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Friday 10th October 2025



KS1 Harvest

9am Wednesday 22nd
October

EYFS Harvest

9am Thursday 23rd October

Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd October Thursday 23rd October



This week in Year 6, both classes had a wonderful opportunity to practice their cycling skills, and in some cases learned to ride a bike, with the Bikeability Team who came into Aldwyn.



The children also got plenty of good exercise and, most importantly, had lots of fun.

Thanks to the Bikeability team.

Delcie: Bikeability is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to ride safely on the roads and have fun riding a bike. We played lots of games and the instructors were so helpful and kind. We learned all about observation and signalling. They also taught us how to check to see if our bikes were safe to go on the road. Everyone should be safe on the road.



Charlotte: I think that Bikeability was an amazing opportunity to learn how to ride your bike safely. We got to ride on the roads and we each got a go in leading the way. It is so important to know the dangers of being on the road.



Megan: It was amazing. We learned so much about road safety. It was easy and fun to get the hang of it. The team were very helpful - they had plenty of spare bikes and helmets. Overall, it was brilliant.

Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic musical experience at the *Sea Stories* watch party concert, presented by composer James Redwood and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. This interactive performance celebrated the wonders of the natural world through music and song, with a special focus on the ocean. The children enjoyed creating graphic scores and pictures inspired by the performance.



Is It Real... Or Is It Fake News?

Available now from the school tuckshop — Aldwyn Primary School's very own high-energy drink! Or is it?

Year 6 have been diving into the world of fake news, discovering that not everything we see or read is always true. They explored how fake news has evolved over time, learning that while it may seem like a modern issue, it's actually been around for centuries.

With today's technology and the rise of AI, spotting fake news is becoming trickier than ever. Even something as convincing as a realistic-looking drinks can might not be what it seems...

So, is the drink real? Or is it part of the lesson? Year 6 know the answer — do you?



Year 4 had a wonderful visit to the library last Friday! When we arrived, the librarian welcomed us and talked about the different genres of books we might enjoy, from adventure and mystery to poetry and non-fiction. She guided us through the library, showing us how to find the books we wanted and introducing us to some new authors. The children loved exploring the shelves and carefully choosing books to bring back to school. Everyone was excited to share their choices and give recommendations to their friends. Back in the classroom, we made the experience even more special by sipping hot chocolate while curling up with our brand-new books. It was a perfect way to celebrate reading, and the children are already looking forward to their next visit!



This week, Year 2 ventured into the forest area of our school grounds to carry out some exciting fieldwork as part of our enquiry question — “Why are natural habitats special?”

We explored the woodland, observing and recording the different types of animals and plants we found using a tally chart. We spotted a variety of creatures, including a frog, woodlice, spiders, and even a squirrel! Everyone had a fantastic time learning outdoors and enjoying the fresh air.



Last Friday, a group of Year 2 pupils went to the Etihad Training Ground to compete in the under 7s Football Festival. The boys played extremely well, giving their all and showing great determination. Well done everyone!



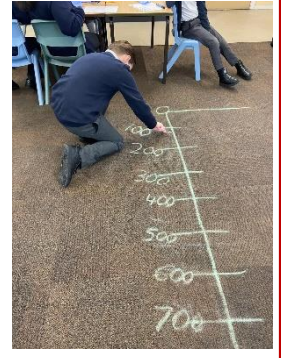
Our Year 4 class had a wonderful opportunity to visit Year 1 and share their fantastic writing all about the mysterious object that fell from the sky. The children read their work aloud with confidence and expression, and it was brilliant to see how engaged the Year 1 pupils were as they listened. This experience was not only a chance to showcase their creativity and imagination, but also a great way to develop their oracy skills and build confidence in reading to an audience. The Year 4 children were so proud to share their writing, and the Year 1 children were inspired by their storytelling!



In Year 4 maths this week, we have explored rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in a fun and active way.

We drew a giant number line in the playground, and each pupil was given a number to place themselves on. They had to think carefully about where their number belonged and whether they needed to round up or down.

The children really enjoyed moving along the line, discussing their choices, and working together to check their answers. It was a fantastic, hands-on way to bring rounding to life!



This week, Year 2 received an exciting letter from a pirate named Jim Lad Jolly Roger! He asked if his pirate ship could anchor in our playground. To decide, the class held a lively debate - with one team giving support for the pirates to stay and the other against it. Both sides shared fantastic ideas and persuasive arguments as they tried to convince each other.



In Design and Technology Year 3 have been learning about eating seasonally and how that has a positive effect on the environment. We have looked at different fruits and vegetables and learnt where and when they are grown. This week we took three fruits that are grown in the UK and harvested in Autumn; apples, pears and blackberries, and learnt how to peel and cut them safely using a peeler and a knife. We used a claw or bridge hand position to ensure there were no lost fingers! After all the chopping the children enjoyed tasting the delicious fruit which we will be using to make seasonal fruit tarts.



Exploring Safe AI at Aldwyn Primary: Let's Get Creative!

Last time, I introduced some of the safe AI tools available to students at Aldwyn Primary through their Google login. This time, I'd like to show you how we can put one of these tools to good use—and have a bit of fun along the way!

One of the free tools available through Google's Gemini platform is called "Storybook", which you'll find under the "Gems" section on the left-hand side of the screen. It's a truly magical feature that can turn a simple idea into a beautifully illustrated 10-page flipbook. You really have to see it to believe it!

To get started, think of a story you'd like to tell. Just like any good book, it should have a beginning, middle, and end, along with some interesting characters. Once you've got your idea, head over to Storybook and type a short version of your story. You can even choose the style for your illustrations—whether it's "Disney," "Clay," or "3D," the results are amazing.

In a future newsletter, I'll share tips on how to write different types of prompts and explore how you can create unique images to bring your stories to life. But for now, why not give it a try using the prompt below in Gemini Storybook?

"Can you create a storybook in the style of 3D Cartoon Character. Charlie, a young dragon who goes to Aldwyn Primary School, He's the only dragon in his class who hasn't learned how to breathe fire. Charlie's teachers tells him not to worry. He is very upset and goes home to tell his mum. Charlie's mum has an idea! - go and see Grandad Dragon, he is old and wise and will help you. Grandad Dragon shows Charlie where he is going wrong and the next day Charlie shows off his new skills to all the other young Dragons and his teacher".



Friends of Aldwyn will be hosting a Glow Disco during the first week back after half term. The event, over 3 nights will be open to children in Y1-6 and parents can sign up via Arbor – bookings will go live next Friday. There will be no charge for entry, but Friends of Aldwyn will be selling hotdogs, snacks, drinks and glow-up novelties that children will be able to buy on the night.

It takes much adult support to ensure that the discos can be as enjoyable and successful as possible. If you would be able to help at any of the discos, please email admin@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org and we will forward your email to Friends of Aldwyn.





Attendance for this week = 95%

Congratulations to classes RH, 2S, 3F, and 6T who 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:

Clover	Theo	Alina	Akolade	Hanaa	Milo
Fern	Henry	Cooper	Koven	Kobi	Jasper
Harry	Henry	Kayden	Georgie	Bella	Abigail
Eleanor	Seren	Amaya	Jaxson	Madina	Eva Mae
	Olivia	Hayden	Harrison	Delcie	

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:

Logan
Conor
Mr Mitchell

Ellie
Charlie

Noah
Reeva

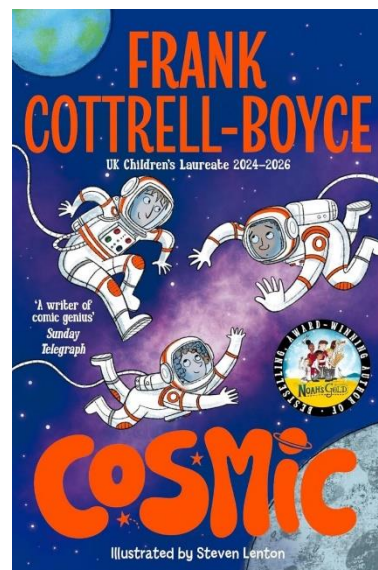
Trey
Mrs Booth



Aldwyn Book Corner

Cosmic

Frank Cottrell-Boyce



A stunning cover by Steven Lenton for the paperback edition of *Cosmic*, the laugh-out-loud space adventure by bestselling, award-winner Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Liam Digby wanted to see the world, but not quite like this . . . He's just an ordinary twelve-year-old. A very, very TALL ordinary twelve-year-old. Some people even think he's a grown-up.

This is the incredible story of how Liam told some fibs, won a trip to a theme park, made some new friends and sort of, by accident, ended up in space.

A laugh-out-loud adventure of friendship, big dreams and an even bigger rocket, shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

Our Review Panel says...

A popular and humorous choice from the award-winning author Frank Cottrell Boyce.

This novel tells the story of Liam, an incredibly tall twelve-year-old who attempts to pass as an adult in order to accompany his friend Florida on a trip to space that she won in a competition.

It has been likened to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in a space setting.

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





500 WORDS



Fun, creative story writing competition
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Ages
5 – 11

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Christmas Fair Friday 21st November

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 21st November 3.30 - 6pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting donations on the week's leading up to the fair. We would be grateful for any donations of bottles, chocolate or unwanted gifts.

Friday 7th November

Friday 14th November

Friday 21st November - mince pies, cakes for the
cafe

If you have your own business or have a contact with somebody who does and would like to make a prize donation towards the raffle at the fair, or would be interested in having a stall at the fair, please speak to Mr Beaty or Mrs Clark who will be able to pass any contributions to the Friends of Aldwyn.

Thank you for your continuing support

Harvest Assemblies

We will be carrying out our Harvest Assemblies at the end of term. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the Droylsden Food Bank, donations should be brought into school by Monday 20th October. All assemblies begin at 9am and parents are welcome to join us.

Wednesday 22nd October Y1 and Y2

Thursday 23rd October EYFS

The food bank would be grateful to receive any products off the list below. They will also accept donations of essential toiletries and hygiene products.

Tinned meat	Fruit juice	Lentils
Tinned vegetables	Cereal	Pulses
Tea	Soup	Tinned tomatoes
Coffee	Pasta	
Tinned fruit	Rice	
Biscuits	Pasta sauce	
UHT Milk	Beans	



The
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Presents...

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for five fun-filled days of singing, dance, and drama at The Nicholson Academy's exciting Holiday Club! Taking inspiration from a hit musical, we will be working together to create a showcase filled with singing, dance and drama for parents/carers at the end of the week.



The Nicholson Academy, 7 Craven Street, Droylsden, M43 7UD



Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025



09:00- 15:00 Wraparound care available 08:00- 09:00 (Morning session), and 15:00- 16:00 (Evening session) for additional fee of £5.



£125 for 5 days of theatrical fun!

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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
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