



# Aldwyn Primary School

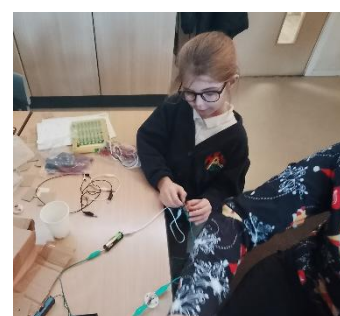
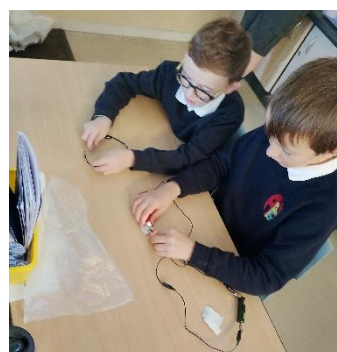
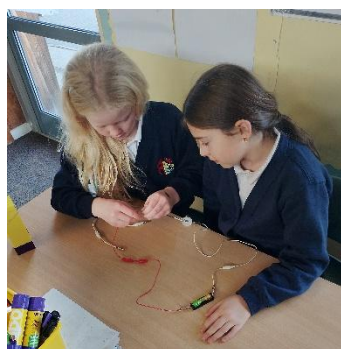
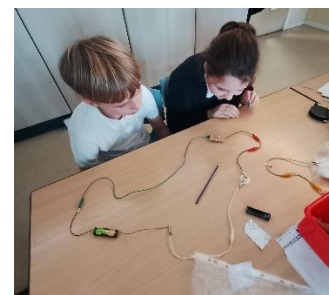
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Looking Ahead...

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In Design and Technology this week, Year Four explored different electrical items and discussed how they work. The children then worked in pairs to build their own simple circuits using wires, bulbs and batteries, carefully testing to see if their circuits worked. After that, they designed and made their own switches using split pins, cardboard and a paper clip. Through this activity, they learned about conductors and insulators, and discovered how creating a break in the circuit can turn a light on or off.



On Thursday, the Year 6 girls ventured to Astley Sports Village for the Tameside Girls Glow dodgeball event.

Everybody dressed up in their bright colours and glowed in the UV lights.

The girls had a fabulous and loved the event. They showed great team spirit shaking hands after every game.





A group of Year 3 pupils were invited to Ryecroft Hall on Tuesday afternoon to take part in a lantern making workshop ahead of tonight's lantern parade at the Ryecroft Hall lights switch on.

The children had a wonderful afternoon and creating some amazing lanterns.

If you would like to take part in tonight's lantern parade, you should meet at Ryecroft Hall just before 6pm. The parade will take place before the Christmas lights are switched on.



The children in Nursery have been enjoying the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear.

Look at the amazing bears that they have been creating in class!



### Year 3 - from the Stone Age to AI cave paintings.

Year 3 pupils have been combining history, creativity, and cutting-edge technology in a fascinating project. After studying real Stone Age cave paintings and discussing the stories they might have told, the children set out to create modern, hi-tech interpretations of these ancient artworks.

Using AI image-generation tools, pupils were challenged to imagine what early humans might have chosen to paint on cave walls thousands of years ago. They carefully crafted written descriptions for the AI, thinking about the animals, people, and scenes that would have been important during the Stone Age. This encouraged them not only to think creatively but also to practise using precise and descriptive language.

Once their images were generated, the children then reflected on their creations by writing about what could be seen in each painting. They described the shapes, colours, characters, and actions taking place, developing both their observational and communication skills.

The project has sparked lots of excitement in the classroom, blending historical inquiry with modern digital literacy. It has been wonderful to see Year 3 embracing new technology while deepening their understanding of life in the distant past.



### Year 5: Blending AI Research with the Power of Handwritten Notes

Year 5 have been exploring how humans impact the ocean and the consequences of our actions. To begin their research, pupils used Google Gemini to generate a list of key points and short explanations on the topic. After carefully reading the AI-generated information, each child selected ten facts they felt were most important.

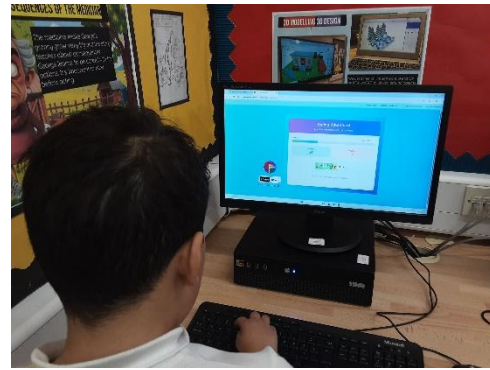
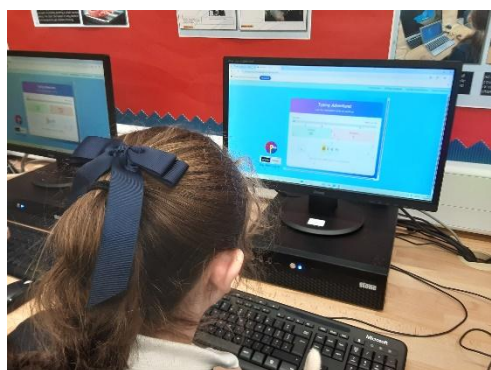
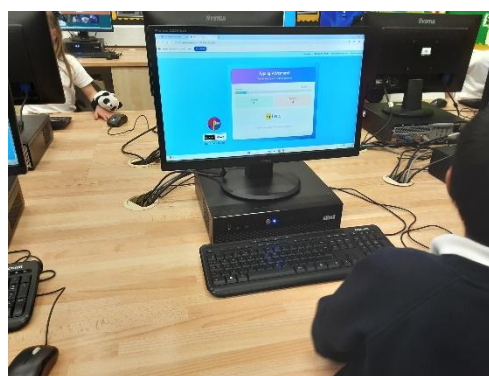
Crucially, the children then recorded their chosen facts in their workbooks. This step wasn't just about copying information — it helped them process, understand, and organise their ideas before moving on to the next stage.

These handwritten notes will form the foundation for a digital infographic, bringing together thoughtful research, clear note-taking, and creative design. This lesson showcases how computing and traditional written work go hand in hand to support deeper learning and stronger understanding.





This week in Computing, our Year 2 children have been busy practising their keyboard skills using a special program designed by our computer technician, Mr Goodier. The children loved matching letters, numbers, and symbols to those shown on the screen, and soon progressed to typing high-frequency words. We're well on our way to having some super typists in Year 2!



## Pets on School Grounds

A reminder that dogs and other pets are not allowed on school grounds. This includes dogs that can be carried.



## Punctuality

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am when the registers are taken. Children arriving after 8.55am will need to enter via the school main entrance and will be registered as a late arrival. Any arrivals after 9.25am will be marked absent/unauthorised in the morning register which will then affect your child's overall attendance.





Christmas Dinner Day is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please order it through the Arbor App by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



**Victorious  
Catering**

*Fuelling young minds*

## **Christmas Lunch Menu**

**Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding,  
Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables  
Chipolata Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy**

**Vegetable Sausage Roll, Yorkshire Pudding,  
Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables  
Vegetable Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy**

**Selection of  
Christmas Desserts**



**Happy Christmas from our  
Victorious Catering teams  
18<sup>th</sup> December**





Attendance for this week = **91%**

Congratulations to classes 6T who achieved above 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:

|        |          |         |           |         |
|--------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Evie   | Noah     | Milana  | Olly      | Luke    |
| Hollie | Harrison | Hayden  | Daisy     | Iqra    |
| Penny  | Denzel   | Imogen  | Mason     | Aria    |
| Hafsa  | Deacon   | Grayson | Billie    | James   |
| Grace  | Luca     | Jenson  | Ollie     | Charlie |
|        | James    | Alfie   | Charlotte |         |



## 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:

|           |          |        |           |       |
|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Annie     | Siddique | Denzel | Santiago  | Max   |
| James     | Sheldon  | Eesa   | Valentino | Freya |
| Mrs Parks |          |        |           |       |
|           |          |        |           |       |





# Aldwyn Book Corner

The Boy Who Grew Dragons:

A Christmas Delivery

Andy Shepherd



The eagerly-anticipated picture book from Andy Shepherd, author of the best-selling The Boy Who Grew Dragons series.

Tomas and Lolli love Christmas. And they're not the only ones! Their dragons love Christmas, too. But they have a habit of getting into trouble. When a brand-new snow dragon hatches on Christmas Eve, she unleashes a flurry of snow that transforms their dragon-growing garden into a winter wonderland.

It's all fun and snowball fights to start with... but there's one BIG downside. There's now SO much snow that they're stuck and won't be able to deliver the Christmas presents in time! Can Tomas, Lolli, Grandad and the dragons work together to save Christmas and spread a little magic?

A winter-warmer of a picture book, which captures all the magic and mayhem of The Boy Who Grew Dragons, but for a younger audience.

Andy Shepherd's sparkling writing conjures warmth and charm with every phrase and her characters are artfully brought to life by the stunning illustrations of Sarah Warburton (The Princess and the Pea; Dinosaurs in the Supermarket; Twinkle).

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







# Thank You for supporting the Aldwyn Christmas Fair



We raised just under £1500 on the night. This money will go towards projects in school.







# Christmas 2025 Diary Dates



| DATE                      | EVENT                                                                 | YEAR GROUPS INVOLVED            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Christmas Fair                                                        | Whole School                    |
| 3rd December              | KS1 Christmas Experience                                              | Year 1 and 2                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am                                     | Nur & Rec                       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | 4C Pantomime Performance - Stalybridge Civic Hall                     | Year 4C                         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Victorious Voices                                                     | KS2 Choir                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December | EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am                                     | Nur & Rec                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December | 4M Pantomime Performance - Stalybridge Civic Hall                     | Year 4M                         |
| 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<br>9.15am Year 1<br>10.30am Year 2       | 9.15am Year 1<br>10.30am Year 2 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Y4 Pantomime Visit                                                    | Year 4                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | EYFS Pantomime                                                        | Nur & Rec                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Y5/6 Christmas Party                                                  | Year 5 and 6                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | EYFS Christmas Party                                                  | Nur & Rec                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December | KS 2 Carol Service at St. Mary's<br>Y5 & Y6 9.45am<br>Y3 & Y4 10.45am | Years 3 - 6                     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Dinner and Jumper 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.



*Parents of 0-5 year olds... this one's for you!*

Join us for a festive  
Parent Carer Panel to  
make your own wreath  
with real foliage, chat  
to other parents, and  
enjoy some festive  
nibbles too

# Winter Wreath Workshop

**5th, 11th, 12th, 18th  
December**

Find out more  
and book  
your FREE  
place here:



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