



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 16th October 2026



Tuesday 20th October - 9am EYFS Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 21st October 12-12.30pm Y2 Come Dine With Me
Wednesday 21st October 3.30-6.30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd October – 9am KS1 Harvest Assembly
Friday 23rd October – 10am Y6 Sponsored Walk



This week in their Woodland Explorers session, Year 2 enjoyed being creative in the natural environment. They made their own wood sprites using mud as a natural paint and decorated them with a variety of woodland treasures including leaves, berries, twigs and other natural materials they found on the forest floor.

The children carefully selected and arranged their materials to create unique woodland characters, using their imagination and creativity. This activity encouraged them to explore nature closely, develop their artistic skills and appreciate the beauty of the outdoors.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 explorers worked together in teams to create dens which were then tested to see how weatherproof they would be.

It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm as they worked together, shared ideas and proudly showed off their finished creations.

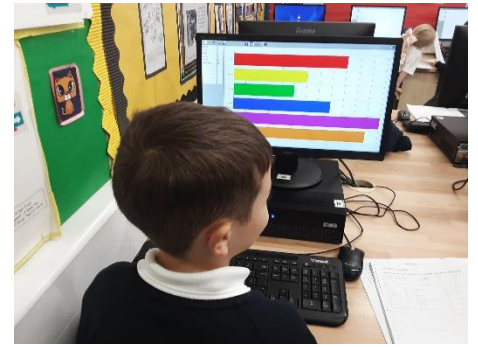


As part of our geography learning, Year 2 continued to explore the question, 'Why are our habitats special?'

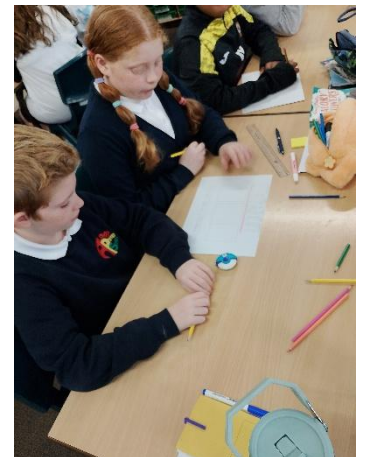
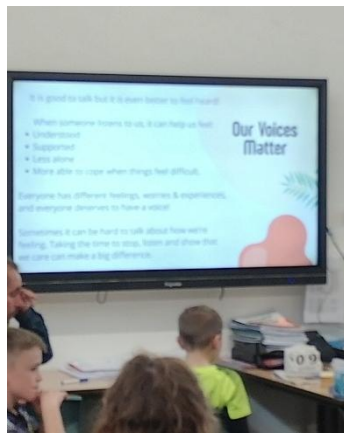
Building on the information they gathered during last week's visit to our local woodland area, the children used their tally chart to create a range of graphs in the computer suite using 2Create a Graph.

The children entered their data into the programme and explored how to present their findings in different graphical formats. They created graphs to represent the variety of plants and animals living in our woodland habitat, helping them to organise and display their information clearly. They then compared the data, looked for patterns and discussed which plants and animals they had observed.

Through this activity, the children developed their geographical and digital skills, learning how technology can help us present and interpret information about the world around us. They also deepened their understanding of woodland habitats and the importance of providing food, water and shelter for the plants and animals that live there.



To celebrate World Mental Health Day, Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful session led by our very own mental health practitioner, Claudia. This year's theme focused on having our voices heard, and Claudia encouraged the children to think about what it means to be a good listener and how we can support others by listening well. The session ended with the children creating thoughtful posters, which we hope to display around the school. Well done Year 6 for your fantastic engagement and ideas!





Attendance for this week

95.9%

Congratulations to Nursery, 1PD, 2S,

3F, 4KO, 4C, 5H, 6T

who all achieved the Victorious Trust target this week.

Well Done!



Aldwyn Primary School

...being in school at least 95% of the time (180 to 190 days)



STRIVE TO BE ON TIME

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 Minutes a Day =	2.43 days 98.72% attendance
10 Minutes a Day =	4.87 days 97.43% attendance
15 Minutes a Day =	7.31 days 96.15% attendance
20 Minutes a Day =	9.74 days 94.87% attendance
30 Minutes a Day =	14.62 days 92.31% attendance

This week, Year 2 have been having lots of fun exploring the exciting world of cheerleading! The children have been learning new moves, and discovering how important teamwork, coordination and confidence are.

We have been very lucky to welcome Miss Scrivner, a student from Ashton Six Form College, who has been sharing her passion and expertise in cheerleading with our class. As a coach at Elements Extreme, The Empire, Miss Scrivner has been helping the children develop new skills, learn exciting techniques and, most importantly, enjoy themselves along the way!

It has been lovely to see the children cheering each other on, supporting their friends and showing such enthusiasm as they try something new. They have worked brilliantly together and should be very proud of all they have achieved this week.

Well done, Year 2 - you have certainly given us something to cheer about!



Last Thursday evening our girls' football team had a fantastic tournament at Sports First Autumn Cup at the Longendale Football Centre in Hattersley, finishing 4th after an incredibly close sudden-death penalty shootout to decide 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.

Throughout the evening, the girls impressed everyone with their skill, teamwork and determination, earning praise from coaches across the tournament.

A special congratulations goes to our goalkeeper, Faith, who was awarded Keeper of the Tournament for her outstanding resilience, determination and brilliant performances.

We are so proud of them all!



A group of our Year 2 boys had a fantastic morning representing Aldwyn at a football tournament held at Manchester City's training ground last Friday. The boys got off to a flying start, topping their group in the group stages with some impressive victories, including emphatic 5-0 and 9-0 wins, securing their place in the finals. After a very tough match against the team that went on to win the tournament, the boys showed great resilience and determination in the next round. Through excellent teamwork and perseverance, they battled hard to secure an excellent and well-deserved third place overall!

The adventure began with a tram journey to the tournament, where the ticket inspector was so impressed with the boys' behaviour that he told us they were the best-behaved children he had ever seen on a tram! Another memorable highlight was having one of their matches refereed by Manchester City academy player Floyd Samba, who very kindly agreed to pose for a photo after the game alongside fellow academy player Dante Headley. The boys should be incredibly proud of their football, sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

Well done, Aldwyn!



Keeping Everyone Safe Around Our School



We would like to kindly remind everyone about the importance of driving and parking safely around school, particularly during the busy morning drop-off and afternoon collection times.

At these times, there are lots of children and families walking, crossing roads and getting in and out of vehicles. Please help us to keep everyone safe by driving slowly and carefully, parking considerately and keeping entrances, crossings, pavements and access points clear.

Where possible, please park a little further away and walk the final part of your journey. A few extra minutes can make a real difference in reducing congestion around the school gates.

We know that mornings and home time can be busy, but no journey is so rushed that it is worth putting a child or another member of our school community at risk of accident or injury.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to make the area around school as safe as possible for everyone.

Also, a reminder that our car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents.

Harvest Assemblies

We will be carrying out our Harvest Assemblies at the end of term. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the Droylsden Food Bank, donations should be brought into school by Monday 19th October. All assemblies begin at 9am and parents are welcome to join us.

Tuesday 20th October – EYFS

Thursday 22nd October – Y1/2

The food bank would be grateful to receive any products off the list below. They will also accept donations of essential toiletries and hygiene products.

Tinned meat	Fruit juice	Lentils
Tinned vegetables	Cereal	Pulses
Tea	Soup	Tinned tomatoes
Coffee	Pasta	
Tinned fruit	Rice	
Biscuits	Pasta sauce	



Please send entries
to Mr Mitchell by
Wednesday 4th
November

BBC

500 WORDS



A fun, creative story writing competition.

Opens for entries

Tuesday 29 September – Friday 6 November 2026

No need to worry about spelling,
punctuation or grammar!

Prizes for
the bronze, silver
and gold winners!!

Write a
STORY
you would
love to read

Ages
5 – 11

Find out more and enter at

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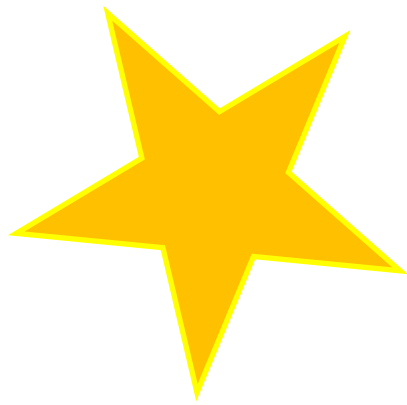
Parents Come Dine With Me

We enjoyed welcoming many of our Year 3 parents to 'Come Dine with Us' on Wednesday dinner time. It was a great opportunity for the children to enjoy sharing a school lunchtime with their adults. Thank you to Mrs Phillips and her wonderful team in the kitchen for facilitating the event.

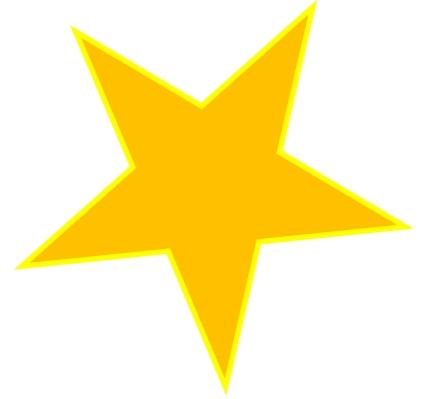
Our next Come Dine with Me is for Year 2 families and will take place on Wednesday 21st October. Parents wishing to attend must book via the Arbor shop by 23.59pm on Friday 16th October.

We are not able to take bookings after the cut-off date.





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:**

Isobel	Havantika	Elijah	Erin	Evelyn	Kasen
Noah	Jack	William	Edie	Alfie	Parker
Alivia	Jasper	Sienna	Rae	Arthur	Elsie
Emilia	Hafsa	Jake	Lily-May	Olivia	Grady
	Leo	Ava Rose	Rose	Arianna	

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.



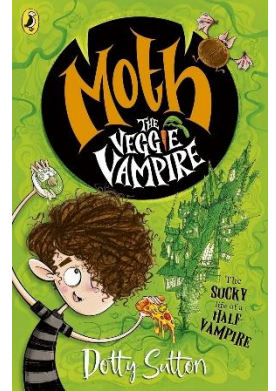
This week we celebrate the birthdays of:

Willow	Hayden	Luke	Macie
Ahmad	Noah		



Aldwyn Book Corner

Moth the Veggie Vampire



The hilarious new illustrated series perfect for fans of Loki, Amelia Fang and Hotel Transylvania.

Ever wondered what it's like to be a vampire?

To be super strong, super fast and super naughty? To sleep all day and party all night? Cool, right?

But what if you're only half-vampire? Super awkward, super anxious and super allergic to garlic dip?

I'm Moth, and this is the story of how my sucky life got kinda better thanks to a girl called Mina, a plant called Gary and my best friend Biscuit (who is a bat).

Fangs for reading!

Our Review Panel says...

Do you love scary things? Like bats, spiders, ghosts and vampires? Everyone knows that vampires are super fast, naughty and party all night. But what if you are super awkward and allergic to garlic – can you still be one? Enter Moth, the half-Vampire: neither fully fanged nor wholly human.

This hilarious highly-illustrated series by Dotty Sutton is perfect for ages 7+. A twist on the vampire character trope, this is a relatable and funny young chapter book about finding who you are. This is exactly the kind of fun reads that transports you to places you can't reach.

Full of adorable adventures, fun filled characters and beautiful illustrations, this is a funny book readers will want to talk about and share with friends.

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





Autumn Term 2026 Diary Dates

Dates in
yellow indicate a
change to the original
date.

Date	Event	Year
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
24th November	Aladdin Pantomime	Nur , Rec, Year 1 & 2
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	Christmas Performance	Nur & Rec
11th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
14th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's	Years 3 - 6
14th December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 & 6
15th December	EYFS & Year 1 / 2 Christmas Party	Nur & Rec, Year 1 & 2
16th December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Carol Concert	Years 1 & 2
16th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party	Year 3 & 4

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.

On occasion, there may be necessity for a date to change, we will inform parents asap if this is the case.

Tameside Libraries

October Half-Term

Haunted House crafts

Hyde Library

Monday 26th October, 10.30-11.30am

4-11
years

COMPUTER **XPLORERS**

Monday 26th October

Ashton Library

Minecraft Quests 9.30-11am

Digital Animation 11.15-12.45pm

Edison Robotics 1.30-3pm

Victoria Market Hall, Stalybridge

Wednesday 28th October, 2-3pm

Denton Library

Thursday 29th October, 2-3pm

Mossley Library

Friday 30th October, 10.30-11.30am

Explore LEARNING

Ashton Library

Wednesday 28th October, 1-2pm

Friday 30th October, 11am-12pm



Ashton Library

"Goosebumps"

Wednesday 28th October from 2pm

Sensory Screening

"Room on the Broom"

Saturday 31st October from 1pm

Augmented Reality Colouring

Tuesday 27th October

Ashton Library, 10am-1pm

12-18
years

4-11
years



Wednesday 28th October

Ashton Library, 11am-12pm

Pop-Up Library in the Park

Friday 30th October

Cedar Park, Ashton, 10am-1pm



Must be booked via

eventbrite



tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk



**Green
Libraries
Week**

0161 342 4000 / information.direct@tameside.gov.uk

Lantern Making Workshops

with Handmade Parade



Join Handmade Parade to create your very own magical lantern this October half term, and be part of the Tameside Northern Lights Lantern Parade!

This year's parade theme is The Hare and the Moon, a joyful, magical procession rooted in Tameside's landscape, wildlife, and imagination. We'll be making lanterns to help bring the parade story to life.

Collect your Lantern on the day of our annual Tameside Northern Lights Lantern Parade, Saturday 14 November 2026, and either join in the parade or line the route - lighting the way for all the beautiful puppets and dancers!

These Lanterns will dry over the course of a few days, and stored safely until the parade. You will be able to collect them from Ashton Old Baths, Ashton Under Lyne, from 3pm on Saturday 14 November and the Lantern Parade will commence at 5pm.

More details about the Parade can be found [here](#). We recommend coming for as much of the session as you can, so you're not rushing.

Each ticket is for anyone who wants to make a lantern, adult or child! If you are just coming to supervise someone who is making a lantern, but not making one yourself, you won't need a ticket of your own.

If you have any questions, please email events@tameside.gov.uk

Book here





HALLOWEEN **THEATRE WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2026

9AM-3PM





**ROUTE
ONE**
JUNIOR
PERFORMANCE
DEVELOPMENT

Enhancing Skillset. Opportunities to perform.



October Holiday Camp Dates

FULL DAY 9AM-3PM*

Tuesday To Friday

Denton West End
AFC

Ages 6-13 Boys & Girls

Contact Liam Hogan - 07969433767

27th 28th 29th 30th October

*Half Day Option 9-12 Available

