



# Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Diary Dates

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter break

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Arts Award presentation 5pm

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friends of Aldwyn Car Boot Sale

This term, Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

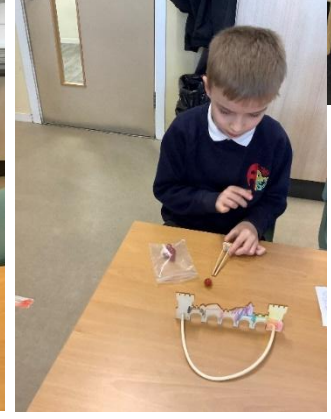
This week they have been sketching different Egyptian designs, ready for making their own papyrus paper scroll.

They have also designed and made their own Wesekh (collar) which they have embroidered and embellished – and proudly modelled!





Toys in School visited Year 1, where the children participated in an engaging toy workshop. They learned about ancient Egyptian toys as well as those enjoyed by their great-grandparents and grandparents. The session concluded with the children designing and creating their own toys.



On Monday, the children in reception were visited by police officers linked to our topic People who Help Us.

The children talked about different emergency services, what they do and how to contact them.

It was exciting for the children to dress up and use the special police equipment. They were able to drive the Police van and car. It was a fantastic morning and we would like to thank Teddy's dad and colleagues for a wonderful visit.



This week, in Geography, Year 2 have been exploring different types of weather. As part of our learning, we stepped into the role of weather reporters, using our speaking and writing skills to create our very own weather reports. We thought about how real weather presenters share information when presenting the weather forecast. We had some fantastic performances, with children using expressive voices and actions to bring their reports to life!



We may have some future meteorologists in the making!



Year 4 have had so much fun being inspired by Willy Wonka and his amazing creations! The children used their imaginations to design and make their very own tasty treats, and they did a fantastic job. There were lots of bright colours, fun ideas and big smiles along the way. If we're really lucky, we might even get to try some of their yummy creations!



## Aldwyn Hosts Inspiring Computing Training Day!

Last Friday, 20th March, Aldwyn Primary School was delighted to host a special computing training event in partnership with the Ashton Teacher Training Partnership. We welcomed around 25 enthusiastic PGCE students—each eager to unlock the “art” of teaching computing in primary schools.

This marks the eighth year Aldwyn has proudly delivered this training, and as Sharon Galley, the students’ lead, pointed out, the computing curriculum has transformed dramatically. She highlighted the impressive and innovative ways Aldwyn is weaving Artificial Intelligence (AI) into lessons, giving children hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology.

During the day, students explored two key areas:

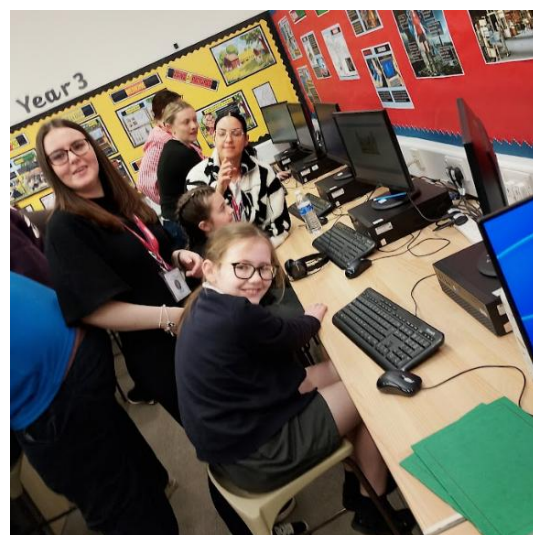
- Introducing computing to Year 1 pupils
- Using technology across the curriculum, including developing oracy through written work and podcasting

To see this in action, the trainees joined a live Year 4 lesson. Pupils have been busy planning, writing, and producing podcasts linked to their topic, *Healthy Food and Lifestyle Choices*. Their aim? To strengthen writing skills, speak clearly and confidently, and focus on thoughtful, expressive communication. The process of rehearsing, recording, and editing even encourages children to listen carefully to their own voices and refine their speaking skills.

A highlight was watching pupils work with an AI “guest speaker,” which encouraged them to write clear, well-punctuated sentences using capital letters, commas, and full stops, an exciting and purposeful use of new technology!

The visiting students thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, chatting with the children, and helping shape their podcasts. The final recordings have been truly outstanding, especially for a Year 4 class.

A huge thank-you to everyone involved for making the day inspiring, engaging, and full of future-ready learning!



Mrs Mottram’s knitting group have been busy this term, she tells us:

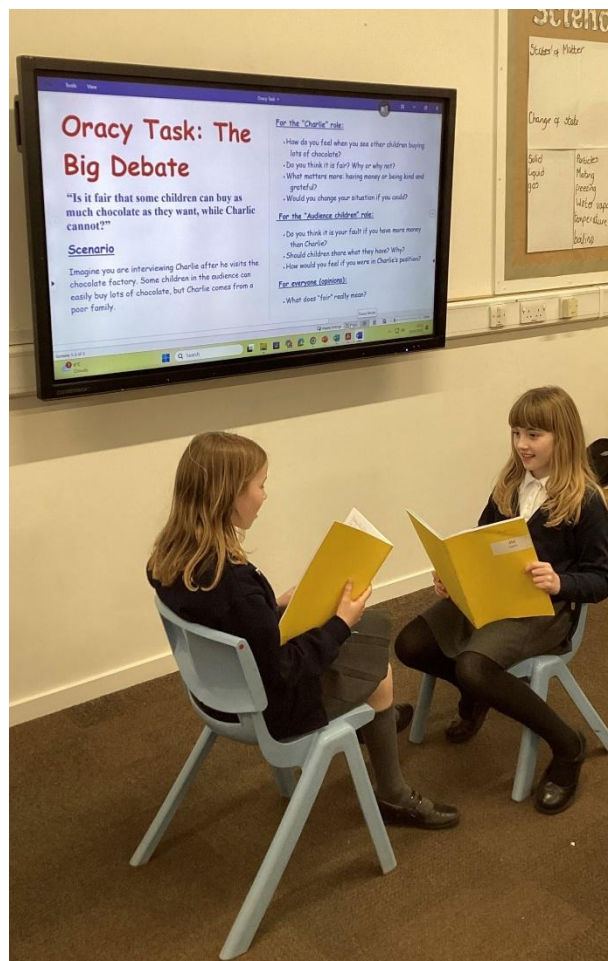
‘This term our knitters have made some fabulous Easter bunnies (and a chick.)

They've all done so well, some of them mastering a new stitch and I'm really proud of them all!’

This week children throughout the school have been showing their oracy skills through our poetry performance assemblies and the Big Debates in class.

Children shared a wide range of poems on Tuesday including, Ozymandias, Chocolate Cake and Charge of the Light Brigade.

Children in Year 4 held their Big Debate. The children took on the role of Charlie from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and explored the question of fairness. They discussed how it might feel for children who can buy chocolate whenever they like, while Charlie cannot afford it. The class showed fantastic speaking and listening skills, sharing thoughtful ideas and considering different perspectives with confidence.



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Jodrell Bank on Thursday. The children enjoyed an exciting planetarium show, listened to interesting talks, and took part in fun, hands-on activities all about space. They impressed Jodrell Bank staff with how knowledgeable they were, confidently sharing what they knew and asking thoughtful questions throughout the day. A highlight of the trip was seeing the enormous Lovell Telescope, which left everyone in awe. The children were a credit to Aldwyn and made us all very proud.



# Easter at Aldwyn



Please see below the term dates for the next academic year.

We would like to remind parents that in line with Department for Education legislation, holidays in term time will not be authorised and a fixed penalty notice may be issued. *There is now a limit of 2 penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If there is a third offence committed within this timeframe, another tool will be considered such as prosecution to answer an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996: failure to ensure regular attendance. The 3-year period continues when a child transfers to high school or an in-year transfer to another primary school.*

We also encourage parents to arrange any appointments outside of the school day wherever possible.



## Aldwyn Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027



Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	<b>Inset Days</b> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026 (Children are not in school)	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026	36
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027	
Spring Term 1	<b>Inset Day</b> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 (Children are not in school)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	29
Spring Half Term Holiday		Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	
Spring Term 2		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	24
Easter Holiday		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	
Summer Term 1	<b>Bank Holiday</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027 (Children are not in school)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	34
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2027	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	
Summer Term 2	<b>Inset Days</b> Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2027 (Children are not in school)	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	32
				Total Days 190

**Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year.**

The Nursery children have enjoyed their learning based on the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr.



## School Meals

Please remember to pre-order via Arbor 'meals' for both school lunches & to advise of a home packed lunch, doing this in advance really helps us to make sure that all children have the lunch they would like.

Only approx 25% of children had pre-ordered this week. This means that the class teacher has to spend lots of time in the classroom taking orders.

## Reporting Absences

Please ensure that you contact the school office directly before 9am on each day that your child is absent from school.

You can report an absence via:

- Arbor app (our preferred method)
- E-mail to [absence@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org](mailto:absence@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org)
- Leave a message on the absence line - 0161 370 3626



## Staff Car Park

A reminder that between the hours of 8.15 and 4pm, our car park is for staff only. We ask that families do not park or drop off on the car park during this time. We do understand that parking around school can be difficult but it is really important that our team are able to arrive and depart from school safely. Any families parking during those times will be asked to leave the car park.



## Item Drop Offs



We have seen a rise again this week in parents bringing items in during the school day. A reminder that we are unable to accept any water bottles, lunch boxes, PE kits, Forest School clothes, spends or accessories etc in to school via reception.



We would urge you all to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings and ensure that they bring with them what they need to be ready for each day. We do appreciate that we all have busy lives and things are sometimes forgotten, but our classroom teams do have spare clothes that can be loaned to children, drinks are always available and we can provide a school lunch if needed.



## 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.



## Pets on School Grounds

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





Attendance for this week = 95.8%

Congratulations to RA, 1P Emeralds, 1P Diamonds, 2S, 5H and 6T who achieved above the school target of 97% this week.



Well Done!



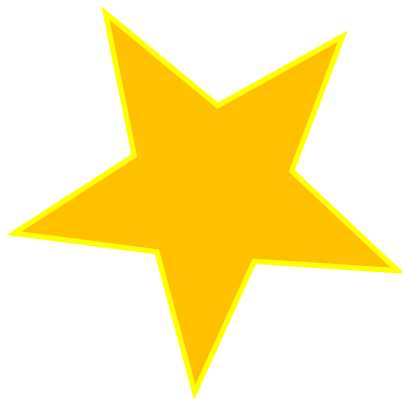
### The Birthday Message

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.

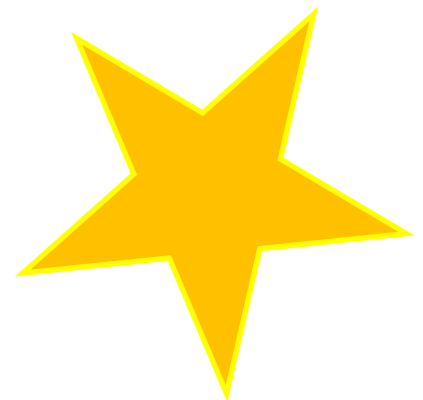


This week and during the school holidays we celebrate the birthdays of:

Jaxson	Rose	Aleeza	Isla	Keanu	
William	George	Kaycee	Jasper	Hollie	
Clover	Aurora	Oscar	Esmae	Mrs Hind	
Mr Beaty	Mr Gibbons	Mrs Mottram	Miss Scaife	Mrs Hart	Mrs Nield



### 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

At the end of each term, teachers choose a star of the term based on the Aldwyn Values.

The winners of this term's awards are:

Emi	Freya	Abdu;	Emmeline	Olivia
Harper	Heidi	Emmanuela	Charlotte	Noah
Ella	Isaac	Luca	Emmie	Edie May
Noah	Alivia	Jasper	Elijah	Parker
Libby	Kasen	Arla	Jack	Dawud
Madina	Ariana	Zayn	Elizabeth	Lily



# Car Boot Sale

@ Aldwyn Primary School M34 5SF

Help support Aldwyn Primary School

Price per car  
£15



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
April  
10am - 1pm  
(9am Set up)

Clothes, toys, books, furniture, electronics etc

To book your place, please email

[friendsofaldwyn@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org](mailto:friendsofaldwyn@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org)

Payment details will be provided & your spot will be secured on receipt of payment.



## Let's Talk! Speech & Language Drop-In

FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES, A RELAXED SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS  
EACH FAMILY CAN TAKE PART IN ONE DROP-IN SESSION WITH US

### ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ...

- How your child plays ?
- Their talking or understanding ?
- Their milestones ?



### AT THE DROP-IN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...

- Speak with a Speech & Language Therapist
- Get guidance from the Health visitor
- Enjoy the soft play together



### JOIN US...

Denton Wellness Centre  
Thursdays (term time)  
9am- 11am



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