

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

4th April 2025



Dear Families,

This week has been Autism and neurodiversity acceptance week. We started the week with an online assembly about inclusion led by Electric Umbrella, an inclusive musical group who recently aired on Britain's Got Talent. We then learned about neurodiversity and listened to a song Let me shine: an anthem for autism. Classes have then continued their discussions throughout the week.

Rose class held an exhibition in their class this week to showcase some of the work that the children have been doing in class and at home. It was lovely to see families celebrating the children's efforts and achievements.

Remember that we will have musical tuition available during the school day starting after Easter with another musical opportunity coming in the last half term as well, so please don't worry if you were not able to secure a place. There may be a few spaces available with some instruments if you still wanted to contact JMP Music. As we head into our final term, we have lots to look forward to, yet still lots to do. Assessments will be looming with Year 6 SATs in May followed by Year 1 phonics and Year 4 multiplication checks in June. Please support us with good attendance in the final months of the year. There have been a few things going around in these past weeks but every day matters! There will also be other days that creep up including Sports Day and transition days as the children get ready to meet with their teachers and classes for the next academic year.

After the break, we will be continuing to have our PE with Mrs Whyborn on Fridays and the other PE day will be swimming. Mr Killingworth has been busy cleaning and filling the pool ready for us all. Thistle Class will be swimming on Tuesday. Please remember to bring swimming kit and towel in a named bag. All children must have a swimming hat, one piece costume for the girls and appropriate shorts (no more than knee length) for boys. Flip flops or pool sliders for entrance to the pool are also necessary, goggle are optional.

Thank you all so much for your support over the Spring Term, we all hope that you have a very nice break—hopefully with some sunshine!



Rose Class Exhibition

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 89.8%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 93.8%**

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 reading the story The Enormous Turnip and in phonics they are reading sentences. In maths they are adding and subtracting and finding different words for add and subtract. They also have a new aspect to their class- tadpoles! Another exciting thing is that they are growing beans and they love watching them grow.

Rose Class have been writing about Captain Vancouver. In art they made flowers out of air dry clay. In maths they are learning about tally charts and tables. Over this term they have been bringing their home learning into school and on Friday they will have an expedition displaying their wonderful work.

Shamrock Class enjoyed art in which they painted pictures inspired by William Morris. In PE they were doing tennis and practiced volleying the ball. In literacy they were writing adventure stories which they really enjoyed doing.

Daffodil Class have been doing SATS reading papers and in maths we have learnt about 3D shapes and drew angles to measure with a protractor. In literacy we have been writing the next chapter of Katherine Rundell's book The Explorer. In geography we are doing Polar discoveries and analysing the decisions of Robert Scott during his expedition.

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

Rocket: Giving lots of thought and effort to his choices

Tula: Excellent writing and commitment to learning

Harry: Focussed approach to his learning tasks

Lily-Mae: Enthusiasm and effort in writing



Special Mentions

Hetty: Working hard to 'hold a sentence' and use finger spaces when writing

Belle: Having the confidence to share her work

Isabella: Meticulous detail using water colours in her William Morris pattern

Nella-Rose: Always showing kindness and respect to others

School Update: Summer Term Curriculum

Our Curriculum themes are changing for the Summer Term.

Thistle	Animal Safari	This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.
Rose	Magnificent Monarchs	This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.
Shamrock	Ancient Civilisations	This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.
Daffodil	Britain at War	This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.

Community Events

Village Hall

19th April: Easter Table Top Sale 10:00—14:00

St John's Church

18th April: Live Music—Barsix
April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt
3rd May: Black Tie Dinner
4th May: Live Music—The Rummuns

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

Tuesday 22nd April: Children return to school

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