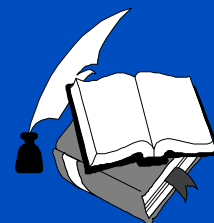


Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

2nd October 2026



Dear Families,

Its been a week of team building and community in school this week. On Monday our Key stage 2 children took part in a team-building morning with our local School Games Organiser. There were a range of activities and the children spent 15 minutes on each task working in mixed teams. All children were really engaged and represented the school well.

On Thursday, the children had a day's learning in their house teams to learn about a country. With a number of curriculum areas covered throughout the day, they took part in poetry, art, music and performance in different ways across the groups and learned facts related to their country too. The children had a range of options at lunch time and many tried something new. The tacos and chicken chow mein were particularly popular and the children have requested that we have these again. Thank you very much to all of the school staff who supported in varying aspects on the day, the children were all well engaged and enjoyed their day. Thank you also to the families who joined us for the short showcase at the end of the day. WE hope that you enjoyed seeing your children take part in something more meaningful. As we have shared before, we will be looking to do more parental events specific to your children and this was a great way to start!

We have shared information about open evenings for secondary school on Class dojo. A reminder that it is a good idea to view all of the options available to you and to use all of your choice options on your application.

Key Dates for your application:

Application closes: 31 October 2026 (Missing the deadline may reduce the likelihood of securing a place at your preferred schools)

National offer Day: 1st March 2027

For those with a child due to start in Reception in September 2027, there will be tours after Half Term - dates available soon.

Next Week:

Thurs 8th October: Individual photos - smart school uniform please.



International Day —using maps

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94.4%

Whole school attendance this year is 93.9%

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 'Leafman' and talking about Autumn changes to leaves. They collected lots of leaves and have made their own leafman collages.

Potter Class have been writing stories and have acting out part of a story. In maths they have been adding on a number line and they have been learning about food chains in science.

Dahl Class have been learning about Anglo-Saxons. In English they have learned how to entertain a reader. IN maths they have been adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

Rauf Class have been doing landscape art using sketching pencils to draw horizons. They have learned about slavery in Africa and about the treatment of people in Africa historically.

All of our pupils have learned about another Country this week as part of international Day. This learning included learning about the geography, flags, lifestyles, indigenous animals, art and poetry. The country was dependent upon the house team, each country selected from a different continent. Yellow Owls learned about Africa, Blue Swifts learned about Australia, Red Eagles learned about Mexico and Green Hawks learned about China.

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



Children can earn well done cards related to our school values or specific achievements. These are given out across the week as they are earned. Well done cards can be related to our school values or for any other academic or personal achievement.

This week's awards

Charmaine: Showing responsibility by tidying resources away into the right place and tidying for others too

Alfie. S: A good sense of community, playing with others and always being kind and gentle

Maddison: Taking responsibility and being independent

Imogen: Always striving to do her best

Hetty: Supporting a friend

Mabelle: Displaying our value of community

Kaia: Working hard in her maths challenge

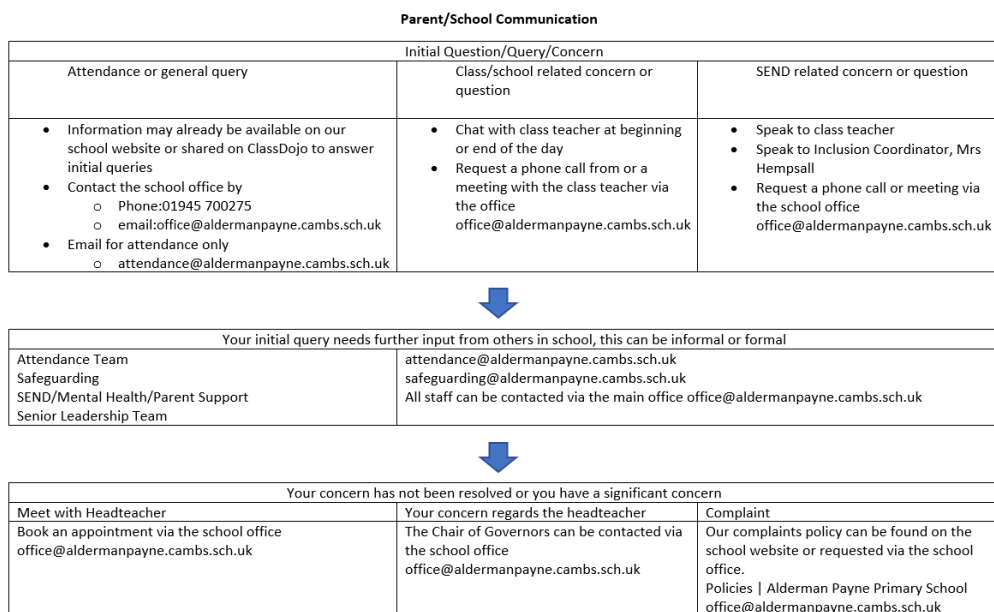
Riaz: Aiming high during teamwork PE challenges

Harry, Connor and Justas: Working well together as a team

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

School Update: Communication

We aim to have good relationships with all in our community and welcome parents to ask questions and communicate with us. Staff are usually available for brief conversations at the beginning or end of the day. However, families can also contact the office to share information or to request a phone call or meeting with school staff. Usually, the class teacher is the first point of contact.



How we communicate with you

Class Dojo

General updates or reminders are sent out via Class Dojo. All parents are expected to sign up to the platform so that they are able to keep up to date with things going on at school. For safeguarding reasons, there is certain information that we do not share on the school website as it is information for our families only. For example, advance information about trips and visits or photos taken at school.

Letters, information about clubs and links may also be sent out on Class Dojo.

There is a school story page for school wide news and information sharing, and class pages for specific information relevant to your child.

Dojo is used for school to communicate with parents and should not be used by parents to communicate with school. This is not monitored closely and therefore parents should only contact school staff via the school office. Occasionally staff will use the chat function for an individual update. This is not aimed to be a two way communication tool.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is usually shared weekly, and it aims to give information about what has been happening in school. This will also include dates for generic school wide events. The newsletter usually includes a 'School Update' section which aims to keep parents informed about key information, changes, reminders or policy updates.

Pupil Progress Reports

In the Autumn and Spring Term, families are invited to meet with their child's class teacher for a discussion about progress and targets. The Summer Term ends with a written report.

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	9th	Potter Class Trip—details to be shared on Class dojo
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	19th	Harvest Festival – All parents welcome at the Emmanuel Church 2:15
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	23rd	Inset Day — school closed for children
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 th	Half Term starts
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	TBC	Donaldson and Potter Nativity Assembly - Times TBC for Donaldson and Potter Class parents
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15th	Christmas Lunch
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	17th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18th	Christmas Sing-a-long Last Day of Term
28	29	30	31				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



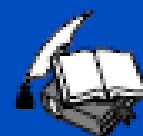
Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 2

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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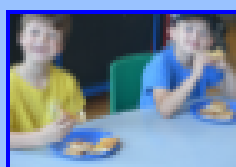
Wrap Around Care 2026-27

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