



Aldwyn Primary School

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Looking Ahead...

Wednesday 7th October – Y4 Come Dine with Me
Friday 9th October – World Mental Health Day – wear yellow
Wednesday 14th October – Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 20th October - 9am EYFS Harvest Assembly
Thursday 22nd October – 9am KS1 Harvest Assembly

This week in Nursery we had the grand opening of our own 'Costa Coffee'!

The children have enjoyed playing in our new role play area, making and taking orders.

Some children chose to work in the 'factory' making cakes to be sent to Costa to be sold and others wanted to work in the delivery area.

Any donations of Costa coffee cups would be greatly appreciated



COSTA

COFFEE





Attendance for this week

96.03%

Congratulations to Nursery, RA, RH, 1PD, 2S, 2H,

3M, 4C, 5C, 6T

who all achieved the Victorious Trust target this week.

Well Done!



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...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

✈ Planning a Family Holiday?

We all love having something to look forward to, but when you're planning your next family holiday, please check the school calendar before you book.

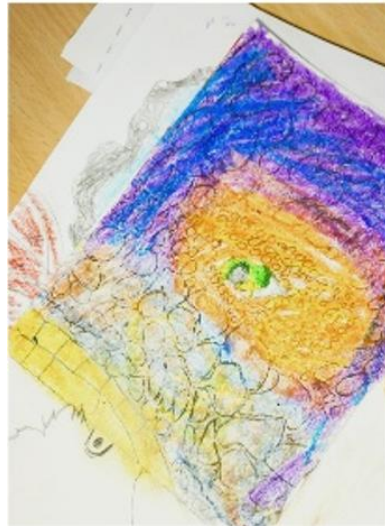
Taking children out of school during term time means they miss valuable learning and important time with their class, which can be difficult to catch up on. Wherever possible, we ask families to book holidays during the school holiday periods instead.

Please remember that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may result in parents/carers receiving a penalty notice fine.

We really appreciate your support in helping us maintain good attendance and ensuring our children get the very most from every day at school.

Every day really does matter. Thank you for your continued support!

Year 4 have been making view finders in art so that they can focus on small areas of a larger picture. They zoomed in on pictures of different rainforest animals so that they could carefully draw their intricate patterns and copy their vibrant colours.



This week, in Geography, Year 2 have been busy exploring our local area! We have been learning about the different human and physical features around us and used Google Earth to help us locate them. We particularly enjoyed finding different features and seeing what they look like from above. We then explored OS map symbols, looking at how different symbols are used to represent places and features on a map. To put our learning into practice, we designed our own symbols to represent the features we had discovered.



This year we are looking for some fantastic entries for this year's 500 Words competition, hosted by the B.B.C.

500 Words is the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. This year, entries open from 8am, Tuesday 29 September and will close at 9pm, Friday 6 November.



The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to create an original story in 500 words or fewer.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity!

This year, the celebrity panel of judges include Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon, Sir Lenny Henry, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Rose Ayling-Ellis.

The winning stories will be revealed on a special 500 Words Programme with The One Show on World Book Day, hosted by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp, celebrating the imagination and talent of young writers across the UK, including some of our 50 finalists. Gold, Silver and Bronze in each category will have their stories read by celebrities on the BBC in early March. More details will be announced in the coming weeks. They will also receive a framed illustration of their story, created by one of Britain's best children's illustrators - [read more](#) about why our illustrators make them the perfect pick. The illustrations, alongside the winning stories, will be published in a special 500 Words winners' book.

Not only that, winners will take home a National Book Token to spend on books of their choice.

Gold winners - £75 voucher Silver winners - £50 voucher Bronze winners - £25 voucher

The gold winners' schools will also receive 500 books for their school library.

The top 50 entrants (25 from each category) will have their story recorded and published on the 500 Words website.

As an added incentive for schools to enter, every story (excluding bronze, silver and gold winners) will be entered into a random draw. The winning entrant will receive a bundle of books for themselves and their school will also receive 500 books and a literacy wall art, installed by Promote Your School. It only takes one submission per school to be entered in the draw.

There are very few rules for 500 Words but a few points to remember when writing a story.

All 500 Words stories must:

Be 500 words or fewer (title is not included in the number)

Be written by an individual and not a group

Be a child's own original idea

Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI
- Contain unsuitable material, such as; graphic violence, bad language and offensive content.

They must be suitable for a primary aged audience.

In every 500 Words competition, all stories are judged anonymously on the following criteria:

Characterisation

Plot

Originality

Language

Enjoyment

If your child is aged between 5 and 11 and has an entry that is 500 words or less, please can you hand this entry to Mr. Mitchell in Year 6 or your class teacher. We can't wait to see what your children will come up with.

European Day Of Languages

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday when we marked European Day of Languages. The theme of the day this year was 'Languages Unite' and children worked with their 'twinning' class to share activities, learning and food.

Across school children were learning to count in different languages, join in with action songs and rhymes and celebrating music from other nations. Many classes enjoyed learning about artists from other countries and made their own art in the style of that artist or movement.

There was also lots of different foods to try - some more popular than others!



Our Year 5/6 girls had a fantastic time at the Pokemon Cup football event, playing four games and finishing the group stage top of the table! The team recorded two wins and two draws, securing their place in the next round. The girls showed amazing sportsmanship, teamwork and conduct throughout the event, supporting one another and representing the school brilliantly.

A special mention goes to Dolcie, who completed a fantastic hat-trick!

Well done to all the girls — a brilliant team performance and a great achievement. We can't wait to see how they get on in the next round!



This week, Year 2 took part in an exciting **Big Debate**:

Should pirates live on the playground?

The children enjoyed sharing their ideas, listening carefully to different opinions and giving reasons to support their views. They practised using persuasive language and responding thoughtfully to what others had to say.

Our budding debaters used sentence starters such as:

For:

- "I think pirates should live on the playground because..."
- "Another reason is..."
- "I agree with ___ because..."
- "Imagine if we could..."

Against:

- "I disagree because..."
- "My reason is..."
- "This could be a problem because..."
- "It would be safer if..."



The children confidently expressed their opinions, giving reasons and respectfully challenging different points of view. Well done Year 2!

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Year 5 enjoyed bringing poetry to life through the exciting world of the Vikings!

Using the poem from *Viking Boy*, the children explored the language, rhythm and characters within the poem before working together to act it out and perform it. They used expression, movement and dramatic voices to really bring the poem to life.

It was fantastic to see the children working collaboratively and growing in confidence as they performed in front of their classmates. There were some brilliant performances, with lots of enthusiasm, creativity and plenty of Viking spirit!



The Flu Vaccination sessions will take place on the 14th October



This year the link for consent will be sent directly from the NHS. Please scroll down to the bottom of the email to click on the link. This link will give you the opportunity to consent for either the Nasal Spray or the IM Injection. You can also refuse the vaccine via this link.

If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact IntraHealth directly on 03333583397 option 1, 6 then 1

Breakfast & After School Club Reminder

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club continue to be extremely popular and many sessions are currently reaching full capacity.

To avoid disappointment, we kindly remind parents that all bookings must be made in advance via Arbor. If a child arrives at the club without a booking and the session is already full, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

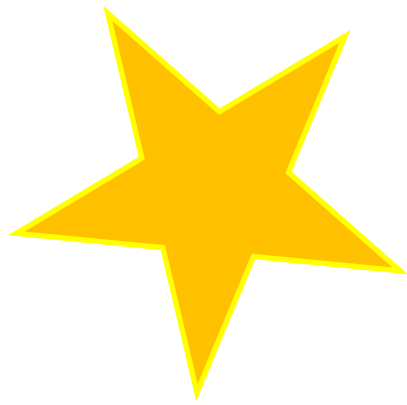
Please note:

- Bookings can only be made through Arbor.
- Dates are available to book in advance.
- Bookings for the following month open on the 15th of the previous month (for example, November bookings become available on 15 October).
- All bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- Children should not attend Breakfast or After School Club unless they have a confirmed booking.
- A register is taken at the door and children who are not booked in may be refused entry if the session is full.

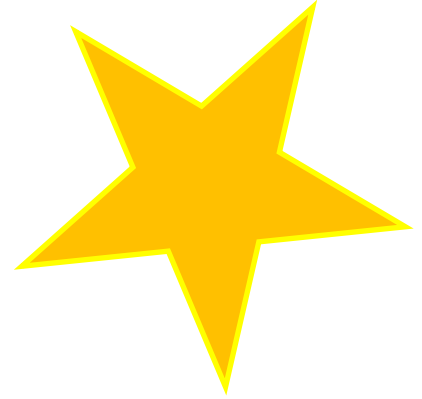
Payment Information

- Payment is required at the point of booking.
- We do accept childcare vouchers. If you would like to use this payment method, please contact the school office so we can assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage our clubs safely and ensure that we maintain appropriate staffing ratios for all children.



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	Ravi	Otis	Luna	Ali	Kyle
Archie	Amelia	Reggie	Muhammad	Henry	Bethany
Millie	Grace	Maddison	Imogen	Oscar	Ahmad
Albie	Alayna	Faith	Carter	Ahmed	Freya
	Lily	Dawud	George	Rose	

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:

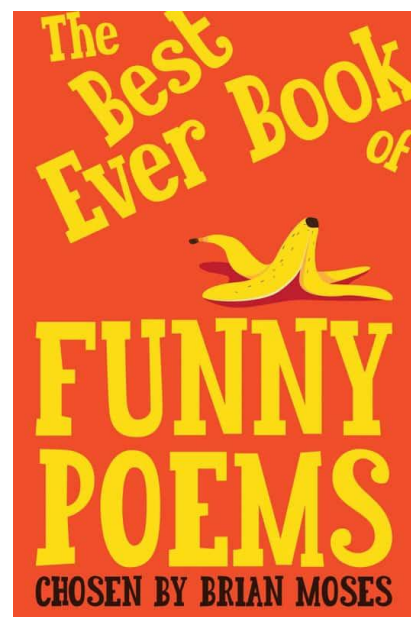
Arabella	Parker	Noah	Mehek
Olive	Freya	Miss Wilkinson	Miss Hutton



Aldwyn Book Corner

The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems

The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems is a brilliantly funny anthology of the most giggle-worthy children's poems from one of the nations most celebrated children's poets, Brian Moses.



Perfect for gifting and for reading aloud, you'll be chortling along with Brian as he shows you the funniest poems in the world! Explore chucklesome poems about pets, funny creatures, school, family, fantasy and fairy-tales, dinosaurs and dragons, space, and just plain SILLY poems. With poets such as Brian Bilston, Sue Hardy-Dawson, Pie Corbett and Paul Cookson next to Liz Brownlee, Mike Jubb, James Carter and Rachel Rooney, this is the ultimate hysterical collection of rib-tickling poems guaranteed to make you laugh out loud.

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



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