

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

12th September 2025



Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in school with our first full week now complete. It has been lovely to be in amongst the classes seeing them already settled into their learning.

This year, our classes are named after authors

Class 1—Donaldson

Named after Julia Donaldson, author of The Gruffalo

Class 2—Potter

Named after Beatrix Potter, author of The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Class 3—Dahl

Named after Roald Dahl, author of The Witches

Class 4—Rauf

Named after Onjali Q Rauf, author of The Boy at the Back of the Class

The authors have written other books as well, you might like to do some research to find out a bit more.

We are trying hard to increase home reading. Research has shown that reading is one of the most important skills for children and has an impact not only on their schooling, but on their whole life. Please ensure children read at home and sign in their reading diaries. We understand that listening to children takes time and whilst its lovely to do, sometimes it can be tricky, but children can read to themselves, to a sibling, a pet or even a teddy!

This week, Dahl class visited Flag Fen as a great introduction to their class learning about history. They explored artefacts from the stone, bronze and iron age, made clay pots and took part in spear throwing. The children explored the site and finished the day with a stone age story in a roundhouse by a fire. The children represented the school beautifully and received high praise from the Flag Fen Staff, well done Dahl class.

Another reminder that PE Kit is black shorts/trousers with a plain or Alderman Payne t-shirt of your team colour. Jumpers or hoodies should be in the team colour, blue or black please. No jewellery can be worn for PE.

Next week:

Thursday 18th September: Family Assembly 2:45



Dahl Class at Flag Fen

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 97.2%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 95.9%**

Class Information

Class 1—R/1 Donaldson Class

Teacher: Ms Harrison

Support: Mrs Wainwright,
Miss Oldale

Class 2—1/2 Potter Class

Teacher Mrs Wardill

Support: Mrs Mascall, Mr
Jameson, Miss Duffy

Class 3—3/4 Dahl Class

Teacher Mr Turner

Support: Mrs Allen,
Mrs Ainley

Class 4—5/6 Rauf Class

Teacher: Mrs Topping

Support: Ms Godwin, Miss
Hazzard, Miss Causer

Celebration Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Donaldson Class have been working on exploring their new environment and learning new routines and expectations. They have looked forward to seeing their buddies at lunch time who have been helping them to settle in.

Potter Class have been learning about natural and man made materials in science. They have been counting numbers and learning about place value. In literacy they have been learning about nouns and adjectives.

Dahl Class have been on a school trip to Flag Fen and their favourite activity was spear throwing. They have been getting new books from the library bus. In literacy they have been learning about the book 'The Seal Surfer' and writing recounts.

Rauf Class have been making clay sculptures in art. In science they have been learning about gravitational forces. In maths they have been learning about place value up to 1,000,000 and have been practicing column method addition.

Special Mention

In Celebration Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our school value focus. This half term our focus value is

Community : Kindness and friendship



Golden Award

All of Donaldson Class: Settling in to our school community, superb listening, manners and behaviour

Frankie: Showing kindness and supporting a class member when they were feeling sad

Gabriella: Consistently displaying our values of community, kindness and friendship

Millie: Always being a good friend and showing kindness

Special Mentions Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning.

All of Donaldson Class: Learning and following new routines and expectations

Charlie A: Showing confidence in writing

All of Dahl Class: Being amazing on the school trip to Flag Fen

Emily: Showing excellence inference skills in English

School Update: Autumn Term Curriculum

Donaldson	Me and My Community	This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school. Children learn about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.
Potter	Childhood	This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the past, using artefacts and a range of different sources.
Dahl	Through the ages	This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.
Rauf	Dynamic Dynasties	This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.

Community Events

Emmanuel Church

26th—28th September: Flower Festival
3rd Oct 10-1 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Village Hall

27th September: 80s Disco

St John's Church

5th September: Outdoor Theatre
Jane Austin

12th and 21st September: Heritage Open Days

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.

Autumn Term dates

8th October: Individual school photos
24th October: Inset Day. School closed for children

27th Oct—31st Oct: Half Term

3rd November: Children return to school
14th November: Children in Need
20th November: Flu vaccinations Day 1
18th December: Pantomime trip
19th December: Last day of term



Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 1

Weeks Commencing

1st Sep, 15th Sep, 29th Sep,
13th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17th Nov
1st Dec, 15th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Butchers Sausage Rolls	Pasta Bake Selection	BBQ Chicken	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	Sweetcorn Beans	Broccoli	Rice Carrots	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	Oat biscuit	Apple Crumble and custard	Yoghurt and fruit	Vanilla, choc chip sponge



Alderman Payne Primary School Lunch Menu Autumn Term Week 2

Weeks Commencing

8th Sep, 22nd Sep, 6th Oct,
20th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov
8th 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	Curly fries sweetcorn	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	Chocolate Cake	Fruit salad	Shortbread	Jelly

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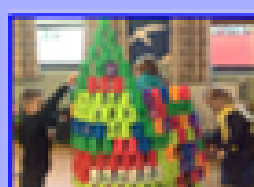
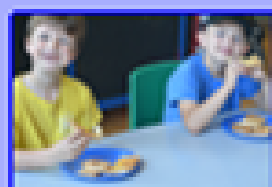
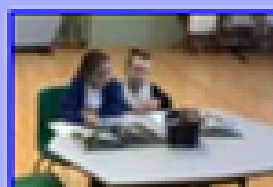
Wrap Around Care 2025-26

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.

£2.00 per child, per session, no booking required



NEW AFTER SCHOOL CARE for September 2025 (on a trial basis until April 2026)

After school care to run daily 3:15 - 5:30pm.

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.

£10.00 per child, per session. Booking on Arbor will need to be made in advance as places are limited. Emergency on the day booking via phone will be considered.

To find out more or to book, please use Arbor call or email the school office 01945 700275 office@aldermanpayne.cambs.sch.uk