

Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 26th September 2025



6th - 17th October

Year 5 Swimming sessions

6th – 10th October

Bikeability

10th October

World Mental Health Day – wear yellow

This term, in Guided Reading, Year 2 have been diving into the exciting story *Jonty Gentoo* by Julia Donaldson.

Using our Reading Gems, we have been busy making clever predictions about what Jonty might get up to next and have become detectives to retrieve important clues from the text. We are enjoying following Jonty's adventures, sharing our ideas, and spotting all the little details hidden in the story!



We can't wait to see where Jonty's adventure will take us next!

















Support the Year 6 residential



As with most things, there has been a large price increase for the Y6 residential. With the support of Friends of Aldwyn, the year 6 children will be running mini enterprise events to raise funds to bring the cost of the visit down for families.

The first event will be a snack stall on the KS2 playground after school on Friday 3rd October.



Last Friday morning our Year Four classrooms were buzzing with excitement as the pupils logged on, along with many other schools from around the world, for a special virtual lesson with author Justin Somper.

Faces lit up on the screen as Justin greeted them warmly, sharing stories about his writing journey and the inspiration behind his amazing pirate books, the Pirate Academy series. The children listened intently, eager to ask questions and we were lucky enough to make it onto the live chat when we were asked the question "what lessons would you have at a pirate school?" Our children came up with some fantastic answers such as lessons on how to steer a boat and how to help, save and look after people.



Justin encouraged them to use their imaginations boldly and gave them tips on how to bring their own stories to life. The session left the class inspired and full of creative ideas!

This week in English, we have continued our work with the story Manfred the Baddie. After writing clear step-by-step instructions in a previous lesson of a sandwich we thought that Manfred would like, we put our writing to the test! Everyone brought in their own ingredients and followed their instructions carefully to make their sandwiches. We discovered how important it is to write precise instructions for example, remembering to say spread the butter to the edges or cut the sandwich in half. It was great fun watching how our writing came to life, and we learned why clear, ordered instructions are so important. The children really enjoyed eating their finished product at the end too!









Last Friday the Year 5 boy's football team ventured to Manchester City for the Year 5 tournament.

The team showed great teamwork, working together throughout the group stage. They won two and drew the last game to qualify for the knockout round. The team kept their cool and scored an excellent penalty from a handball in the box to go through to the next round. Some fantastic goals and sportsmanship from the whole team.

They progressed all the way to the final which they won!

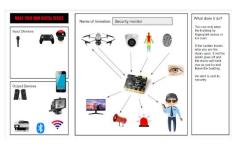
Congratulations to the team, a well-deserved win.



Year 5's Inventive Minds at Work!

This term, Year 5 have been putting their creativity and tech skills to the test by designing their very own digital devices. Each student came up with a unique invention, complete with a name, a description of its purpose, and an explanation of the input and output devices it uses. From celebrity detectors to a fully functional ordering system for a parent's wholesale business, the ideas were as imaginative as they were practical. It's been fantastic to see the children thinking like real designers and engineers problem-solving, innovating, and having fun along the way!





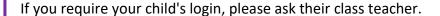


Year 5 Explore Computer Systems in Action!

This term, Year 5 have been diving into the fascinating world of computer systems. As part of their computing lessons, pupils have been learning how computers work by exploring the concept of systems and sub-systems. They've been introduced to the Input-Process-Output model, which helps explain how devices like keyboards, cameras, and printers interact with the computer's brain to carry out tasks. Through hands-on activities and engaging discussions, students have begun to understand how everyday technology functions behind the scenes — sparking curiosity and building foundational knowledge for future digital learning.

Home Learning Reminder

We'd like to remind parents that children can continue their learning at home using Google Classroom, where teachers share activities and resources. Pupils can access TT Rockstars and Numbots, which are great for building confidence with times tables and number facts. Regular use of these platforms really supports the progress children make in school. Children can also access the fantastic Canva via the app's launcher on Gmail (once they have logged into their school Google account).





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.



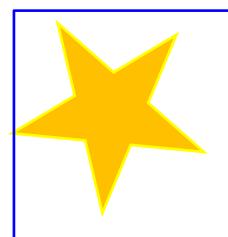


Attendance for this week = 94%

Congratulations to classes 6T and 6M who achieved the school target of 97% this week.











- · 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:

Rose	Cobain	Uswa	Ethan	Mikey	Katherine
Romey	Sophie	Zoya	Akorede	Joseph	Imogen
Alayna	Thomas	Dennie	Heidi	Jack	Reeva
Evie	Isaac	Isla	Heidi	Miller	Ameerah
	Lily	Jessie	Esmae	Ava	

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:

Sienna Cooper **James** Coby John Ava Isaac **Arthur** Noah Ava



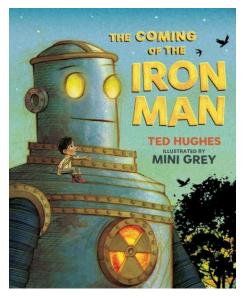
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Aldwyn Book Corner

The Coming of the Iron Man

Ted Hughes



This gorgeous abridged edition brings The Iron Man to a picture book audience for the very first time! A landmark publication.

The Iron Man isn't scary – he's just very, very hungry . . .

It's not until he starts chomping on fence posts and tractors that he comes to the attention of the angry farmers – who trap him in a hole with the help of a little boy called Hogarth.

Then Hogarth comes up with a new plan – it turns out that the scrap yard, with its metal bedsteads, broken down cars and old cookers is the perfect home for a hungry Iron Man.

Our Review Panel says...

This picturebook is an abridged version of the well-loved Iron Man tale by Ted Hughes.

The picture-book style makes it accessible for younger or less confident readers. The illustrations in the text are the star of the show and no less than you would expect from the very talented Mini Grey. Her distinct style of vivid illustrations, full of expression, brings the words of Ted Hughes to life. The illustrations alone could be used within the classroom as a stimulus for discussion and writing.

This shortened version makes it easy to share with children as a story, the book is a must-have; it captures the suspense and wonder of the classic but is presented in a way that is inviting and captivating for younger readers.

Review taken from <u>www.Booksfortopics.com</u> a wonderful website showcasing a wealth of fabulous books for children.







THURSDAY IS A
REALLY IMPORTANT
DAY FOR US

CENSUS 2ND OCTOBER

SPECIAL LUNCH MENU

BURGERS NUGGETS FRIES
AMERICAN PANCAKES

A LARGE CHUNK OF SCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE YEAR IS BASED ON HOW MANY CHILDREN EAT A SCHOOL LUNCH ON THIS DAY. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE PART. TO BOOK ON JUST CHOOSE THE PASTA BAKE OR BREADED CHICKEN VIA ARBOR AND CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE AT THE COUNTER

Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. At Aldwyn we will be supporting the work of the charity YOUNGMINDS. Children are encouraged to wear yellow on the day, they will take part in activities to support their mental health and wellbeing in class and whole school activities. Donations can be made to the YoungMind fundraising page if you are in a position to do so. Hello Yellow Fundraising Page



Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October, and donate to Young Minds to support young people's mental health.





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.

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

TMESIDE LIBRARIES

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS SWAP

and

STORY TIME



Donate your pre-loved costumes to any Tameside Library during staffed hours before 6th October.

Costumes must be in good, clean condition. (Donors receive an extra clothes swap token).

11 October

Pick up a costume 10am - 12pm Stories and craft 11am - 11:30am

Dukinfield Library Concord Way, Dukinfield, SK16 4DB

For more info contact:

information.direct@tameside.gov.uk or call 0161 342 4000



What to expect on the day:

- Borrow a bike for the session (and learn how to ride it!)
- Bring your bike along to be fixed by Mcr Bike Kitchen
- Other activities: plant a pot to take home, nature crafts, bulb planting and more!
- 9:30am-10:30am: 17th August, 28th September and 26th October Location: : Where the Eastern end of Heron Drive meets the old railway line What3Words: ///payer.rugs.curiosity If possible
- please arrive via public transport or by foot or bike to avoid traffic build up (there is limited parking at Ashton Moss park and ride)

 Tameside













THE GREAT BIG RAFFLE

SUPPORT OUR PUPIL WELLBEING CELEBRATION!

** TICKETS: £1 EACH

AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Draw Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Winners selected by random name generator.

***** Prizes Include:

- £100 Supermarket Voucher
- Gym Memberships
- Pottery & Beauty Vouchers
- 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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