



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 30th January 2026

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 4th February – Y4 Roman Fort enrichment
- Thursday 5th February – NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 6th February – Y6 London enrichment
- 9th – 15th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 12th February – last day of term
- Friday 13th February – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Year One had a very special visit this week from the star in our story *The Star in the Jar*!

The children loved meeting the star and asked thoughtful questions about what it is like to live in Space. They were delighted to discover that stars enjoy eating galaxy cheese and drinking galaxy milk!

This exciting visit gave the children a wonderful opportunity to practise their oracy skills and develop their spoken language. A very special well done to Aldo for his brilliant drama skills in bringing the star to life — fantastic work!



Year 2 Dive into Learning with *The Secret of Black Rock*!

Year 2 have plunged into an ocean of discovery while reading *The Secret of Black Rock*. Their curiosity was sparked by the incredible variety of sea creatures in the story, inspiring them to explore real marine life in even greater depth.

Using Chromebooks, the children became young researchers, gathering fascinating facts about different sea animals before typing up their findings in Google Docs. Their hard work didn't stop there — Miss Sutton transformed their writing into a beautifully printed class book, complete with a front cover, giving the children the thrill of seeing their digital work turned into a real, tangible book they could hold and read.

This project is a fantastic example of cross-curricular learning in action. It blends reading, science, technology, and writing, showing children how different skills connect and come to life in meaningful ways.

A huge well done to Year 2 for their enthusiasm, creativity, and brilliant teamwork!



This week in maths, Year 4 have been learning how to multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We explored how the distributive law helps us break numbers into smaller, manageable parts (for example, partitioning into hundreds, tens and ones) to make multiplication easier and more accurate.

The children then used this understanding to practise the formal written method, carefully setting out their work and checking each step. They were encouraged to explain their thinking, use place value knowledge and they showed great focus and resilience when tackling more challenging calculations.



On Tuesday, Year 5 continued their P.E. unit on Tudor dance, focusing on motif and development. They explored how basic Tudor steps can be adapted and developed, creating their own original dance sequences.



This week, Year 2 enjoyed a very exciting visit to Key Stage 2, where they spent time with Miss Morgan's Year 4 class. The children proudly shared fascinating facts they had researched about creatures that live under the sea, reading with clear voices and great confidence. Everyone was impressed with their fluent and expressive reading, and it was a wonderful opportunity to build oracy skills while having lots of fun learning together. Well done Year 2!



Children's Mental Health Week

9th - 15th February



We will be marking this important week in school with a variety of activities, workshops and assemblies.

On Monday 9th February we will be having a 'COME AS YOURSELF' DAY where we are encouraging everyone to wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong – whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you, you! Families are invited to make a donation to the charity Place2Be through the Arbor Shop

We are pleased to share with our families that Aldwyn Primary School has been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools in recognition of the provision that we offer to pupils and staff at Aldwyn to support emotional wellbeing.



In English, Year 5 have taken part in a lively debate on whether *The Highwayman* was a hero or a villain. The children developed their vocabulary and reasoning skills by using evidence from the text to support their arguments, confidently sharing and justifying their opinions in thoughtful discussions.



Year 5 have been busy in Forest School this week learning how to filter water. Working in teams, the children gathered natural resources and used them to create their own water filters. Through teamwork and problem-solving, they explored how water can be cleaned and developed their practical science skills in an engaging outdoor setting.



The boys' football team put in a fantastic performance in the quarter-final of the Heywood Cup against Inspire. After a closely fought match that ended 1–1 at full time, the game went into extra time. The team showed great determination and resilience, and it was Jack who scored the decisive winning goal. Goalkeeper James Corr was named Man of the Match by the referee for his incredible saves throughout the game. A brilliant team effort means Aldwyn are now through to the semi-finals – well done to everyone involved!



Safer Internet Day & How We Stay Safe Online at Aldwyn All Year Round

Safer Internet Day takes place on 10th February this year, focusing on “Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.” While it’s an important annual reminder, at Aldwyn Primary School we believe that online safety is something we should support our children with throughout the entire year.

Many people will have seen recent news from Australia, where social media platforms have been banned for anyone under 16. While this isn’t the case in the UK, it highlights why it’s so important for our children to understand the risks of using social media and the possibility of being contacted by strangers online.

Online Safety in Key Stage One

This article focuses on how we introduce online safety in Year 1 and Year 2, with a later article exploring the work we do higher up the school, including our Year 6 curriculum.

We begin by talking to children about the technology they use at home. Most younger pupils tell us they enjoy playing games, but many also watch videos on platforms like YouTube and TikTok.

A recent quick survey showed that tablets are the most common device children use to access the internet, closely followed by mobile phones. Some children even have phones of their own, which they use mainly for games and videos. Reassuringly, most children say parents and carers keep a close eye on what they are doing online.

To help children understand how to stay safe, we use a video called “Buddy the Dog’s Internet Safety Story.” Together, we explore possible online problems and learn a catchy song that helps children remember what to do if they ever feel unsure or worried.



Stranger Danger – Online and Offline

In Years 1 and 2, we also teach a topic called “Stranger Danger.” Children learn that sometimes people they don’t know may try to contact them through games or apps. We talk about that uneasy “Oh No” feeling and what to do when something doesn’t feel right.

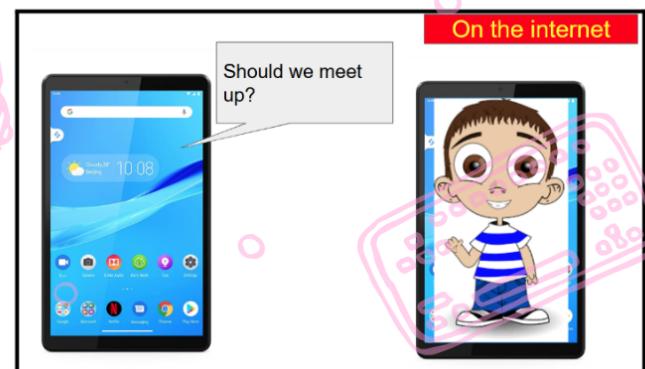
During our lessons, children take part in interactive activities, calling out what they should or shouldn’t do in different situations. We link these discussions to real-life safety as well as online safety.

Children learn seven golden rules, including:

- “I must ask a grown-up before playing a game.”
- “People you don’t know are strangers.”

The core message for our pupils is simple:

If something worries you—online or in real life—always talk to a trusted adult.



All staff at Aldwyn have received e-safety training and are ready to support any child who may have concerns about their online world.

Building Confidence for a Digital Future

We know that children will continue using the internet, watching videos and eventually exploring social media, so it’s essential that we equip them with the skills, knowledge and resilience to stay safe.

In our next article, we’ll share how we prepare older pupils for the challenges they may face online, including fake news, phishing, and online scams.



Number Day

Thursday 5th February

A day full of maths related learning and fun!

- Dress as a digit or come in maths related clothing (patterns, digits, shapes, symbols)
- crack the code
- maths scavenger hunts
- Who wants to be a Mathionaire
- TT Rockstar battles



Plus

- Help to complete the school 100 square with numbers you see round and about
(send to miss.thompson@aldwynprimary.org.uk)
- Cupcake and Cookie sale after school (donations of number related cupcakes and cookies greatly appreciated)

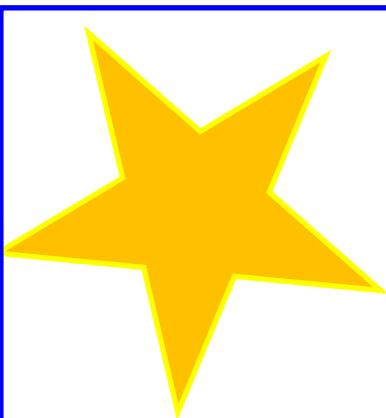




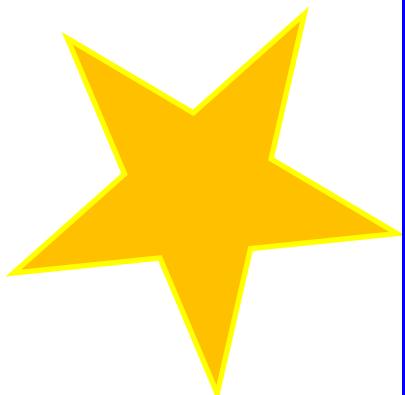
Attendance for this week = **91.8%**

Congratulations to class 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:

Otis	Raya	Amelia	Milo	Florence
Uswa	Sebastian	Memona	Bethany	Henry
Imogen	Abdul	Desi-Marie	Hunter	Ahmad
Amaarah	Freya	Rohan	Aleena	Evie Bea
Grayson	Freya	George	Liam	Ollie
Siddique	Ellie	Ameerah	Hollie	Nico



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:

Albie	Josie	Sonny	Alayna	Libby
Mrs Newton	Miss Haygarth			



Aldwyn Book Corner



National Year of
Reading 2026

Fact Books



I'm Building a Nest

Saskia Gwinn & Adam Ming



The Great Pollination Investigation

Deborah Hocking



We Are All Inventors!

Kate Pankhurst



Small, Shiny Dung Beetle

Mary Auld & Hannah Bailey



Get Your Animals in Order

Michael Bright & Gavin Scott



Six Queens

Lydia Monks



There Was a Roman in Your Garden

Bettany Hughes



Wish Upon a Star

Catherine Ard & Wenjia Tang



Rise and Fall

Peter Allen



The Greatest Stuff on Earth

Steve Tomecek & John Devolle



A Day in the Life of Fossils, Fire and Other Fantastic Finds

Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley



The Secret Lives of Women Spies

Charlotte Philby



What it was like to be an Ancient Greek

David Long & Stefano Tambellini

This year is the National Year of Reading and throughout the year there will be a whole range of different events to encourage everyone to join in and develop a love of reading.

This week we share with you a range of non-fiction texts taken from the 100 recommended reads.



On Thursday 12th February, Mrs Phillips will be creating a Chinese New Year meal. If you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, please order it through the Arbor App by 7.30am Thursday 12th February



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CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU 12TH FEBRUARY

**BATTERED CHICKEN PIECES WITH
SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE
SPRING ROLLS WITH SWEET AND
SOUR SAUCE
VEGETABLES
NOODLES
CHIPS
SELECTION OF DESSERTS**



2026



STORYTELLING WEEK

31 January - 8 February 2026

Saturday - Stalybridge, 11-11.30am

Monday - Mossley, 3.45-4.30pm

Tuesday - Ashton & Hattersley, 3.45-4.30pm

Wednesday - Hyde, 3.45-4.30pm

Thursday - Denton & Dukinfield, 3.45-4.30pm

Friday - Droylsden, 3.45-4.30pm

Saturday - Dukinfield, 11-11.30am

Story time
& craft
drop-ins
for 3-7s



Registration
open now

Prices from
£25 per day

NATURE BEANZ ACTIVITY CAMP

Activities:

- Bushcraft Skills
- Campfire cooking
- Nature craft
- Team building
- Sports Games
- Outdoor Awards

Dates:

FEBRUARY 17, 18, & 19th
9-1pm or 9-3pm

Register now at:

www.naturebeanzadventures.co.uk

Address:
3rd Newton Scout Hut
Cartwright Street
Hyde

Tameside
HAF
Holiday, Activities & Food



FESTIVAL OF SPORT & WELLBEING

Saturday 31st January
at Active Copley

We're bringing together local sports clubs and physical activity groups for a fun-filled day celebrating movement, health, and community spirit.

Join us for activities, demos, and opportunities to get involved - all abilities welcome!

Scan to find out more



LSC

February Half-Term
Multi-Activity Holiday Club

SUPERHERO SAGA

GET READY FOR AN OUT-OF-THIS WORLD ADVENTURE, FROM SUPERHERO TRAINING ACADEMY TO COSTUME DESIGNS AND TEAM CHALLENGES, THERE'S SO MUCH FUN SQUEEZED INTO 1 WEEK.

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Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Reception - Year 6

Standard Day 08:00 - 18:00 from £34

Shorter Day 09:30 - 15:30 from £29



★ Nerf every day at 15:30

★ Inflatables Wednesday

★ Themed Party Friday
(Fancy Dress Optional)

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SCAN TO BOOK

