 1 and 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening	Whole School
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	EYFS Harvest Assembly	Nur & Rec
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening	Whole School
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and sibling photographs	Whole School
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Roman Fort visit	Year 4
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Art Gallery visit	Year 5
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Christmas Fair	Whole School
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Nur & Rec
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Christmas Carol Concert	Year 1 and 2
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Party	Nur & Rec
17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Carol Service at St. Mary's	Years 3 – 6
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School

Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time. This is not an exhaustive list of events but a calendar of key events that will happen during the term.

On occasion, there may be necessity for a date to change, we will inform parents asap if this is the case.



Year 6 applications for high school. Application portal is now open.

## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING DATES AND TIMES

SCHOOL NAME	OPEN EVENING	TIME
Alder Community High School (Community)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk">https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk</a>	4:30pm – 6:30pm
All Saints Catholic College (Voluntary Academy)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com">https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com</a>	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Audenshaw School (Academy)	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 <a href="http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk">http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk</a>	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Copley Academy (Academy)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 <a href="https://www.copley.greatacademies.co.uk">https://www.copley.greatacademies.co.uk</a>	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Denton Community Academy (Academy)	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://dca.northerneducationtrust.org">https://dca.northerneducationtrust.org</a>	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Droylsden Academy (Academy)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.droylsdenacademy.com">https://www.droylsdenacademy.com</a>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Fairfield High School for Girls (Academy)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 <a href="https://www.fairfieldhighschool.co.uk">https://www.fairfieldhighschool.co.uk</a>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Great Academy Ashton (Academy)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 <a href="http://gaa.greatacademies.co.uk">http://gaa.greatacademies.co.uk</a>	5.00pm – 8:00pm
Hyde High School (Academy)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 <a href="http://www.hydehighschool.uk">http://www.hydehighschool.uk</a>	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Laurus Ryecroft High School (Free School)	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 <a href="https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk">https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk</a>	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Longdendale High School (Academy)	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk">https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk</a>	4:30pm – 8:00pm
Mossley Hollins High School (Academy)	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.mossleyhollins.com">https://www.mossleyhollins.com</a>	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Rayner Stephens High School (Academy)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://raynerstephens.org.uk">https://raynerstephens.org.uk</a>	4:30pm – 8:30pm
St Damian's RC Science College (Voluntary Aided)	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.stdamians.co.uk">https://www.stdamians.co.uk</a>	5:30pm – 7:30pm
St Thomas More RC College (Voluntary Aided)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.stmcollege.org.uk">https://www.stmcollege.org.uk</a>	5:00pm – 7:00pm
West Hill School (Academy)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <a href="https://www.westhillschool.co.uk">https://www.westhillschool.co.uk</a>	5:00pm – 7:00pm

Information is correct at time of writing. Please check individual schools' web sites before you plan your visit.

Applications for Tameside residents must be made via

[www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions) by 31st October 2025