Alderman Payne Primary School Newsletter

6th November 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second part of autumn term. We hope you all had a nice break. There still seems to be some bugs and virus symptoms around so please remain vigilant. Whilst we promote the best attendance possible for every child, we also want to prevent illness from spreading.

It's been lovely being back at school. We have introduced our school value for this half term which is responsibility. Our secondary focus is change and justice. We are encouraging our pupils to consider personal responsibility within their own lives and in context of wider issues noting that small actions from many can make a difference. Using the terms 'be the change you want to see', we started this conversation thinking about what can be done about a small thing we notice or wish for. For example for a tidier environment, we can be responsible for our own things and be mindful of what gets left behind. You may have noticed that we have had solar panels fitted over the half term break. This is part of our pledge to do our bit to support the environment and consider our energy use. This week's assembly taught the children about how the solar panels work.

Our school council have discussed our Children In Need activity for this year on Friday 13th November. Please wear non-uniform with a spotty theme. Don't worry if you don't have spotty clothes, some accessories or face decorations will fit the theme beautifully. We are asking for minimum donations of a pound towards this good cause. Children will still have PE, so please make sure that clothing and footwear is appropriate.

We have also been selling merchandise for Remembrance Day this week. We will be at the memorial from 10.45 on 11th November for a short remembrance service. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Next Week:
Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th: Pupil Progress meetings
Wednesday 11th November: Remembrance Service at the Memorial on the Green from 10:45
Friday 13th November: Children in Need—wear non uniform and spots!



Donaldson Class learned about Diwali

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.2%

Whole school attendance this year is 93.9%

Class Information

Class 1—R/1 Donaldson Class
Teacher: Ms Harrison
Support: Mrs Causer, Mrs Bartlett

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 learning about subtraction. They have also been continuing with their phonics and working hard on holding pencils correctly to form letters. They were visited by a Year 1 pupil who read them a story whilst they were outside and they all enjoyed having milkshakes. They have been exploring patterns and making Diva lamps for Diwali

Potter Class have been designing trolls and then describing them in English. In maths, they have been measuring people, objects and things around the playground. In science they are learning about human survival and have been using racoon circles in PE with Mrs Wardill.

Dahl Class have been practicing their multiplication tables. They were visited by Twenty20 to prepare for The Big Sing which is happening later this month. In science they are learning about sound and hearing. They were visited by a pupil from Year 6 who tried to hear what people were saying whilst her ears were covered.

Rauf Class have been multiplying fractions in maths this week. In English, they have been planning 'Wisp stories'. In PE they have been playing hockey and they have been preparing for Remembrance Day.

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:

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

Etta: Independently writing sounds during exploration time
Reuben: Showing perseverance in writing his sounds
Isaac: Showing the class what he knows about doubles
Buddy: Showing the class how to count in 2s on a number line and working out doubles to eight
Beatrice, Sadie, Evie, Delilah: Great team work and measuring skills
Aston: Working hard through challenges
Darcy L: Fantastic engagement with reading
Chloe: Fantastic engagement with reading
Stanley: Excellent progress in handwriting
Amie: Super effort when converting mixed fractions to improper fractions
Charlie M: Showing enthusiasm and determination in maths

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

School Update: Responsible use of technology

We know that children are accessing technology and the online world at an increasingly young age. Gaming, messaging apps and online platforms can offer opportunities for creativity, learning and connecting with friends, but they also bring risks that children may not yet have the maturity or experience to recognise, even if they can repeat generic guidelines, they do not always use these when necessary.

Both school and home have an important role to play in helping children develop safe, sensible and responsible online habits. Keeping children safe is about knowing what they are accessing, setting appropriate boundaries and keeping conversations open. Children need to understand their own responsibilities for managing their safety and that of others.

What can parents and carers do?

- **Know what your child is accessing:** Find out which games, apps and websites they use. Remember that some games can include chat, messaging, user-created content and contact with other players.
- **Check age restrictions:** Always check the minimum age requirements and whether a platform is suitable for your child's age and maturity.
- **Use parental controls:** Make use of privacy settings, parental controls and age-appropriate restrictions on devices, gaming platforms and apps.
- **Keep devices in shared spaces:** Where possible, encourage younger children to use tablets, phones and computers in family areas.
- **Set clear boundaries:** Agree when devices can be used, how long children can spend online and when screens should be switched off, particularly at bedtime.
- **Stay involved:** Take an interest in the games your child plays. Ask them to show you what they enjoy and who they interact with online.
- **Lead by example:** Model healthy screen habits and make time for family activities away from devices.
- **Encourage children to speak up:** Make sure they know they can always come to you or another trusted adult if something online makes them uncomfortable.

Things to talk to your child about

- **Personal information:** Never share your full name, address, school, phone number, passwords or location with people online. You must also respect the personal information of other people, do not share numbers or add people to groups without consent.
- **Online friendships:** Not everyone online is who they say they are. People they meet in games or chat rooms are strangers, even if they seem friendly.
- **Online communication:** Be kind and respectful. Messages and comments can affect other people's feelings, just as they do in real life.
- **Uncomfortable content:** If they see something frightening, upsetting or inappropriate, they should close it and tell a trusted adult. Report Remove can be used by children if the see an image of themselves that they need to have removed. You may want to look at this in advance and then discuss with your child as you see appropriate.
- **Online pressure:** They should never feel pressured to share photographs, join private chats, spend money or do something they are uncomfortable with.
- **Speaking up:** Reassure children that they will not be in trouble for telling you about something that has worried them online.

Key Dates

November 2026						
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2nd	All children return to school
11th	Remembrance Service at the Memorial – All families welcome 10:45
13th	Children in Need—non uniform with spotty theme
9th & 10th	Pupil Progress meetings with families—booked via Arbor
17th	Rauf Class—Drumming experience with class assembly. Rauf Class families welcome from 2:30 Flu vaccinations
26th	Dahl Class Assembly – Dahl Class families welcome from 2:45

December 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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1st	PTA: Comfy clothes day with donations for the tombola
3rd	Flu vaccinations (round 2)
4th	PTA Christmas Fayre
9th	Potter Class trip—details on Dojo
TBC	Donaldson and Potter Nativity Assembly - Times TBC for Donaldson and Potter Class parents
9th	Potter Class trip — details on Dojo
15th	Christmas Lunch
17th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
18th	Christmas Sing-a-long Last Day of Term
21st -3/1	Winter break

January 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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4th	INSET day, school closed to pupils
5th	All children return to school
14th	Rauf Class family café - reading. Rauf families welcome at 2:45
21st	Dahl Class family café - reading. Dahl families welcome at 2:45
28th	Potter Class family café - reading. Potter families welcome at 2:45

February 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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4th	Donaldson Class family café - reading. Donaldson families welcome at 2:45
12th	Last day of half term
15 - 19	Spring half term break
22nd	Children return to school

	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.

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Lunch Menu
Autumn Term Week 1

Weeks Commencing

31stAug, 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

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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 Bolognaise	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

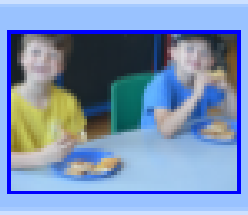


Breakfast Club

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

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