Alderman Payne Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2026

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first half term in school already. It has been a long one and everyone is ready for a break but in many ways it has also flown past so quickly.

It was lovely to see so many families joining us at the church for our Harvest Celebration. Thank you for your support. Well done to Dahl class for leading this . Thank you also for the food donations, these were used to create food parcels for some households in our local community who were very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you also to the families who came along to our phonics meeting this week. Reading is such an important part of school and beyond. Reading for pleasure and purpose is something that we hope stays with our children for their whole lives. Across school, we read in many lessons across all curriculum subjects. We ask for children to read at home at least three times a week and for this to be recorded in their reading logs. Children can read to an adult, another family member, a pet , a toy or to themselves. We have lots of books in school and children bring home books matched to their reading levels and another from our library bus that they choose themselves. As children grow older and are not necessarily reading to an adult, it is still a nice time to spend together. Research suggests that children who see adults reading in the home are more likely to read themselves. So maybe this is something that families can do together over the half term.

As the end of half term closed, staff were in school for a training day about active and playful learning including using the outdoor area to deliver across the national curriculum subjects. Staff have been trained in fire safety too so that we can maximise some additional opportunities for our children. As we move into the colder and wetter months, please ensure that your child comes to school with suitable clothing and footwear, we try to get outside everyday, even in light rain.

We hope that you all have a lovely break and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 2nd November. For our Year 6 families, a reminder to please ensure you have submitted your high school applications by October 31st.



Staff training— Fire safety for outdoor learning

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 92.2%

Whole school attendance this year is 93.7%

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

Donaldson Class have been learning about their community and had their first school trip to the church as part of the harvest assembly. They have been learning their sounds in phonics and have been starting to learn about lined books to support their early writing.

Potter Class have been learning about Christopher Columbus as a historical figure and have completed some independent writing. They have also continued with their learning about habitats considering ecosystems.

Dahl Class have been about inverse operations and fact families in maths. In science, they learnt about the importance of healthy eating and the digestive system. The class enjoyed performing their harvest festival assembly at the church.

Rauf Class have completed our non-chronological reports about a new planet. In Maths, we revisited long multiplication and long division to consolidate our understanding and develop our calculation skills. In RE, we started a new unit, learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and their importance to Muslims. Finally, we completed our end-of-unit assessments in Art and Science to demonstrate what we have learnt

October is Black History Month so the whole school has completed some learning relating to historical (and more recent) figures who have had a significant impact throughout history.

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

Etta, Isaac, Alfie S: Confident talking when sharing special photos from home with the class
Lily: Effort in handwriting
Winnie: Effort shown in maths
Frankie: Determination to overcome challenges
Freddie: Regular reading at home
Mabelle: Amazing attitude to learning
Darcy L: Completing work independently to show her knowledge of Rosa Parks
Alex: A fantastic non-chronological report about his own planet

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

Key Dates

September 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1st	Inset Day —school closed for children
2nd	Inset Day —school closed for children
3rd	Years 1-6 Return to school
7th	Reception Children start school
24th	Reading in Reception Parent Information session. Donaldson parents invited 2:40
28th	Teambuilding day KS2

October 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

1st	International Day – Parents invited from 2:45 for team assembly
8th	Individual photos
19th	Harvest Festival – All parents welcome at the Emmanuel Church 2:15
21st	Reception Class Reading meeting 2:40
23rd	Inset Day — school closed for children
26th	Half Term starts

November 2026						
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2nd	All children return to school
11th	Remembrance Service at the Memorial – All families welcome 11am
13th	Children in Need
w/c 9th	Pupil Progress meetings with families (Days and times TBC)
17th	Rauf Class—Drumming experience with class assembly/performance at 2:30 Flu vaccinations
26th	Dahl Class Assembly – Dahl Class parents welcome from 2:45

December 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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3rd	Flu vaccinations (round 2)
8th	Dahl Class - Food Discovery Market
9th	Potter Class trip - details to be shared on Class dojo
TBC	Donaldson and Potter Nativity Assembly - Times TBC for Donaldson and Potter Class parents
15th	Christmas Lunch
17th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
18th	Christmas Sing-a-long Last Day of Term
21st	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.

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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

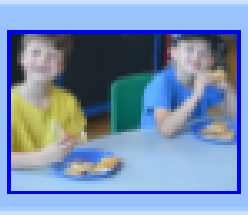


Breakfast Club

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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