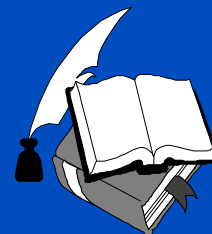


Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

5th September 2025



Dear Families,

It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, we hope that you all had a lovely break. The children have returned with enthusiasm and have settled back into school life quickly. We would also like to welcome the new Reception children and their families. The children are already enjoying finding out about their new school and making relationships with adults and children.

There have been some staff changes, Mrs Jameson and Miss Whitmore have left school. We are sad not to have them back for this year, but wish them well for their next adventures. We have been joined by Mrs Mascall who is new to our school. Mr Jameson and Miss Duffy who have previously completed work experience at school are staying with us as members of staff and Miss Causer is also remaining with us as a staff member.

Last year, information about the attendance guidelines for schools was shared. I'd like to remind you that any planned absences should be requested in advance using a form from the school office and that unless exceptional circumstances, term time absences will not be authorised. Guidance for this can be found in our attendance policy [here](#). All appointments should be made outside of school times wherever possible and even when an appointment is given, it is worth checking to see if timings or dates can be rearranged. Attendance in school is important and missing any lesson can affect how a child engages with their sequence of learning. Following Local Authority Guidance, there will be a strong focus on holidays and absence during term time and penalty charges will be issued in line with the guidance. Please do not book holidays during term time. We thank you for your support in this.

We have started this year learning about our new school values. Following work across last year, we have 6 core values which will be taught throughout school:

**Community, Responsibility, Diversity, Integrity,
Courage, Aspiration**

This half term, we are focusing on Community, particularly kindness and friendship.



Reception loose parts play

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 93.5%**

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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, Mrs
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

School Update: PE and Swimming

PE will start next week

Everyone in school will have PE on a Friday with Mrs Whyborn who is continuing her work with us. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit as this saves valuable learning time. 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.

Swimming will start w/c 8th Sep.

For this half term, classes 1—4 will have swimming as an additional PE lesson.

Tuesday: Class 2 Wednesday: Class 3 Friday: Class 4

On your swimming day, please bring a named bag with a one piece swimming costume (no long shorts), towel, swimming hat (goggles are optional), waterproof footwear such as crocs/flip flops.

Thank you

Our school is looking nice and tidy ready for the new year. Thank you to Ms Gray for your support and help towards the end of last year and thank you to Mr Killingworth for all of his hard work over the summer break.

Please help to keep our school looking lovely by encouraging your children to take home all of their belongings at the end of the day and putting away any equipment that is used.

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