



Aldwyn Primary School

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Please see Autumn Diary Dates within the newsletter

Welcome back!

We have had a wonderful first full week back in school following the summer break. It is great to see the children excited and ready to learn. September is always a lovely time of the year when we can welcome our new families to the Aldwyn community and catch up with our families who are returning to school following the summer break. We hope the children have enjoyed their first week as much as we have enjoyed ours and we look forward to the great half term ahead of us.

The children look very smart in their school uniforms, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that they have the full and correct school uniform, including black school shoes and not trainers. Some of the classes have already had their first PE session for the year and many children have brought their PE kit into school already. If your child has not yet brought their kit, please can you make sure it is in school for Monday.

Indoor PE Kit

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Pumps or trainers with non-marking sole for indoor games
- Bare feet for gymnastics

Outdoor PE Kit

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Plain black/navy zip through hoodie (optional)
- Trainers

Children will not be permitted to participate in PE wearing their school jumper or fleece.

Children must get changed for PE.

After school activity clubs

Our after school activity clubs started back this week. There are some spaces still available. Sports activity clubs can be booked and paid for through Arbor and Spanish Club will be paid directly with Yolanda (Yolanda.mansilla@outlook.com)

Monday –Spanish Club

Tuesday – Y4/5/6 Boys football

Wednesday – KS2 Girls football, Spanish club

Thursday - Y1/2 Multisports

Friday – Y2/3 football



Good attendance and punctuality continue to be a priority at Aldwyn. We have a Trust target of 95% whole school attendance for each of the schools in the Trust. We have made a great start to this term and our attendance for this week is above the Trust target. Good attendance can be achieved by all when families and schools work well together.

What can you do to help your child attend school regularly?

- Talk to your child about school
- Take a positive interest in your child's work, including homework
- Make sure your child knows why school is important
- Get everything ready for school the night before
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays
- Take holidays during school holidays 2026 -2027 holiday dates are available on the school website)
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness (you will know!)
- If your child is slightly under the weather, still send them into school – children often start feeling better as the day goes on and they get busy, and if the school is worried, we will call you.



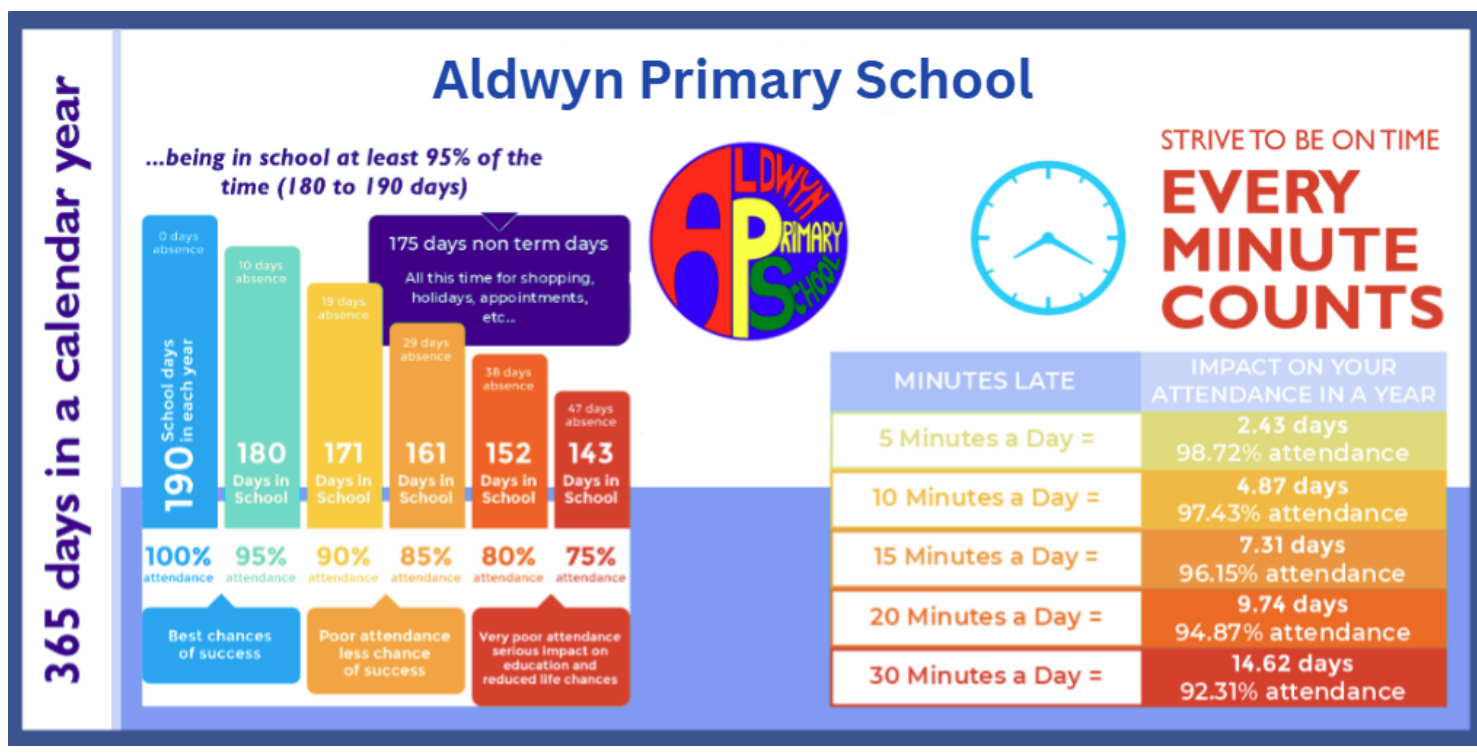
Attendance for this week

97.97%



Congratulations to RA, 1PD, 1PE, 2H, 2S, 3M, 4C, 4KO, 3KO and 6T who all achieved the Victorious Trust target this week and 11 classes who had attendance above 96% Amazing!

Well Done!



Year 2's Mysterious Visitor!

Something very strange has been waddling its way into Year 2 this week!

On Monday, we received a mysterious letter from a special friend. The letter explained that we would be sent a special gift – a book – as long as we agreed to follow the rules and read a few pages every day

Of course, Year 2 were delighted and quickly wrote back to say that we would love to receive the book and promised to follow the rules.

Just before home time, a mysterious box arrived with Year 2 written on it. Unfortunately, it was time to go home, so we had to wait until the next morning to open it. We could hardly wait to find out what was inside!

When we arrived at school the next day, we discovered that the box had been ripped open... and there were black and white feathers scattered all over the floor.

But what had happened?

Our Site Manager, Mr Clark, told us that he had spotted something very fishy on the CCTV. When we watched the footage, we couldn't believe our eyes! There was a penguin waddling around school! It had been spotted in the library, in Reception and even in Mr Beaty's and Mrs Clark's offices!

Now the great penguin hunt is underway!

Some of the children in Year 2 have already made missing penguin posters to help us find our mysterious visitor.



We were excited to welcome Max from Front Row Music back to school for a fantastic assembly all about guitars and ukuleles. The children really enjoyed singing along to some familiar songs and learning more about the instruments. Everyone was especially amazed by Max's electric ukulele – it was definitely a highlight of the assembly!

Here is a message from the Front Row team:

We absolutely loved meeting the children in assembly this week and are pleased to inform you that we are going to be offering guitar and ukulele and your child has the opportunity to learn with us.

For more information about the lessons please see the letter that was emailed on Tuesday where you'll find a clickable link to sign up – or you can sign up directly here: <https://frontrow-music.com/signup/>

Please note places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis - so don't delay!



Mobile Phone-Free School Environment

At Aldwyn Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, focused and positive learning environment for all children. To support this, we operate as a mobile phone-free school in line with Department for Education guidance.

Our Expectations

Children should not bring mobile phones, smart watches or other internet-enabled devices to school.

This applies throughout the school day, including before school, breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school while pupils remain on site.

The school does not operate a "Bring Your Own Device" scheme. Children use school-provided technology for learning.

Why Are We Doing This?

Keeping mobile phones out of school helps to:

- Reduce distractions and improve concentration in lessons.
- Prevent disruption to learning.
- Reduce opportunities for online bullying or inappropriate use of technology.
- Support children's wellbeing and safety.

Children are also taught about online safety and the responsible use of technology through our curriculum.

Exception for Some Year 5 and 6 Pupils

We recognise that some children in Years 5 and 6 walk to and from school independently and may need a phone for their journey.

In these cases:

- Phones must be handed directly to the class teacher on arrival.
- Phones will be stored securely during the day.
- Children can collect them at the end of the school day.

Children who are accompanied by an adult to and from school should leave mobile phones at home.

Parents and Visitors

We ask all parents, carers, visitors and volunteers to support our phone-free environment by:

- Ensuring children do not bring phones to school unless they meet the Year 5/6 exception above.
- Using the school office as the first point of contact if they need to pass a message to their child during the school day.
- Keeping mobile phones out of sight during school events wherever possible.
- Not taking photographs or recordings of pupils unless specific permission has been given by the school.

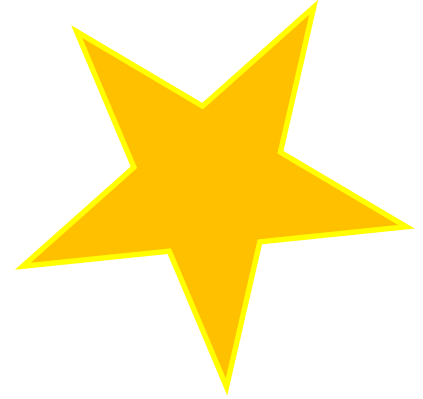
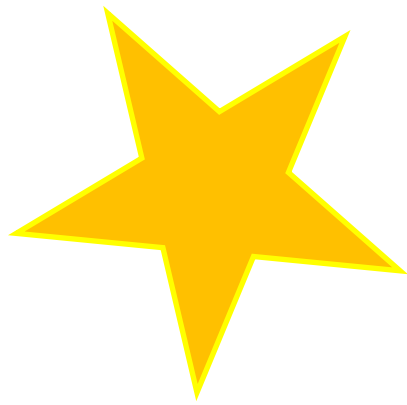
If a Child Brings a Phone to School

If a phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be collected by staff and stored safely until the end of the day. Repeated incidents may be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Medical or Additional Needs

If your child requires a device for medical reasons, a special educational need or another agreed purpose, please contact Mr Beaty so that appropriate arrangements can be discussed and put in place.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, calm and focused learning environment for all our pupils.



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:**

Uzwa	Akolade	Milo	Reeva	Ariana	Serenity
Oscar	Leonora	Amelia	Ella	Alba	Koven
Polly	Dennie	Theo	Georgia	Kye	Jessica
Luke	Sienna	Harry	George	Dolcie	Jolan

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:

Rory	Joseph	Riley	Emmie
Finley	Aiza	Shiloh	Max
Mason	Bobby	Deacon	Rihanna
Jacob	Ava	Mikey	Millie
Dennie	Maisie	Isaac	Hayaan
Holly	Ms Mountfield - Radley		

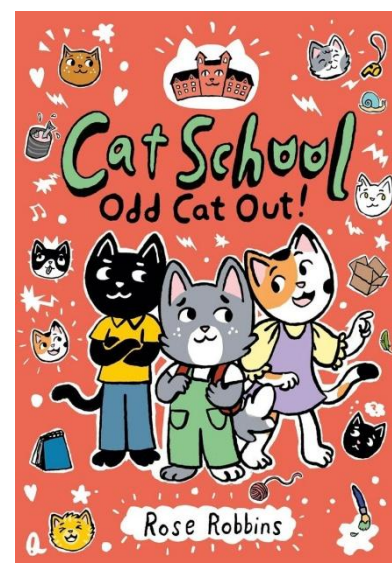


Aldwyn Book Corner

Cat School: Odd Cat out!

By Rose Robbins

Graphic novel



Cat School 'Odd Cat Out' is a heart-warming graphic novel that is perfect for young readers, particularly those interested in cats!

It is a story with strong inclusivity and shares experiences of neurodiversity in a sensitive, child-friendly way. The story offers a unique take on starting school and follows Tangle, Eno and Pelly as they start Cat School. One of the main characters, Pelly, is a neurodivergent kitten who knows she is a little different and tries to hide her true self so that she can fit in. The story explores the challenges of starting school, while ultimately celebrating what makes each of us unique. The book is based on the author's own experiences of autism and growing up.

The illustrations use a simple white-and-orange colour a warm and calm feel. There are also fun 'lesson' pages throughout, marked with a cat-shaped lightbulb, where readers can discover interesting facts about cats, such as learning about yowling – I learnt many new facts about cats in this story! Another interactive touch is the step-by-step guide at the end showing readers how to draw their own cat character.

This is a gentle, positive read for children about starting school and learning about how we are all different. Odd Cat Out is the first book in a planned trilogy; I will certainly be reading the next two!

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



Parking Around Aldwyn

We understand that it can be difficult to find car parking in the immediate area around school and that this can be frustrating when you are short on time in the mornings. This is made more difficult by school being co-located with Thomas Ashton School. We encourage all of our parents to drive and park considerately. Parents should not park on or keep clear markings or across the drive ways of residents. We have had several complaints this week where local residents have been blocked in on their driveways and unable to get off their property.

Wherever possible, we encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school. As a school we continue to take part in the Walk to School Challenge. Children who make 1 active journey a week will receive a walk to school badge at the end of each month. Don't worry, even if you live further away from school, your child can still have an active journey by parking your vehicle further away from school and walking the remainder of your journey.

School Car Park

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.

As Thomas Ashton School numbers have now increased, there is more activity on the car park with many of the pupils arriving via taxi or minibus at staggered times through the morning and afternoon.

Any families parking during those times will be asked to leave the car park.

We must also remind families not to use the service road as a walking route to access the back of school. This is not a safe route due to the delivery and school transport vehicles that use the road throughout the day.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



Autumn Term 2026 Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year Groups Involved
21st September - 2nd October	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
23rd September	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 6
30th September	European Day of Languages	All
7th October	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 4
9th October	World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)	Whole School
12th October	2027 Intake Open Evening	2027 potential applicants
14th October	Flu Vaccinations	Rec to Year 6
14th October	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 3
w/c 19th October	PGL Fundraising Walk	Year 6
20th October	EYFS Harvest Assembly	Nur & Rec
21st October	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 2
21st October	Parents Evening	All Years
22nd October	Year 1 / 2 Harvest Assembly	Year 1 & 2
Half Term		

Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time. This is not an exhaustive list of events but a calendar of key events that will happen during the term.
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Publish Date	Event	Year Groups
3rd November	Year 3 / 4 Glow Disco	Year 3 & 4
4th November	Individual & Sibling Photos	Whole School
4th November	Year 5 / 6 Glow Disco	Year 5 & 6
5th November	Year 1 / 2 Glow Disco	Year 1 & 2
9th November	EYFS Glow Disco	Nur & Rec
11th November	Shakespeare Performance	Year 6
13th November	Children In Need (Own Clothes)	Whole School
18th November	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 1
20th November	Scroogical Pantomime	Years 3 - 6
24th November	Year 5 Art Gallery Visit	Year 5
25th November	Parents Come Dine With Me	Reception
30th Nov - 3rd Dec	Bikeability	Year 6
2nd December	Parents Come Dine With Me	Year 5
2nd December	Antartica Day	Year 4
4th December	Christmas Fair	Whole School
9/10th December	9/10th December	Nur & Rec
11th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
14th December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Carol Concert	Year 1 & 2
15th December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Party	Year 1 & 2
15th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's	Years 3 - 6
16th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party	Year 3 & 4
17th December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 & 6

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Year 6 applications for high school. Application portal is now open.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING DATES AND TIMES

SCHOOL NAME	OPEN EVENING	TIME
Alder Community High School (Community)	Thursday 8 th October 2026 https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk	4:30pm – 6:30pm
All Saints Catholic College (Voluntary Academy)	Wednesday 7 th October 2026 https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Audenshaw School (Academy)	Thursday 8 th October 2026 http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Denton Community Academy (Academy)	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026 https://dca.northerneducationtrust.org	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Dixons Ashton (Academy)	Thursday 8 th October 2026 http://www.dixonsash.com	5.00pm – 8:00pm
Dixons Pennine Academy (Academy)	Thursday 8 th October 2026 https://www.dixonspa.com	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Droylsden Academy (Academy)	Thursday 24 th September 2026 https://www.droylsdenacademy.com	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Fairfield High School for Girls (Academy)	Thursday 1 st October 2026 https://www.fairfieldhighschool.co.uk	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hyde High School (Academy)	Thursday 1 st October 2026 http://www.hydehighschool.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Laurus Ryecroft High School (Free School)	Wednesday 7 th October 2026 https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Longdendale High School (Academy)	Thursday 24 th September 2026 https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Mossley Hollins High School (Academy)	Thursday 1 st October 2026 https://www.mossleyhollins.com	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Rayner Stephens High School (Academy)	Thursday 24 th September 2026 https://raynerstephens.org.uk	4:30pm – 8:00pm
St Damian's RC Science College (Voluntary Aided)	Monday 28 th September 2026 https://www.stdamians.co.uk	5:30pm – 7:30pm
St Thomas More RC College (Voluntary Aided)	Thursday 24 th September 2026 https://www.stmcollege.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
West Hill School (Academy)	Thursday 24 th September 2026 https://www.westhillschool.co.uk	4:30pm – 7:00pm

Information is correct at time of writing. Please check individual schools' web sites before you plan your visit.

Apply online: www.tameside.gov.uk

Admissions Team: 0161 342 4004

Applications for Tameside residents must be made via
www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions by 31st October 2026