



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 9th January 2026

Diary Dates

Monday 19th January – EMHP
Workshops begin

Wednesday 4th February – Y4
Roman Fort enrichment

Thursday 5th February – NSPCC
Number Day – more details to follow

Friday 6th February – Y6 London
enrichment

Thursday 12th February – last day
of term

Friday 13th February – Inset Day,
school closed to pupils

This week, Year 2 have been busy with their learning.

In Maths, they have been using the stem sentence

“There are ____ equal groups of ____”

to help us understand multiplication.

We worked practically using multilink cubes to make equal groups and find the answers, while practising our thinking and problem-solving skills.



Last term, Year 2 explored the fascinating history of flight. As part of their learning, and with the help of Mr Goodier, our computer technician, the children created an exciting podcast in which they interviewed Neil Armstrong - the first person to step on the Moon.

To listen to the podcast, please scan the QR code below.

As Neil Armstrong famously said, “*That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.*”



In PE this term, Year Four are exploring the musical 'Cats' and using it as inspiration for dance.

The children have been creating their own movement sequences based on the characters and music, learning how to move in time and work in unison.

They have also been developing important teamwork skills by practising together, supporting one another, and refining their routines as a group.

This has been a wonderful opportunity for the class to express themselves creatively while building confidence.



Year 4 Dive into the World of Coding with BBC micro:bit!

Over the next few weeks, Year 4 will be embarking on an exciting journey into the world of programming using the BBC micro:bit – a tiny but powerful computer that fits in the palm of your hand! This incredible device allows our young learners to create and debug their own programs using the “MakeCode” editor. They’ve been learning how to write code, test it, make improvements, and then download their creations to run on the micro:bit itself.

But that’s just the beginning! Students are exploring the fundamental concept of **INPUT → PROCESS → OUTPUT**, the system that powers all computers. Soon, they’ll be able to design programs that respond to different inputs and produce a variety of outputs – from flashing lights to scrolling messages and even sound effects!

We can’t wait to see the amazing inventions Year 4 will create as they continue to develop their coding skills. Watch this space for updates on their digital adventures!



Year 3 Explore Grouping, Sorting, and Branching Databases

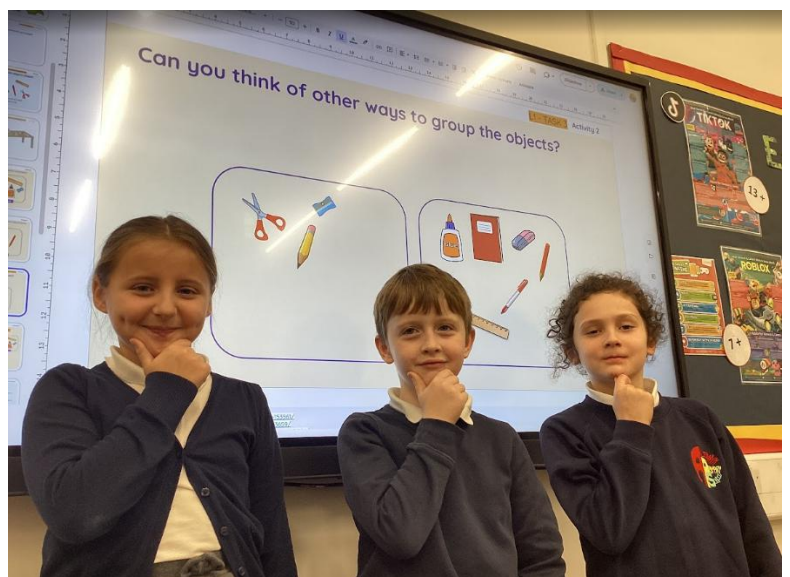
This term, Year 3 have been investigating how to sort objects using two types of questions: **Open-Ended Questions** and **Factual Questions** that can only be answered with a simple **YES** or **NO**. The children began by grouping everyday objects and then challenged each other to guess the rules behind their sorting choices. It didn’t take long to discover that objects can be grouped in many different ways—by size, shape, colour, material, or even purpose!

Learning to group and sort objects helps children develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It encourages them to **Look for patterns and similarities** in the world around them. **Organize information logically**, which is a key skill in maths, science, and computing and **Understand classification**, an essential concept for data handling and research.

This activity is the foundation of a **Branching Database**—a tool that organizes information using a series of yes/no questions.

For example:

“Does it have wheels?” → “Is it made of metal?” → “Is it used for transport?”



Snowy Days at Aldwyn



In the event of an unavoidable school closure due to adverse weather, all parents will be notified in the first instance through Arbor by 7.30am.

On Thursday 15th January, Mrs Phillips will be creating an American inspired 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 15th January.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

CELEBRATE WITH OUR

ALL-AMERICAN LUNCH!



SOUTHERN FRIED CAJUN CHICKEN MAC'N'CHEESE

PANCAKES AND COOKIES

TO BOOK, PLEASE CHOOSE A SCHOOL MEAL ON ARBOR &
CHILDREN CAN CHOOSE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE ON THE DAY



Attendance for this week = 93%

Congratulations to classes RH, 1P Emeralds, and 5H 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:

Jace	Teddy	Leo	William	Aldo
Serenity	Parker	Reeva	Carson	Sienna
Joel	Millie	Ava	Albie	Ralph
Harry	Eesa	Luke	Jessica	Talha
Heidi	Grayson	Harrison	Leia	Harry
	Myla	Jack	Jessie	

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:

Ralph	Millie	Ayat	Albie	Glib
Elizabeth	Amelia	Hayden	Mrs Gilmore	

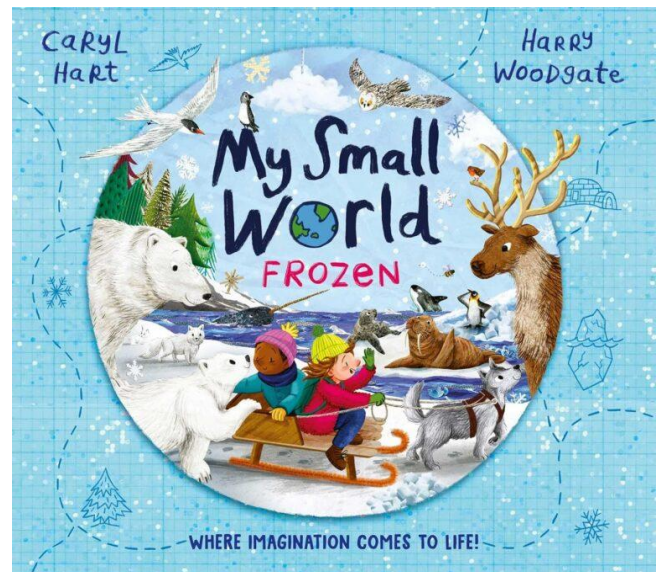


Aldwyn Book Corner

My Small World: Frozen

By Caryl Hart & Harry Woodgate

There are creatures galore in my land made of snow
And huge floating icebergs wherever you go.
My small world is waiting, so come take my hand,
I'll show you who lives in my cold, frozen land . . .



Discover a world full of ice, snow and sea, and meet the magnificent creatures who live on our frozen planet. From cuddly polar bear cubs playing in caves, elegant reindeer galloping across the snow and narwhals and orcas who splash in the waves to the families of penguins who march across the South Pole, there is so much to see.

This interactive series from bestselling author Caryl Hart and Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner Harry Woodgate promotes imaginative play for early years, and features a handy how-to guide with ideas to help readers create their own small worlds.

The book takes learners on a journey through a frozen small world, describing the landscapes and animals that can be found there. It captures the heart of small world play while teaching facts about habitats, weather, animals and places. Through simple, rhyming text, the book takes readers on a journey through frozen landscapes, where they will encounter glaciers, igloos, the Northern Lights, polar bears in caves, orcas in the ocean and penguins at the South Pole.

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



The poster features a dark, fiery background with a large, glowing red demon skull at the top center. Four anime-style characters are depicted: a male character with blue hair on the left, a male character with black hair on the top right, a female character with pink hair on the right, and a male character with blonde hair at the bottom right. All characters are dressed in dark, tactical outfits with glowing elements. The text 'The Nicholson Academy' is in the top left, and the main title 'K-POP DEMON HUNTERS' is in large, stylized red letters. Below the title is 'HOLIDAY CLUB'. A list of activities is in the center, followed by the date, time, location, and price. A 'BOOKING ESSENTIAL' box is at the bottom left, and the website and a disclaimer are at the very bottom.

The
Nicholson
Academy

K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

HOLIDAY CLUB

**UNLEASH YOUR POWER.
TRAIN LIKE AN IDOL.
DANCE LIKE A WARRIOR.**

- ✦ K-pop dance routines
- ✦ Character & performance training
- ✦ Creative activities & games
- ✦ Confidence, teamwork & FUN

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

9:00AM – 3:00PM

THE NICHOLSON ACADEMY

£35 FOR THE FULL DAY

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

- ✓ Packed lunch
- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ Comfortable dancewear
- ✓ Trainers

www.bookwhen.com/nicholsonacademy

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE – EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED!

Manchester Football Development



At Droylsden Academy (Sports Hall)
Manor Rd, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 6QD
Starting on Tuesday 27th January 2026

In association with First Kick Football



School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Tuesday at Droylsden Academy**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Declan

0161 302 2510 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

