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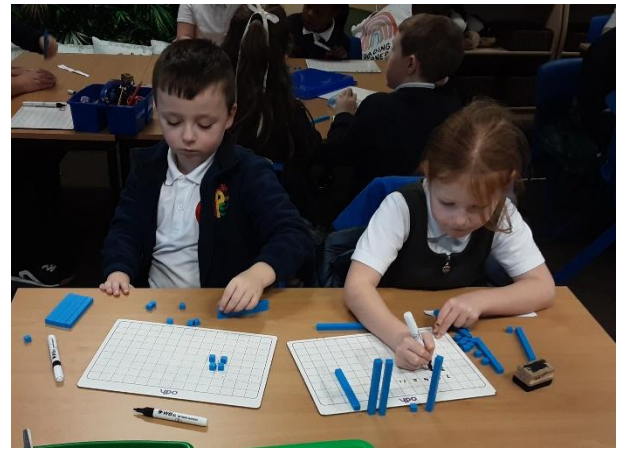
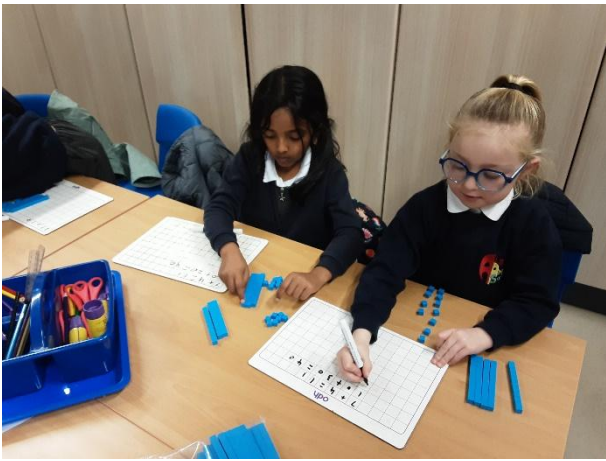
This week the reception children have been preparing for Christmas. Early in the week they had a very important job when they posted their Santa letters. Along the way, they sang Christmas songs and looked at all the lights and decorations on the houses. They whispered a little a Christmas wish into the letter and sprinkled some Christmas magic before posting!

Later in the week, alongside Nursery, the children delighted their parents with fabulous Nativity performances.





This week, in Year 2, we have been learning how to use base-10 equipment to help us add a 2-digit number to a 1-digit number. We have been practising building numbers with tens and ones, then adding extra ones to find the total. We have worked really confidently with the equipment and are beginning to explain our thinking.



On Wednesday morning, our Year 5/6 Choir took part in Victorious Voices, joining schools from across our Trust for a joyful celebration of Christmas music. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase their hard work and talent. Their performance of Sparkle & Shine was delivered with such fantastic energy and enthusiasm.

We look forward to sharing this piece again next Friday, when the whole KS2 Choir will perform it during our Celebration Assembly at 9am. Families are warmly invited to join us and enjoy the performance.



arts award



During this term, Year 4 have been working alongside the National Theatre and Tameside Arts Award team to put on their own production of Jack and the Christmas Tree. This week, the children lit up the stage at Stalybridge Civic Hall with their performance of the pantomime, truly coming alive as they stepped into their characters. Their confidence shone through every scene, their voices carried with pride, and their expressions were full of energy. They were captivated, committed, and bursting with creativity- showing not only their talent, but their joy in performing. Each child brought something unique, and together they created performances that were both memorable and magical. You have done your teachers, families and friends all proud.

Well done to every single one of you!



Last Friday the Year 6 Football team ventured to Astley Sports Village to play against Yew Tree in the Tameside Heywood Cup. Despite the cold, wet and windy weather, the boys put in an outstanding performance in their match against Yew Tree, securing an impressive 8–3 victory. From the first whistle, the team showed great energy, teamwork and determination, creating chances and controlling the game throughout. Their hard work paid off with a strong attacking display and solid defending when it mattered.

This well-deserved win means the team progresses to the next round of the league, and they can head into the upcoming fixtures full of confidence. A brilliant effort from everyone involved!



On Monday, our Year 6 footballers headed to Stockport Power League to play in Stockport County FC's tournament. We were placed in a group with 4 other teams and played absolutely amazing. We won 3 out of 4 of our games but due to very tough competition didn't make it through to the Semi's.

The team played incredibly well, showed great sportsmanship and skill and should be very proud of themselves. A huge well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to the parents who came to support and took our players there and back!



Across school we are taking part in the Walk to School Challenge. Children who make 1 active journey a week will receive a walk to school badge at the end of each month. Don't worry, even if you live further away from school, your child can still have an active journey by parking your vehicle further away from school and walking the remainder of your journey.

This month 1P Emeralds are heading the leaderboard with 93% active journeys to school.



The Geology Club have enjoyed another great session with Elizabeth this week.

The budding geologists were learning about how volcanoes are formed and the different types of volcanoes. They investigated viscosity using water, honey and syrup and how this would result in a shield or strato volcano.

Next week is all about earthquakes. We can't wait!



Christmas Uniform shop





All items
50p

pop into reception
to browse

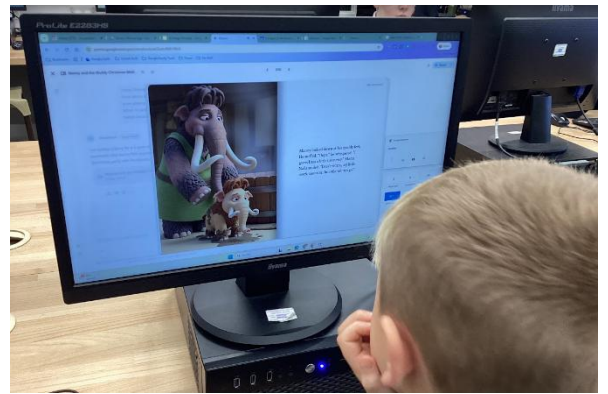
We are collecting preloved Christmas jumpers/tops for our uniform shop in preparation for Christmas Jumper Day. Please drop any donations off at reception. Thank You

Year 3 - Creating a Story Book

To wrap up our topic on life from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age, Year 3 took on an exciting challenge: creating a storybook about a baby Woolly Mammoth! Using **Google Storybook Creator**, part of **Google Gemini**, the children applied their recently learned **copy-and-paste skills** to enter prompts into the tool. We chose a fun **Claymation art style** for the illustrations, and added a festive twist by giving the stories a Christmas theme. The flipbooks they produced were absolutely fantastic!

Later, the children went a step further by writing their own prompts and crafting imaginative stories. It's important to remember that AI doesn't create these books on its own—every story starts with a great idea! The children had to think carefully about their characters and plan a short version of their book before the AI could bring their vision to life with graphics and pages.

What an amazing way to combine creativity, technology, and storytelling!



Year 4 -

I just *have* to talk about Google's amazing AI Storybook Creator again! If you've been keeping up with our newsletters, you'll know that Year 4 have been learning all about computer networks and how information zooms across the internet. It's a pretty tricky topic... so how do you turn something so complex into something children can actually enjoy?

Easy — you make it a flip book!

We asked **Google's Storybook Creator** to whip up a tale about a child in Manchester sending a birthday message to a friend in Los Angeles. And guess what? It absolutely *smashed it!* The story explained how the message gets bundled into data packets, whizzes through undersea cables, and hops between routers before finally popping up in LA — all told through a fun, colourful "Claymation-style" adventure! It included everything we have been leaning about over the last 7 weeks.

The potential for Storybook is enormous, particularly with younger children and we're so excited that children at Aldwyn Primary School get to explore it through Google AI and cloud computing. The future of learning is looking bright... and very fun!

Mr. Goodier



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



**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
18th December**





Attendance for this week = 94.2%

Congratulations to classes 2H, 2S, 3F and 4M 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:

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| Millie | Jack | Milana | Ayat | Violet |
| Tommy | Christopher | Alfie | Sumayya | Oscar |
| Grayson | Amelia | Emmie | Abdullah | Emilia |
| Scarleay | Harper | Ted | Seren | Dolcie |
| Rose | Aiza | Harry | Myla | Muhammad |
| | George | Jack | | |

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.



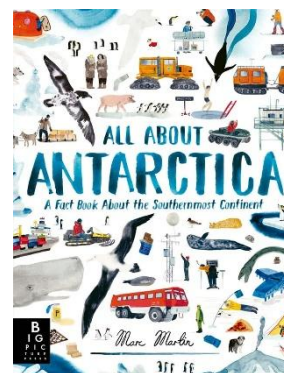
This week we celebrate the birthdays of:

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| Harrison | Freya | Noah | Zakiraya | Isla |
| Eden | Ella | Heidi | Harper | Phoebe |
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Aldwyn Book Corner

All About Antarctica



From award-winning author and illustrator Marc Martin: A fact-packed illustrated journey to the coldest place on Earth – Antarctica!

Antarctica is a fragile and fascinating world that most of us will never see and it's disappearing. Learn all about it before it's too late. All About Antarctica is an inviting and exciting reading experience with brilliant colour illustrations paired with bite-sized facts on every page.

Put on your parka and snowshoes and step into this nonfiction picture book to embark on a journey to the way, way south. You could hitch a ride on a Sno-Cat, explore the majestic icefalls, hunt for meteorites, and marvel at migrating whales or just stay in for a movie and pizza.

From colossal squids and active volcanoes to research vessels and cricket matches, there's a lot more to the South Pole than just penguins and icebergs (though there are also a lot of penguins and icebergs). Learn how humans survive in the coldest, driest, windiest place on Earth and discover what surprises await in this endlessly fascinating Everything & Everywhere book.

Our Review Panel says...

Stunning watercolour images bring Antarctica to life whilst bite-sized information gives children a feel for what it would feel like to stay in Antarctica as a research scientist.

Find out about what clothes to wear, what the research stations are like, the transportation, different types of icebergs and glaciers, the types of research that take place, how the scientists relax in their downtime, the food they eat, the species of animals you will find there, fossils, famous Antarctic explorers and much, much more.

A perfect read for any pupils learning about the coldest place on earth, animals and their habitats or climate change.

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





Christmas 2025 Diary Dates



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



ASHTON CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET

RECRUITMENT

U9 & U11

- **U9'S SOFTBALL TRAINING AND
SUMMER LEAGUE FRIENDLIES**
- **U11'S SOFTBALL GAMES AND
HARDBALL LEAGUE CRICKET**

**WINTER TRAINING BEGINS-ON FRIDAY
09 JANUARY 2025 7PM-8PM AT
FAST LANES, HYDE**

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT DAN ON -
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