

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

9th May 2025



Dear Families,



This week saw the arrival of our eagerly awaited eels in school. We were visited by Rachel Brown from Cambridgeshire ACRE to learn more about eels and the 'Eels in the Classroom Project'. We are caring for six baby eels in their early weeks. This involves learning about what they need to thrive and supporting with feeding, cleaning and monitoring the temperature of the water.

Eels once thrived in UK rivers but their numbers are declining. The aim of the project is to help more eels reach their adult life-stage in the Cambridgeshire Fens, contributing to their future viability. The children have been very interested in watching them and have been asking some great scientific questions which we will be working together to answer over the coming weeks.

We came into school dressed in red, white and blue for VE day this week and each class learned about the significance of the day. We spoke not only of the historical importance but considered how peace impacts on lives today and why it is important now and in the future.

Our Year 6 pupils received their leaver's hoodies this week, they all look great and it was lovely to see them wearing these proudly this week.

We still have some limited places for our Reception class next year. If you know of anyone looking for a school place, please let them know that they can still apply to the Local Authority. Information will be coming out soon for an information evening and transition arrangements.

Next week, we have our SATs assessments taking place. There will be no family assembly next week.

Next Week:

Year 6 SATs assessments—remember to wish them good luck!



Remembering VE Day

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 95.3%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 94.6%**

Staff Information

Class 1—R/1 Thistle Class

Teacher: Ms Harrison

Support: Mrs Wainwright,

Mrs Jameson and

Mrs Oldale

Class 2—1/2 Rose Class

Teacher Mrs Wardill

Support: Mrs Allen and Miss

Whitmore

Class 3—3/4 Shamrock Class

Teacher: Mr Turner

Support: Miss Godwin and

Miss Hazzard

Class 4—5/6 Daffodil Class

Teacher: Mrs Topping

Support: Mrs Causer

Celebration Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Thistle Class have been making crocodiles with moving jaws as they are reading beware of the crocodiles in maths they have been looking at more than and less than they have also been watching a bird in its nest.

Rose Class have been using coins and part whole models in English they have been using adjectives and been writing what it would be like in the woods. In project they have been looking into kings and queens and locations of castles.

Shamrock Class have been learning about money including investments and finding change. In English they have been looking at prepositions and in science they have been making a working bulb circuit.

Daffodil Class have been converting measurements and revising fractions. In guided reading they have been doing SATS questions in PE they have been doing athletics and practicing for sports day.

All classes have learned about VE day and have been discussing peace and why it is important.

Special Mention

In Family Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our 5 Fabulous Foundations. Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning.

Golden Award

Tajus: Excellent listening and following instructions in the swimming pool

Maddox: Putting extra care into handwriting

Charlie: Super focus and effort in all curriculum areas

Kassidy: Super effort in maths and English resulting in excellent progress



Special Mentions

Daisy: Knowing that Thursday was VE Day and sharing a soldier story about Daddy's friend

Rowan: Being helpful and keeping the classroom tidy

Darcy: A positive attitude to learning

Lovelle: Focus and a positive attitude in maths and reading lessons

School Update: Message for our Year 6 pupils

Next week, you will be sitting your SATs tests. We know that you have all worked extremely hard and we are very proud of you.

All of the assessments will take place in the mornings, it is very important that you are in school and on time. Breakfast will be provided every day so that we have the chance to be together and get off to the best start. Your assessments will be on the following days:

Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Tuesday: Reading

Wednesday: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

There comes a point in the year where you have learned what you need to know for assessments and we know that you have all covered everything. You have been working so hard in class, at home and even attending the extra after school sessions. You have not just been preparing this year, you have in fact been working towards this since Reception! Now is your chance to just do the best that you can on the day. Whatever happens now, we are so very proud of you all. SATs do not define you or make you who you are. You are all amazing, funny, talented and kind. Our school community is rooting for you and you have our full support.

So, your task for this weekend is to relax, have fun and enjoy yourself. Have early nights and be ready for what next week brings.

Community Events

Village Hall

11th May: Street Pride, Cream tea and beetle drive 2-4pm

Emmanuel Church

No new dates at the moment

St John's Church

No new dates at the moment

School Dates for Your Diary

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice.

Summer Term dates

12th - 15th May: Year 6 SATS

23rd May: Last day of half term

3rd June: Children return to school

3rd—13th June: Year 4 Multiplication Check

9th—13th June: Phonics screening check

Wed 11th June: Father's Day Lunch

27th June: Sports Day and picnic lunch

1st and 2nd July: Transition Day

22nd July: Last Day of Term

Please note that dates for family reading and family assembly are recorded on the school website calendar.