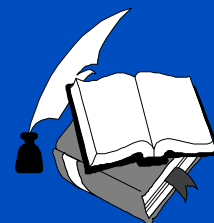


Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

16th October 2026



Dear Families,

Over the last two weeks, we have had lots happen in school. The children have been approaching the end of writing units and have been making great progress with their learning. We have seen a strong impact of our in the moment award system too, the children are able to talk about what they have been praised for and are showing great pride.

Dahl class have started an Autumn project with the Country Trust. This includes growing and cooking activities that will conclude with selling produce in school. The project will include learning across a range of curriculum subjects. This fits in beautifully with their learning about the Harvest and their preparations for the Harvest Festival.

Recently, we were visited by the local School Games Organiser (SGO) for teamwork activities. Following this, some KS2 pupils attended an orienteering session delivered by the SGO. This was the first of some arranged activities for our learners. Mr Turner has been busy finding lots of opportunities to get the children taking part in a range of sports activities. We will share more information as the year continues.

We are noticing that the children are not ready in their lines at the beginning of the day. The first bell is an indicator that the day is about to start but there is still time between that and the second bell so we are going to reduce this time to 3 minutes. Therefore, on the first bell, please can all children stop their play and move to their line ready to be let in by their class teacher. The pirate ship will be closed from the first bell. The morning is a busy time and not a time for lots of equipment, please do not allow children to help themselves to playground equipment at the beginning or end of the day, this is for break and lunch time only. Thank you for your support with this.

Next Week:

Monday 19th Oct: Harvest Festival at Emmanuel Church 2:15

Wednesday 21st Oct: Reception Parents Reading meeting 2:40

Thursday 22nd Oct: Last day of half term for children

Friday 23rd Oct: School Closed to children for Inset Day



Potter Class explored a nest as part of their learning

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 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' and have been retelling the story with actions. They have been counting forwards and backwards and have made playdough.

Potter Class have been writing poems. In science they have been learning plant adaptations and how they stay safe from animals. In RE, they have been learning about the first 7 days and the story of creation.

Dahl Class have been writing poems about a special box. In maths they have been learning to subtract using column method. They have started a growing project and have planted different fruits and vegetables.

Rauf Class have been preparing and writing draft non-chronological reports about made up planets. In maths they have been practising arithmetic. In RE they have been learning about Islam and in art they have been creating landscape art with watercolours.

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

Lyra: For talking to her class about something important to her

Lyra, Isaac, Bert and Phoebe: Writing his name on his work

Buddy: Sitting and listening nicely on the carpet

Zachary: Showing great effort in his work

Violet: Fantastic work, particularly in maths.

Riley: Focus and effort in reading

Bailey: Great effort in maths problem solving

Riaz, Tula, Teddy and Lincoln: Excellent attitude to multiplication challenges

Layla: Super effort in reading and writing

Maddox: Brilliant subtraction work in maths

Harry: Perseverance during a reading assessment

Norah: Excellent creation of a new planet in English

Stanley: Courage during an English task

Berrie and Hunter: Excellent partnership during PE

School Update: Policies

Governors have met to approve a number of policies for the start of the year. All of our policies can be found on our [school website](#), but there are a few with some specific changes or information that you might want to check.

Safeguarding Policy

This has been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026. The current policy reflects changes to terminology and clarification regarding meaning, responsibilities regarding the sharing of information (including the following of Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2026 and Information Sharing Duty 2026), School responsibilities in relation to children who are gender questioning.

Attendance Policy

There is additional information about general absence and when penalties may be issued. Please make sure you read the full policy.

Allergy Awareness Policy

This is a new policy in response to Benedict Law. Please read this carefully. The policy includes the schools approach to managing and responding to allergic reactions of children where an allergy is known and also where this is not known.

It is important that families keep school updated with any medical information including allergies. Where allergies are managed using an Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI), these should be provided for school. We have additional pens in school for emergency use.

Complaints Policy

There has been a change to this policy, particularly around the stages. This follows the Cambridgeshire guidance. Please read this in full.

There is also a further document that might support you have concerns called [Parent Guide to School Complaints](#). This reinforces that in the vast majority of cases, school and families can work together to resolve issues.

SEND policy

There have not been significant changes to this policy but it may be one that you would like to review if you have any concerns regarding your child.

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	21st	Reception Class Reading meeting 2:40
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 11am
						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	Rauf Class—Drumming experience with class assembly/performance at 2:30 Flu vaccinations
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	26th	Dahl Class Assembly – Dahl Class parents welcome from 2:45
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
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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



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



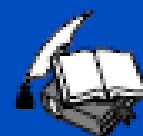
Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 2

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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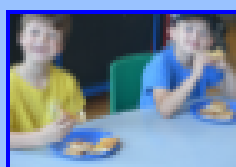
Wrap Around Care 2026-27

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