



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 19th September 2025

Looking Ahead...

Wednesday 24th
September

Flu vaccines

Friday 26th September

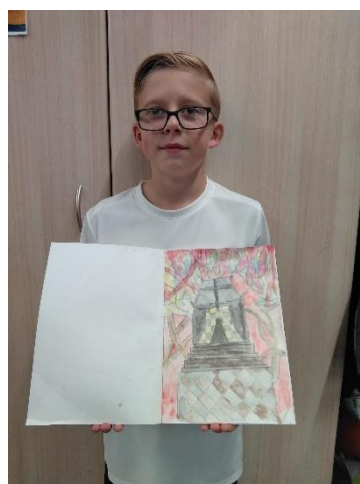
European Day of Languages



This week in Year 6, we have been enjoying our first book for English lessons. This is 'The Barnabus Project' and we have all loved the story. 'The Barnabus Project' is about a group of pets who have been designed in a laboratory to be sold in pet stores. Barnabus is said to be a failed project because he doesn't come out cute enough. The book has raised a couple of interesting questions and ideas, such as - 'Is it right to use animals for scientific research?' Year 6 have debated this topic and have written some fantastic balanced arguments, shared their thoughts and used their voices to put forward opinions that they believe in. We've been really happy with the speaking and listening on display.



In R.E, Year 5 have been learning about Christian beliefs about God. We read a special story in Isaiah Chapter 6, from the Old Testament, where Isaiah is called to be God's messenger. The children used their imaginations to create some amazing artwork to show what this moment might have looked like.



We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new class and routine.

They have made new friends and have enjoyed exploring all areas of the classroom especially the outdoor environment even in the rain!

Miss Hutton's class also had their first visit to Forest School where the children had a fantastic time.

This week we have started the topic 'Down the Farm'. Our first text is I Love Animals, the children made wonderful animal actions and sounds when orally describing which animal they like best.

Next week the children will be painting and drawing their favourite animals and beginning the story, What the Ladybird Heard.

We are looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned linked to the text.

Well done again Reception for a fantastic start to the school year!



Year 1 and Year 2

At Aldwyn Primary we've developed an intuitive AI-powered app designed to help young children learn keyboard skills in a focused, distraction-free environment. The app begins with a simple "find the letter" activity, gradually progressing to typing 100 high-frequency words and then constructing sentences using those words. Each step reinforces recognition and typing accuracy, with children prompted to find the correct letter before moving forward—ensuring mastery through repetition and engagement. With no unnecessary visuals or sounds, the app keeps learners on task, making it an ideal tool for early literacy and keyboard fluency.



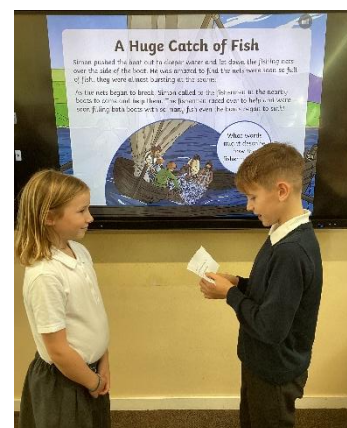
You can use the app below by clicking the link - up to now we have had over 6000 hits.

<https://y1-typing-pratice.my.canva.site/#find-the-letter>

Our Year Four students have been working hard to deepen their understanding of place value, using base ten blocks to explore how numbers are built and broken apart. This hands-on approach made abstract ideas more concrete, allowing the students to explain their thinking with confidence and apply their knowledge in new ways. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been fantastic to see, and we are very proud of the progress they are making!



Our young disciple's dove into the Gospel story of the Miraculous Catch of Fish this week. In an engaging oracy task, each child stepped into the shoes of Matthew, sharing from his perspective while their partner asked thoughtful questions. A wonderful way to deepen understanding through role-play and reflection!



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.

A great team performance from our Year 6 boys football team, finishing top of their group, then progressing to the semi finals of the Manchester City Primary Schools Tournament. We were very proud of their skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done boys!



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
- 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.

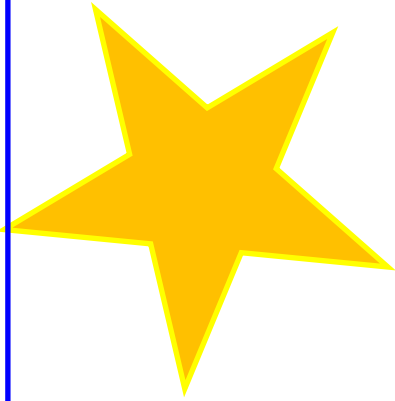




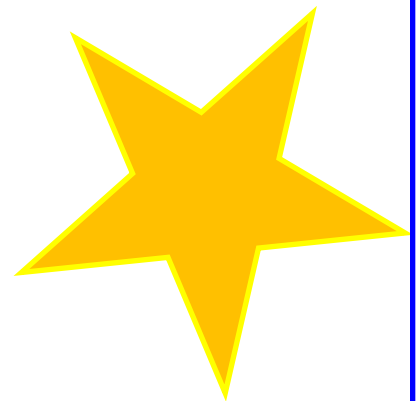
Attendance for this week = **96.3%**
Congratulations to classes RA, RH, 1PE, 2H, 4C
who all achieved the school target of 97% this
week.



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:

Amelia	Mylah	Arthur	Libby	Lorenz	Maisie
Oscar	George	Rumaan	Ella	Desi-Marie	Alivia
Holly	Matthias	Darcey	George	Eesa	Olivia
Emmanuella	Isaac	Beau	Grayson	Dawud	Harrison
	Caitlin	Mia	Helios	Jaxon	



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:

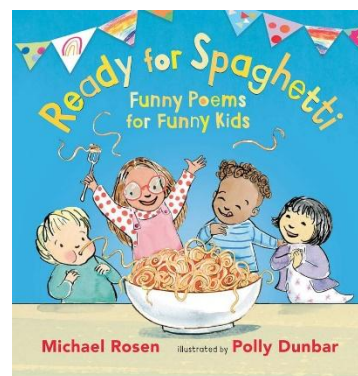
Dawud	Harrison	Billie	Georgie
Harry	Sienna	Grayson	Sophie
Ewen			



Aldwyn Book Corner

Ready for Spaghetti

Michael Rosen & Polly Dunbar



From two of the biggest names in children's publishing, this is an inspiring guide to wordplay for young readers, their parents and teachers.

I'm ready for spaghetti

Will you getti the spaghetti?

Don't say, "Not yetti spaghetti!"

'cos I'm all setti for spaghetti.

Fizzing with rhythm, energy and laughter, the 30 poems in Ready for Spaghetti delight in the details of children's daily routines. "Up, up, uppity-up!", the first poem announces, while the artwork shows a child leaping out of bed, ready to begin their morning; "Hush and a hush, soft and low", chants the final poem, as children snuggle under their blankets after their day's adventures. Full of affectionate observations of young children, which are beautifully continued in Polly Dunbar's warm-hearted pictures, Michael Rosen's poems are ideal for reading aloud with toddlers ... and many grown-ups will soon know them by heart!

Our Review Panel says...

[Michael Rosen](#) is a master of the word. He is a master of rhythm and rhyme and a master of the engagement of young children. This book is full of poems specifically aimed at the youngest children. It recognises that enabling children to hear and feel words in an enjoyable and engaging way, is not just a foundational skill for learning to read and write, but a fundamental entitlement for all children to be able to be introduced to the joy of playing with words.

The poems and rhymes follow the loose structure of a child's day from the rhyme "Up" at the start to "Goodnight" at the end. In between come rhymes that can accompany all sorts of activities, such as "On the swings" and feelings, like the rhyme "Happy". The rhymes are simple and easily recalled, but the joy for the child will also be in the illustrations by Polly Dunbar. Pictures of children illustrate each rhyme – my particular favourite is the illustration of the child 'putting on' her pyjamas to accompany the rhyme, "Jimmy Jams".

Children will quickly know their favourites and, in no time, will be reading along with the adult.

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



European Day of Languages 26th September 2025



On **Friday 26th September** we will be celebrating European Day of Languages throughout school. This special day was established in 2001 to celebrate language learning across Europe. The focus for this year's initiative is 'Languages open hearts and minds', helping our children understand the power of language learning in becoming global citizens.



Our focus language across school is Italian for this year's celebration and children are invited to come dressed in the colours of the flag (red, green and white) on **Friday 26th September**. Please **do not** spend money on this, it really isn't necessary or expected.



During the day, children will be learning some key Italian vocabulary, from greetings and numbers to foods and animal names. They will learn a little about Italy and some famous Italian artists so they can create their own masterpiece! We will sing songs and read or listen to stories in Italian.



We would love to enrich the day further with food tasting, cooking and making landmarks using different materials, all of which need further resources. We would be very grateful if you could donate £1 towards this special event. This can be done by logging into your Arbor account and clicking on the European Day of Languages 2025 event.



Many thanks for your support,



Miss Kelly
(Foreign Languages Subject Lead)



twinkl.com



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 th September 2025 https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk	4:30pm – 6:30pm
All Saints Catholic College (Voluntary Academy)	Monday 22 nd September 2025 https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Audenshaw School (Academy)	Wednesday 1 st October 2025 http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Copley Academy (Academy)	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 https://www.copley.greatacademies.co.uk	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Denton Community Academy (Academy)	Wednesday 24 th September 2025 https://dca.northerneducationtrust.org	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Droylsden Academy (Academy)	Thursday 25 th September 2025 https://www.droylsdenacademy.com	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Fairfield High School for Girls (Academy)	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 https://www.fairfieldhighschool.co.uk	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Great Academy Ashton (Academy)	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 http://gaa.greatacademies.co.uk	5.00pm – 8:00pm
Hyde High School (Academy)	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 http://www.hydehighschool.uk	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Laurus Ryecroft High School (Free School)	Wednesday 1 st October 2025 https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Longdendale High School (Academy)	Wednesday 24 th September 2025 https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk	4:30pm – 8:00pm
Mossley Hollins High School (Academy)	Tuesday 23 rd September 2025 https://www.mossleyhollins.com	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Rayner Stephens High School (Academy)	Thursday 25 th September 2025 https://raynerstephens.org.uk	4:30pm – 8:30pm
St Damian's RC Science College (Voluntary Aided)	Monday 29 th September 2025 https://www.stdamians.co.uk	5:30pm – 7:30pm
St Thomas More RC College (Voluntary Aided)	Thursday 25 th September 2025 https://www.stmcollege.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
West Hill School (Academy)	Thursday 25 th September 2025 https://www.westhillschool.co.uk	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 by 31st October 2025



Northern
Education
Trust

OPEN EVENING

24th September 2025
5:30 - 7:30pm

Denton Community Academy

- ✓ Most improved school in Tameside for two consecutive years
- ✓ 75% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher in GCSE English
- ✓ 70% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher in GCSE Maths
- ✓ Ranked in the top three of the highest performing schools in Tameside

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Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Draw Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Winners selected by random name generator.

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- £100 Supermarket Voucher
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- Indian Head Massage
- Meditation Sound Baths
- Angelic Reiki
- Children's Holiday Club Place
- Kitchen Appliances
- Amazon & Hickory's Smokehouse Vouchers
- ...and many more!

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