

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

28th March 2025



Dear Families,

Our week has been busy, busy, busy! On Monday we were visited by Jonathan and Ben from JMP Music with an assembly showcasing instruments that will be available to learn in school. These are optional lessons during the school day and fees are payable directly to the company. The office has sent a letter with details including how to sign up. Lessons are for Years 1-6 and the instruments options (depending on year group) are ukulele, guitar, keyboard and piano. We now have a digital piano in school for lessons as well as some guitars. For those taking lessons, it is recommended that children have their own instrument but the school ones can be used for lessons whilst children try them out.

On Tuesday we were visited by paramedics and an ambulance and fire fighters and a fire engine. The children learned about the engines, equipment and roles.

We also had our mothers day lunch this week. Thank you to all of the special ladies who attended, we are pleased to share that we had 57 visitors for lunch which is fantastic. It was also an opportunity to try out our new sausages, part of a trial partnership with a local butchers for our produce going forward in line with our healthy school agenda.

Finally, thank you for your engagement with pupil progress meetings this week. Whilst parents spoke to teachers, It was also nice to spend some time just relaxing and chatting to pupils too. Lost property/donations were made available during the evenings and again after school on Thursday for any belongings to be claimed. All items left will be used as spares by school, available to parents free of charge or disposed of. Please keep an eye out next week for the chance to have a rummage and take anything that will be of use.

The Parent Council raffle will be drawn after school next Thursday, so please come along with your tickets—there are lots of prizes available.

Next Week:

Thursday 3rd April: Family reading and assembly

Thursday 3rd April: Parent Council Raffle

Friday 4th April: Last day of term



Exploring the Fire Engine

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 92.9%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 93.9%**

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 a book called Handa's Surprise. They have also cut up vegetables and made patterns with stamps. They're going to make fruit kababs. In the classroom, they now have some tadpoles to take care of and observe as they change. There have been lots of discussions about the life cycle of a frog.

Rose Class saw the emergency services in school. They have been measuring lines in maths and ordered themselves by height. In science they have been learning about flowers. And then making flowers for art. In PE they have practised ball skills and played team games.

Shamrock Class liked the fire engine and ambulance. In PE, they played tennis using forehand and backhand. In maths they have been learning about decimals. In science they have been practising classifying skills when looking at features of plants and classifying vertebrates and invertebrates. IN geography they have been learning about the water cycle.

Daffodil Class saw the ambulance and fire truck. In maths they have been using protractors to measure angles. In guided reading they have been using old year 6 papers to practice SATs style questions. In science they have been creating circuits with different variables.

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

George: Working hard in maths and finding 3d shapes

Darcy L: Fantastic and creative writing at school and at home

Gabriella: Enthusiasm and effort in maths work

Annalyse: Demonstrating perseverance, a positive attitude and a growth mindset in maths



Special Mentions

Riley: coming into school and doing her best

Ezmay: Being kind to others and always being ready to learn — a fantastic role model

Stanley: Focus and effort with handwriting and presentation of work

Sarah: Dedication to improve handwriting. Focus and effort has resulted in beautifully neat and clear handwriting

School Update: End of day collection

Upon some feedback, we are undertaking a review of our collection procedures and those responsible for collecting children. We know that the end of the day can be very busy, but safety of children is paramount. Next week, we will send home a new form for personal information to be updated. Please complete it to ensure that we have the correct information and contact details for primary carers and emergency contacts. You should also specify here if you wish to give permission for anyone else to collect your child. We ask please that you speak to anyone whom you are naming to ensure they understand that they may be asked to show ID or to give a password. If someone different is collecting on a single day and therefore not a named person on your forms, please contact the school office to inform them and discuss collection arrangements.

For children in year 5/6, consent can be given to walk home alone. We will renew this in September, but if you wish to make changes in the meantime, please email or speak to the school office.

What we would like from you

- Updated contact details for primary carers and emergency contacts. If parents are separated but have parental responsibility, we must have details of both parents.
- Sharing of information if any contact details change Information shared with the office if someone different is collecting your child
- Communication with anyone collecting to ensure they understand that details will be checked if the adult collecting is unsure that consent has been given.

What you can expect from us:

- A commitment to safety and well-being at the end of the day
- Release only to those with consent for collection of children
- Support when arrangements may need to change, even at short notice, as long as safety is maintained

Community Events

Village Hall

No new dates at the moment

St John's Church

18th April: Live Music—Barsix
April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt

Emmanuel Church

30th March: Mothering Sunday Service 9:45 am

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.

Spring Term dates

w/c 31st March: Autism (and neurodiversity) acceptance week
4th April: Last day of term

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