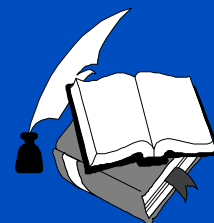


Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

25th September 2026



Dear Families,

We have continued our conversations about communities this week. Over past weeks we have considered different communities that we are a part of and the teamwork and cooperation needed. This week, we thought about communities that exist that we might not want to be a part of. We considered shared interests, beliefs and values being an important part of a community. We also considered how we all belong to a range of communities including family, school, groups/teams, a local community and that there are also online communities. We spoke about what to do if we find ourself in a situation that doesn't feel healthy or safe and who we can reach out to and tell if we are worried. This discussion relates to a range of contexts and is part of our safeguarding and prevent education for our children. It is an important message and you may wish to discuss it further at home.

In recent news, there has been lots of discussion about Benedict's Law. As a school, we have purchased anaphylaxis pens for children of different ages (actually categorised by weight). Our policy relating to Allergy Management will be shared with Governors for approval before being shared with parents, but I wanted to reassure you that we are already compliant with the requirements. All of our staff are fully trained in First Aid, including allergy awareness. However in response to the legislation, additional training has also been provided for staff. Please ensure that you keep school updated with any changes to your child's medical needs including allergies and any other health related information.

Before the summer, we asked parents if anyone would like to become a Parent Governor. As a result, we are pleased to share that our new Parent Governor is Laura Walsham. We welcome her to the Governing Body and this important role.

Next Week:

Monday 28th September: Teambuilding Day for KS2

Thursday 1st October: International Day. Parents invited for an assembly at 2:45pm



Rauf Class make electrical circuits

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.1%

Whole school attendance this year is 93.5%

Class Information

Class 1—R/1 Donaldson Class

Teacher: Ms Harrison

Support: Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Causer

Class 2—1/2 Potter Class

Teacher Mrs Wardill

Support: Mrs Mascall, Mrs Wainwright, Miss Duffy

Class 3—3/4 Dahl Class

Teacher Mr Turner

Support: Mrs Oldale, Mrs Ainley, Mr Jameson

Class 4—5/6 Rauf Class

Teacher: Mrs Topping

Support: Ms Godwin, Miss Hazzard, Miss Ahmed

Weekly Round Up - by our young reporters

Donaldson Class have been reading 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and have been talking about friendships and conflict. In maths, they have been counting to ten. In art they have been painting their portraits. They have been looking at Autumn treasures such as leaves, acorns and conkers and have been learning about squirrels. They have also been playing outside in the house learning how to make friendships.

Potter Class have been writing narratives in English and have been reading the book 'Puffin Peter.' In maths they have been counting and using number bonds to ten and twenty. In science they have been learning about habitats. They have also been learning about Octavia Hill.

Dahl Class have been editing and publishing their entertaining stories. In maths they have been the value of digits as hundreds, tens and ones and how a number changes as digits are moved or removed and in swimming they have been doing front and back strokes, floating and push and glide.

Rauf Class have been multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers, adding and subtracting negative numbers and roman numerals. In science they have been making, creating and testing electrical circuits and they have been finishing their suspense stories in English.

Additional learning at home using a range of sources can support children if they have been absent or if they need to review any areas. You might consider using the following:

[Anton](#) [Oak Academy](#) [BBC Bitesize](#) [Top Marks Maths Games](#) [Top Marks Literacy Games](#)

Well Done



We have changed our awards with the removal of the weekly family assembly. Instead of the assembly, well done cards related to our school values or specific achievements will instead be given out as they are earned. This 'in the moment' recognition offers purposeful recognition and praise for our pupils. We will continue to share who has received awards each week within our newsletter.

This week's awards

Lyra: Helping pick things up when someone had knocked them over

Charmaine: Helping a friend to unbutton their cardigan

Alayah: A brilliant attitude to work and friendships

Scarlett: Recognising a number bond for ten.

Arella: Taking pride and responsibility in class

Emie: Positive attitude to her learning

Stanley: Excellent effort in the maths review task

Ella: A sense of community—sharing classroom equipment with a friend

Darcy: Showing responsibility, organising a class tidy up after a science investigation

Well done everyone, you have been fantastic role models this week.

School Update: Attendance

Our Head Pupils, Madelyn and Hazel have carried out a pupil voice activity this week to find out what our pupils think about attendance.

Our pupils say that school attendance is important because:

- Its important to learn
- It is the law
- It helps children to get a good education for their future

Our pupils think that the following are reasonable reasons to miss school:

- Illness
- Injury
- Not well enough for school

Our pupils think that missing school impacts them in the following ways:

- You won't know what you are learning and what is going on
- You won't know where you are up to in lessons or what to do

Our pupils think that to catch up with missed learning they can:

- Get help from a teacher
- Try really hard at school
- Do extra work
- Watch educational videos

Our pupils think that they could improve their attendance by:

- Being healthy
- Having good hygiene and playing in clean spaces

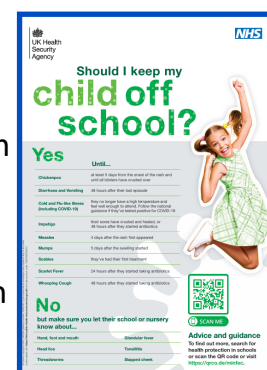
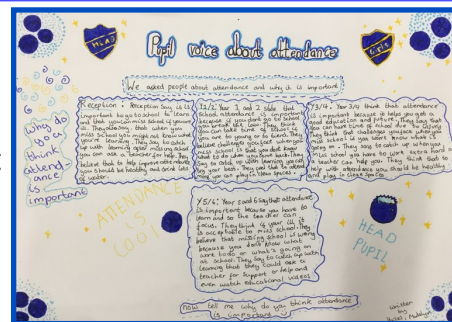
Our teaching follows sequences of learning. Missing school can mean that important steps are not learnt in class which can make it more difficult to understand concepts and develop skills. For example to participate fully in a maths lesson on a Wednesday can be more tricky if they have not learned the first steps in lessons on Monday and Tuesday. Children also benefit from a sense of completion and this can be affected by missing school. For example, children often express frustration when they have planned a piece of writing but do not get the opportunity to write this up.

Please support your child's education by encouraging good attendance. We understand that sometimes children are too poorly for school. We also sometimes have illness and bugs that go around and wish to prevent these from spreading whenever possible. This is a team effort!

Families can help by:

- avoiding appointments being made during school hours
- not booking term time breaks and holidays
- helping children to understand that with minor illnesses, they will be ok in school
- Using resources to help children catch up with missed learning

If you are unsure if your child should attend school due to illness, you can consult the NHS guidance [here](#).



Key Dates

September 2026							1st	Inset Day — school closed for children
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	2nd	Inset Day — school closed for children
	1	2	3	4	5	6	3rd	Years 1-6 Return to school
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7th	Reception Children start school
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	24th	Reading in Reception Parent Information session. Donaldson parents invited 2:40
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28th	Teambuilding day KS2
28	29	30						

October 2026							1st	International Day – Parents invited from 2:45 for team assembly
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	8th	Individual photos
			1	2	3	4	19th	Harvest Festival – All parents welcome at the Emmanuel Church 2:15
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	23rd	Inset Day — school closed for children
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	26 th	Half Term starts
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30	31			

November 2026							2nd	All children return to school
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	11th	Remembrance Service at the Memorial – All families welcome
						1	13th	Children in Need
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	w/c 9th	Pupil Progress meetings with families (Days and times TBC)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17th	Flu vaccinations
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	19th	Rauf Class Assembly – Rauf Class parents welcome from 2:45
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	26th	Dahl Class Assembly – Dahl Class parents welcome from 2:45
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December 2026							3rd	Flu vaccinations (round 2)
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	8th	Dahl Class—Food Discovery Market
	1	2	3	4	5	6	9th	Potter Class trip - details to be shared on Class dojo
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TBC	Donaldson and Potter Nativity Assembly - Times TBC for Donaldson and Potter Class parents
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15th	Christmas Lunch
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	17th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
28	29	30	31				18th	Christmas Sing-a-long Last Day of Term
							21 st	Winter break starts

Parent Information	Parents are invited to attend
New information—Please check ... New information will stay red for 2/3 weeks and then changed to black.	



Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 1

Weeks Commencing

31st Aug, 14th Sep, 28th Sep,
12th Oct, 2nd Nov, 16th Nov
30th Nov, 14th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Butchers Sausage Rolls	Pasta Bake Selection	Stir fried beef and vegetables	Cottage Pie	Fish Fingers
Main 2	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna
Side	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Rice Green beans	Mixed Veg	Chips Peas / Beans
Packed Lunch	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna
Dessert	Fruit Salad	Cornflake Cake	Yoghurt and fruit	Lemon Sponge	Peaches and ice cream



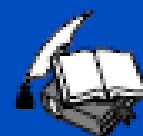
Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 2

Weeks Commencing

7th Sep, 21st Sep, 5th Oct,
19th Oct, 9th Nov, 23rd Nov
7th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Chicken burger	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Curry	Sausages and Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers
Main 2	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna
Side	Sweetcorn Carrots	Garlic bread Peas	Rice Broccoli	Mixed Veg Yorkshire pud	Chips Peas / Beans
Packed Lunch	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna	Sandwich box Cheese/ham/tuna
Dessert	Yoghurt and fruit	Shortbread	Fruit salad	Chocolate Chip Cake	Jelly

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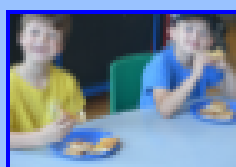
Wrap Around Care 2026-27

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club provision daily 8 - 8:45am

Children can join us for a positive start to the day with play based activities and a healthy breakfast.

Free to attend



After School Care

After school care daily 3:15 - 5:00pm.

Play and leisure activities using both indoor and outdoor areas (including our woodland area) such as sport, cooking, craft, construction and quieter relaxing activities.

A healthy snack such as veg and dip, crackers, cereal, crumpets will be provided at approximately 4:15.

£8.00 per child, per session. Booking on Arbor will need to be made in advance. Emergency on the day booking via phone will be considered but is not guaranteed.

To find out more or to book, please use Arbor call or email the school office 01945 700275 office@aldermanpayne.cambs.sch.uk