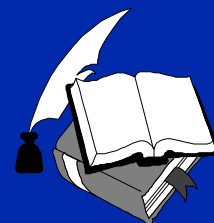


Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter



4th September 2026

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. Next week, our new reception starters will also be joining us and I know you will all help to make sure they feel welcome.

It has been a fabulous start to the year and the children are all settled in. As a whole school, we have started having discussions relating to our focus school value Community: teamwork and co-operation. In classes, the children have been getting used to the class routine, a slightly adjusted timetable which includes a daily walk and their introduction to their new themes.

School Uniform

It is always a pleasure to see the children in new uniforms in September. We are keen to encourage swaps and reuse of uniform as part of our commitment to sustainability. As such, this year, we will be encouraging opportunities for a swap shop.

A reminder please that our school uniform is

- white polo shirt
- grey or black trousers or shorts
- grey skirt or dress
- royal blue jumper or cardigan

PE shirts must also be a plain T-shirt of the correct team colour. Football shirts or other patterned or logoed tops are not part of our school uniform and are not permitted. We urge families to adhere to these rules as it makes things easier for everyone when families ensure that children wear the correct clothing.

As a school, we are flexible and try to accommodate individual needs but colour schemes are not negotiable.

School Meals

After a bit of a freeze, we have raised the cost of school hot dinners to be in line with Government recommendations, therefore the cost of a school lunch is now £2.66.

The office have shared information about reapplying for free school meals. Please make sure that you do this to check your eligibility.

Parent engagement and events

We have been having lots of staff discussion about how to improve our family engagement and make this more purposeful. As such we are looking to make some changes next year which we'll share in the Autumn term. If you would like to contribute or share your own views about what works, what doesn't and what ideas you have, please do so via [this form](#).

There is no family event next week.