



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 15th May 2026

Diary Dates

Week beginning Monday 18th May – Victorious Voyage week

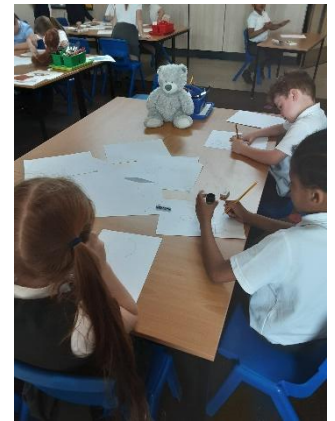
Week beginning Monday 18th May – Sports Days

Monday 18th May – Y1 Zoo Lab Enrichment visit

Thursday 21st May – Y2 Blackpool Zoo Enrichment visit

Thursday 21st May – Y6 PGL meeting 3.30pm

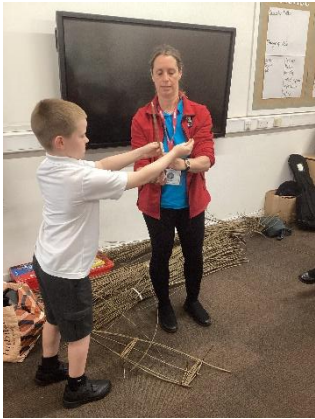
Year 2 have enjoyed an engaging art lesson focused on observational drawing. Using a selection of teddy bears as their subject, the children carefully looked at the shapes, textures and proportions of their teddies before beginning their drawings. They explored how simple shapes can be used to build a drawing and paid close attention to details such as the teddy bears' ears, paws and facial expressions. The children also practised adding light shading to show texture and form, helping their drawings look more realistic. Year 2 produced some wonderful teddy bear portraits and should be very proud of their work.



Year 4 took part in an exciting, fun and engaging enrichment day linked to our Plastic Pollution topic. During the day, the children designed and created their very own willow weaving art installation trees, which will soon be proudly displayed outside our classroom doors. We cannot wait to see them brighten up our outdoor area!

Throughout the activity, the children learn about just how useful and environmentally friendly willow is. They discovered that willow is biodegradable, making it a much more sustainable and eco-friendly material to use instead of plastic. Willow helps to absorb carbon from the atmosphere, making it beneficial for the environment, and it also holds a large amount of moisture. This moisture is what makes willow so flexible and bendable, making it perfect for weaving and creating items such as baskets, fences, sculptures, bird feeders, and other beautiful pieces of natural artwork.

The children demonstrated fantastic creativity, resilience, and teamwork throughout the day, and we are incredibly proud of the amazing willow installations they created. We cannot wait to see them brighten up our outdoor area!

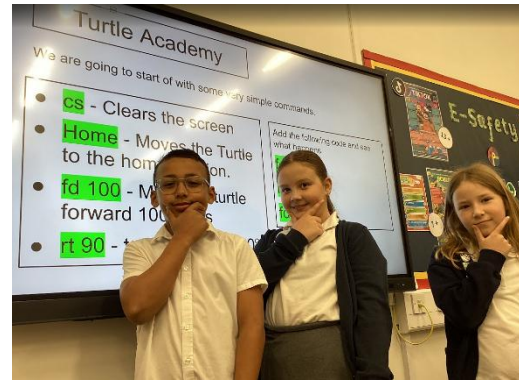
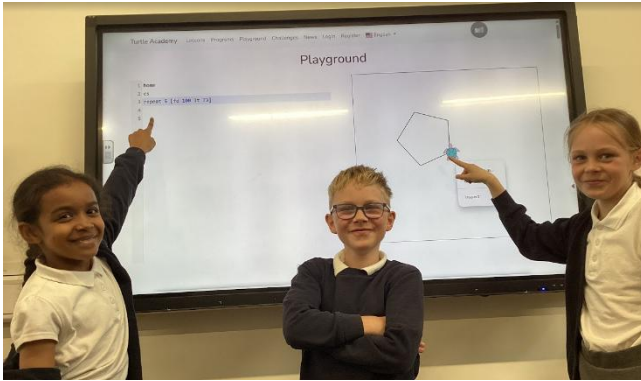


Year 4 have been combining maths and coding in an exciting cross-curricular project all about shapes and problem solving.

In their computing lessons, the children have been learning about repeats and repetition – clever coding techniques that allow a computer to repeat actions over and over again using very little code. At the same time, they explored maths by investigating a range of shapes, from simple four-sided squares to more complex multi-angled shapes such as octagons.

The children discovered that they could calculate the size of each angle by dividing 360° by the number of sides. Using this knowledge, they created their own reference sheets to help them remember key information.

The project then moved into the world of coding using Turtle Playground, a text-based programming tool. With their reference sheets at the ready, pupils successfully coded commands to draw each shape on screen. There were lots of surprised faces when the REPEAT command was introduced – this powerful tool dramatically reduced the amount of code needed and showed children how programmers work smarter, not harder!



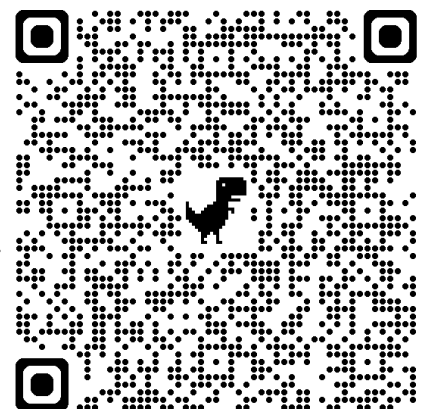
Class 2H have been busy turning their wonderful dream stories into polished pieces of writing using a word processor. The children carefully typed their work, checking they were using capital letters, commas and full stops correctly. To make the task manageable and build confidence, each story was written in small sections – helping everyone to focus and succeed without feeling overwhelmed.

Then came the really exciting part! After completing each section, the children brought their stories to life by creating images using Google Gemini. They had to visualise the scene from their story and carefully describe it to the AI, thinking about characters, settings and atmosphere. The results were fantastic, with Google Gemini producing some truly impressive illustrations that matched the children's ideas beautifully.



This project has helped develop a whole range of important skills: creative writing, typing and word-processing skills, and thoughtful use of AI as a creative tool. A brilliant effort from everyone in 2H – well done!

Meanwhile, children in 2S have been putting the finishing touches to their fantastic *Dream Podcasts*. There's more to come over the next week, but we couldn't wait to share one of the finished examples. A huge well done to Alivia for her brilliant podcast – you can listen by scanning the QR code or using the link provided. An excellent achievement! Click [HERE](#)





Aldwyn Sports Days 2026

Tuesday 19th May - Y5 & 6 9.15am start (to be held on the field)

Tuesday 19th May - Y3 & 4 1.30pm start (to be held on the field)

Wednesday 20th May -KS1 9.15am start (to be held on the field)

Thursday 21st May - Reception 9.15am start (to be held on the field)

Friday 22nd May - Nursery - 10.15am (following assembly, to be held on the field)

Parents and carers are welcome to come along to support the event.





Attendance for this week = **96.3%**

Congratulations to class Nursery, 1PE, 1PD, 3F, 6M 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 we celebrate the birthdays of:

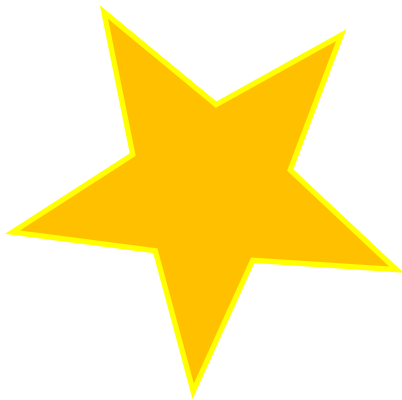
Sienna

Bethany
Seren

Evelyn
Otis

Niah
Mrs Charles

Jessica

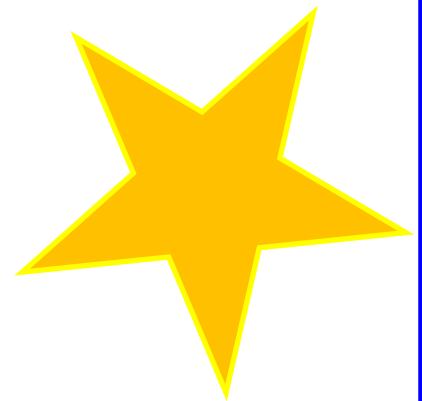


To be our best at



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:

Layan
Muhammad
Hunter
Scarlett
Mason

Fred
Rashed
Ahmed
Albie
George
Thomas

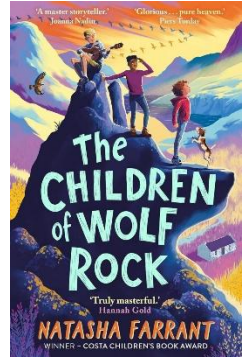
Noah
Christopher
Desi-Marie
Alayna
Siddique
Mia

Albie
Grace
Roan
Isaac
Olivia
Olivia

Reggie
Imogen
Bobby
Sonny
Jaxon



Aldwyn Book Corner



The Children of Wolf Rock

Stormy Loch Academy is about to change the lives of three children forever – from the world of bestseller, *The Children of Castle Rock* – by a Costa-winning author and queen of outdoor adventures.

High in the mountains of western Scotland, there is a loch, and on its shores there is a castle, and in that castle there is a school . . .

Stormy Loch Academy is like no other teaching establishment. For one, its headmaster, Major Fortescue, believes in sharing the beauty of the world with his students, so that they will have the courage to fight for it.

For Minna, Kass and Tom it proves to be the safe haven from their chaotic home lives, giving them all a chance to breathe freely, and to roam the valleys and lakes on their doorstep.

But then they come across Addie, an older ex-student, hiding out in the wild, with only her guitar and her dog for company . . .

At first they believe her stories, but when she goes missing, the lies she has told start to emerge.

With Addie at risk, Minna, Kass and Tom must travel to London to uncover her past. The journey is dangerous, especially for those so young . . . But these are the children of Stormy Loch, and bravery and adventure runs through their bones . . .

Our Review Panel says...

Following on from [The Children of Castle Rock](#), and yet easy to read as a standalone, Natasha Farrant revisits Stormy Loch Academy in this new adventure following three more adventurous, determined and sometimes damaged children.

Farrant isn't afraid to address the relationship between adults and children in her novels, and this is no different. Although there are hints of the children's friendships, it is really the fragmentation of families, and the misbehaviour of adults that garners the most attention and is deservedly punished, as children once again come out as righteous and brave, seeking justice and truth. Minna, Kass and Tom all have their different family reasons for staying on at Stormy Loch in the school holidays, but when they stumble across teenager Addie hiding out in a nearby valley, their holiday adventures really begin. Why has the teen run away, and what is she trying to draw attention to?

With music and dogs playing their part, and the wildness of Scotland contrasting with the bustle of London, Farrant has written another gripping adventure, with lovely allusions to her previous books' characters, but also a cast of highly authentic and loveable new characters, from headstrong Minna to doubt-ridden Tom. Children will relish the escapades and freedom, as well as understanding the backgrounds of each character and the motivations for why they act as they do. References to coercive control and abuse resonate but are never too graphic. A fantastic modern quest to discover and reveal the truth.

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



National Year of
Reading 2026



Mrs. Phillips and her team will be creating a lovely end of term picnic lunch on Thursday 21st May. If your child would like to enjoy the school meal on that day, please order via the Arbor App by 20th May selecting 'sandwich of the day'.



VICTORIOUS PICNIC THURSDAY 21ST MAY

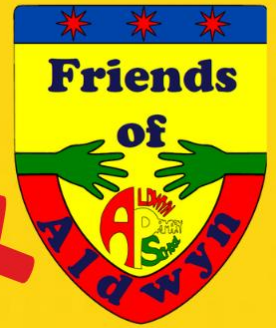
ASSORTED SANDWICHES
PIZZA SLICE
SAUSAGE OR CHEESE ROLL
CARROT STICKS
CRISPS

ICE LOLLY
OR
HOMEMADE BISCUIT



Victorious Catering

Fuelling young minds



Aldfest

4th July

12noon - 3pm

We are looking for -

- volunteers to help on stalls during the event
- local groups who would like to perform
- local businesses who could donate a raffle prize.
- stall holders who would like to have a craft/handmade stall in our new 'table-top' sale area. (Stalls £15, own set-up needed)

please email: friendsofaldwyn@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org
if you are able to support in any way.

Thank You!





The
Nicholson
Academy

HOLIDAY CLUB

DESCENDANTS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 27th May 2026

9am - 3pm

BOOK NOW:

www.bookwhen.com/nicholsonacademy

Carers Centre Stronger Together Event - for professionals and carers

Tameside
**Carers
-Centre-**

Join us to celebrate Carers Week 2026, the theme this year is building carer friendly communities.

We will focus on highlighting the need for better recognition, support and lasting changes to improve the lives of unpaid carers within Tameside. This event is a fantastic chance to connect, share and learn with fellow carers and professionals.

Come along and get involved!

When?

Thursday 11 June 2026
1pm – 3pm

Where?

Hyde Town Hall Business Centre
10 Corporation Street
Hyde SK14 1AL



To book your place scan the QR code:



For more information and to book please email
CarersCentre@tameside.gov.uk or call 0161 342 3344

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FOR AGES 6-11

SCHOOL YEARS 2-6

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MAY 26TH - 29TH
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9-11 YEAR OLDS
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SCHOOL)**

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DEVELOPMENT TIME**

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ACTIVITIES**

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Saturday 8th August
2026



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