



# Aldwyn Primary School

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## Diary Dates

Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Willow Weaving Enrichment experience

Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Victorious Voyage week

Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Days

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Zoo Lab Enrichment visit

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y2 Blackpool Zoo Enrichment visit

On Wednesday Y3 welcomed 12 Y9 pupils from Audenshaw School, who are Language Leaders and came to deliver a session on feelings in French to both Y3 classes. Madame Lewis (their French teacher) and 2 language assistants came to support the boys, and they did a fantastic job of teaching our pupils some new vocabulary and then had planned some fun games and activities to put their new learning into action! All our Y3 children had a brilliant morning and listened so well to the older pupils, they were really engaged and all said how much fun they had! We have invited the Language Leaders back again before the summer as they did such a great job and should be very proud of themselves.



Year Six will sit their SATS tests next week and we would just like to express how immensely proud we all are at Aldwyn as to how hard the children have worked to prepare for the tests.

Most children take SATS week in their stride and see it as an opportunity to show just what they can do.

For some children (and parents) they may feel more anxious than usual and maybe worried about the week. These tips may help you over the weekend and during next week.

- Get a good night's sleep each night.
- Try not to be rushed in the morning. Set your alarm a few minutes earlier, have a relaxed breakfast and arrive at school early each day.
- Drink plenty of water and have healthy snacks.
- Give yourself time during the week to do the things that you enjoy -sports, dance, drama, sing, read, walk.
- Talk to an adult about your feelings.
- If you are feeling worried try some breathing exercises, mindful colouring or listening to calm music

The children in reception have been reading together the story, We're off to Find a Fairy.

On Friday we went in search of a fairy.

Firstly, we made binoculars and then went on a hunt in our outside area.

We found lots of interesting creatures and insects. We had lots of fun although we are still looking for a fairy ....





Aldwyn has once again been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for its continued dedication to and improvement in music education.

This reflects our commitment to valuing music within the curriculum and school life, providing an inclusive and diverse musical experience for all pupils and embracing opportunities to expand our musical horizons through partnerships within the community and beyond.

On Wednesday, Year 3 went on a walk in the local area. The children were looking at how land was used in the local area and physical and human features.

We planned a circular route on an Ordnance Survey map and headed towards Ashton Moss Nature Reserve, then back to school. Also, we talked about what we liked about the local area and how it could be improved.



We wonder if they saw George and Mildred, our Aldwyn Geese at the Nature Reserve? Now the goslings have hatched, they left site on Tuesday morning as a family of five seeking out a new space where they can practice their swimming skills.

## AI at Aldwyn Primary: Two and a Half Years of Progress

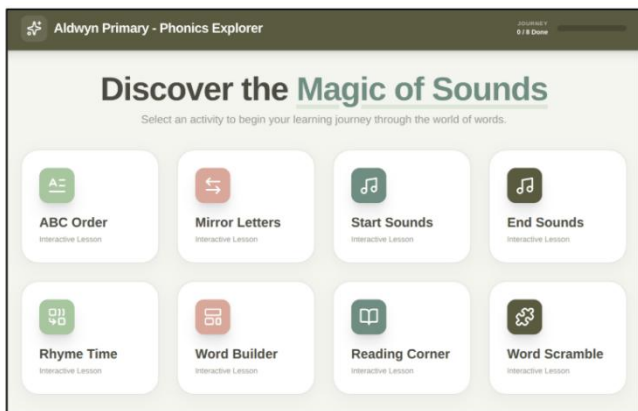
Over the past two and a half years, Aldwyn Primary School has continued to grow and innovate in how we use artificial intelligence to support teaching and learning. What began as small steps has now become an exciting part of everyday classroom life. With technology moving quickly, we've made sure our approach remains thoughtful, safe and focused on helping children learn more effectively.

We are now actively using child-friendly AI tools such as Google Gemini, Google AI Studio and Nano Banana. These platforms allow pupils to explore ideas, carry out research and enhance their learning in ways that simply weren't possible a few years ago. Importantly, we teach children to use AI as a **"Co-Pilot" rather than an "Auto-Pilot."** This means AI supports their thinking, it doesn't do the thinking for them. Pupils still create, write and problem-solve themselves, with AI acting as a helpful guide along the way.

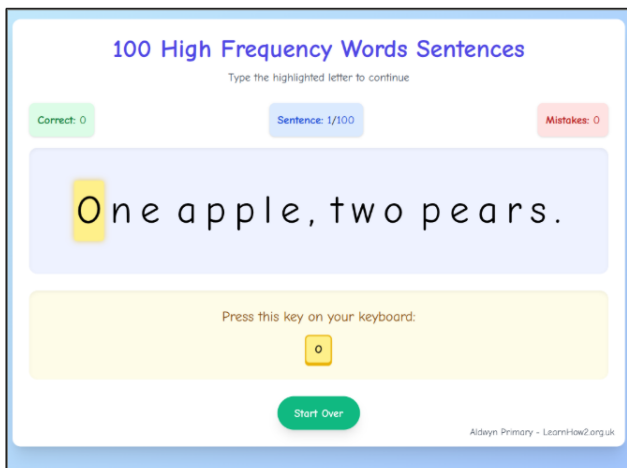
Behind the scenes, Aldwyn Primary has also begun developing its own bespoke AI-powered apps tailored specifically for our pupils. These include new typing tutors and an innovative tool that can automatically check children's work, highlight mistakes and offer suggestions for improvement. These tools give pupils instant feedback and help them become more confident, independent learners.

We're also making use of powerful AI features in Canva, enabling children to produce creative work that would have been impossible only a short time ago. From designing posters to creating digital stories, pupils are discovering new ways to express themselves and bring their ideas to life.

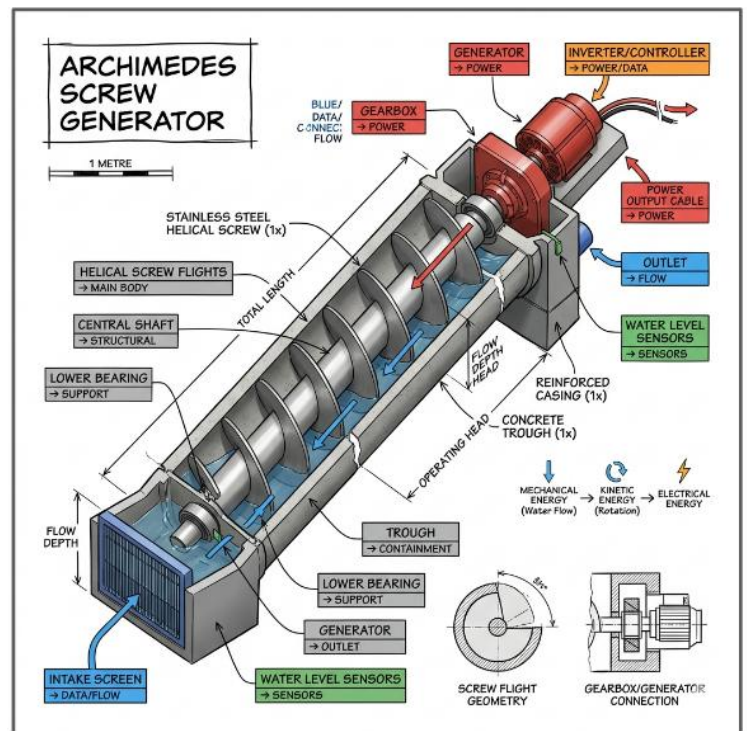
As AI continues to evolve, Aldwyn Primary will keep moving forward too. We will always prioritise safety, responsibility and educational value, introducing new tools into lessons only when they genuinely support learning. Our goal remains the same: to give every child the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to thrive in a world where AI will play an increasingly important role.



Aldwyn Primary - AI Phonics Explorer



Aldwyn Primary - AI created typing app for early years.



Aldwyn Primary - How Does it Work?  
Custom Technical Infographic

Aldwyn Primary School is proud to be making positive steps towards sustainability by giving a new lease of life to some of our older staff computers. Instead of disposing of these devices, we have recycled them by installing **Google Chrome OS Flex**, a free and secure operating system that transforms an old PC into a Chromebook-style device.

This approach not only reduces electronic waste but also helps the school make the most of its existing resources. Chrome OS Flex is fast, reliable and easy to use, making it an excellent solution for schools. Because our pupils already use Chrome OS on the school's two Chromebook trollies, they feel immediately confident and comfortable using these recycled computers.

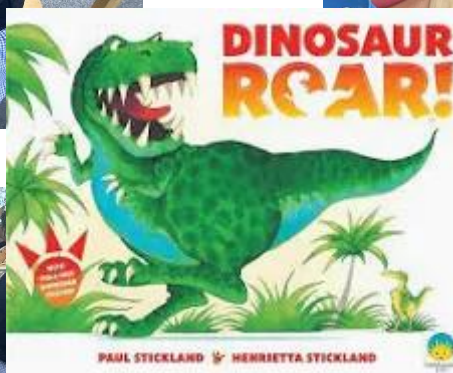
As a result, children now have access to an additional bank of computers to support their learning. These devices can be used for completing classwork, carrying out research, practising skills on TT Rockstars and, enjoying educational games to support learning.

By recycling our old computers in this way, Aldwyn Primary is supporting both the environment and our learners, demonstrating how smart technology choices can benefit everyone.



Nursery are enjoying 'Dinosaur Roar!'

We have been making dinosaurs with pasta, buttons and playdough





## Aldwyn Sports Days 2026

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

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

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

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 = **95.8%**

Congratulations to class RA, 1PE, 2H, 2S, 3KO, 4M, 4C 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:

Roan  
Akorede

Richie  
Abigail

Jolan  
Asim

Olivia  
Mrs Clark

Teddy

### 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:

Olive  
Kyle  
Iqra  
Amaarah  
Talha  
Leia

Zakariya  
Sophie  
Sumayya  
Theo  
Weisum  
Lucy

Clover  
Violet  
Millie  
Harvey  
Alexi-Mia  
Hayden

Millie  
Gracie  
Denzel  
Joe  
Rome  
Harrison

Ayat  
Alfie  
Elsie  
Aleena  
Isaac  
Adam



# Aldwyn Book Corner

## The Full Stop That Got Away

This is Frank.

Frank is a full stop.

He's round and small and things quietly stop when he's around.

Frank is a full stop, and he acts exactly like a full stop should.

He splits up sentences that get too long . . .

"It's true. I do."

He never shouts . . .

"Ouch. Ouch. Help."

And he never asks questions.

"That's right."

But what if Frank decides to stop acting like a full stop? What would happen then?

Brilliantly funny story by Laura Baker, author of *The Colour of Happy* and *Monsters in Trucks*

Beautifully illustrated by Nathan Reed, illustrator of *Think BIG* and the *Sam Wu* series

Not just a fun story, *The Full Stop That Got Away* is also a perfect introduction to punctuation for children!

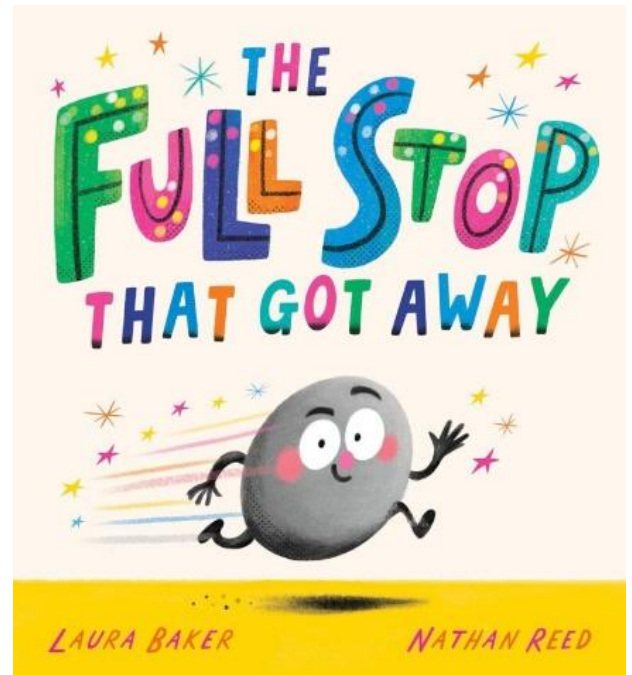
Ideal for fans of *The Day the Crayons Quit*

Our Review Panel says...

*This is such a fun story that will have children letting their imagination fly and remembering to punctuate their sentences correctly!*

*Frank is a full stop who never exclaims or questions and likes sentences and stories to come to a succinct end. So when a dragon appears and refuses to let the story end, Frank is not pleased and decides to leave. Cue chaos, carnage, food fights, fire and lots of exclamation marks and ellipsis! When Frank saves the day and swiftly ends the story, Dee the Dragon definitely learns the importance of a full stop, but Frank also learns that sometimes it can be fun to let creativity and imagination loose too.*

Review taken from [www.Booksfortopics.com](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> May. If your child would like to enjoy the school meal on that day, please order via the Arbor App by 20<sup>th</sup> May selecting 'sandwich of the day'.



# VICTORIOUS PICNIC THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

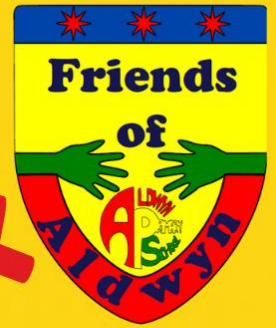
ASSORTED SANDWICHES  
PIZZA SLICE  
SAUSAGE OR CHEESE ROLL  
CARROT STICKS  
CRISPS

ICE LOLLY  
OR  
HOMEMADE BISCUIT



## Victorious Catering

*Fuelling young minds*



# Aldfest

4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:friendsofaldwyn@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org)  
if you are able to support in any way.

Thank You!

