

SUMMER 1 2025

ALVELEY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is a pleasure to write the penultimate newsletter of the year. While this half has been the shortest I can remember, it has certainly been no less busy and exciting in school.

Firstly, we had our inspection report back from Ofsted, which we were proud to share with parents and others in the community. If you haven't seen it, the report can be found [here](#).

We also had a fun morning out on the field filming a short video to celebrate our school's success. This video was used in a Shropshire Star article that also celebrated the success of our school. If you haven't seen that article, it can be found on the Shropshire Star website [here](#).

This half term is always synonymous with the SATS tests, which took place last week. Our Year 6s worked brilliantly all week (fuelled by SATS breakfasts of bacon, sausage and pastries!) and did themselves proud, showcasing their hard work over the last 7 years. We are all really proud of them and look forward to their leavers play, pizza party, kayaking and the really important parts of Year 6!

I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd June for the final half term of the 2024/25 academic year.

Mr Marsh



SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Summer 2025

Term Dates for Summer 2

26/5 - Half Term
2/6 - MTC fortnight begins
4/6 - Sports Day (first proposed date)
9/6 - Phonics Screening Week
10/6 - Class and Whole School Photos
11/6 - Sports day (reserve day)
16/6 - Crucial Crew Y6
23/6 - KS2 Dance performance evening
30/6 - Class move up day
4/7 - Kidderminster Harriers Penalty Competition
11/7 - End of year reports sent out
18/7 - Last day of term

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS



CLASSES



BEECH

During the first half of the Summer Term Reception have enjoyed learning all about the Ocean. We have visited the Great Barrier Reef on Google Earth and looked at different sea creatures and corals. We have learnt how we can help to look after the Ocean and keep the sea creatures safe by cleaning up and recycling. In literacy we have written descriptions of sea creatures, created a poster to encourage people to save the Ocean and written about our favourite parts of focus stories.

Maths lessons have been based around number up to 20 and using shape to compose pictures.

We have enjoyed many stories based around our topic, enjoyed practising for Sports Day in our PE sessions and had a great parent workshop!



CEDAR

This half term in Cedar Class they have been learning about the topic- Medieval Magic. In History children have been learning about what is a monarchy. Children have been reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books based on castle and the monarchy in guided reading. In Literacy children have written a story setting description of a castle and have re-written their own narrative on the traditional tale, The Princess and The Pea. In maths children have been learning about money and fractions. In Science children have enjoyed learning about what plants need to grow and have planted their own sweet peas. In music children have enjoyed repeating and creating their own rhythmic patterns linked to the story, George and The Dragon. In PSHE, children have learnt about money. Children have enjoyed developing their computing skills by exploring spreadsheets.



ELM

This half term has gone very fast in Elm, we have gotten up to lots! We have been writing explanation texts on Ancient Maya. In science we have been learning about our digestive system and our teeth, we even did an investigation on what drink is the best for our teeth! In PE we have had lots of fun with Alveley Cricket Club this half term developing our fielding and striking skills. With

Mr Bennett we have been improving our athletic techniques getting ready for sports day! Elm have learnt all about the Ancient Maya, looking at Pok-ta-Pok, inventions and the cacao beans.



OAK

Oak Class has had another fantastic half term, packed with achievements and exciting experiences! We're so proud of Year 6's fantastic attitude during SATs and celebrated with treats, including an ice cream van visit and a fun canoeing trip from Alveley to Arley. Thanks to Bear Creek Adventures for organising this great experience!

Year 5 have been busy preparing for their upcoming Dance Festival performance and represented the school brilliantly at the Mad Skills event.

In class, we've continued our enquiry into speeding concerns on Daddlebrook Road. Following our letter-writing campaign, our local PCSO visited to talk to us about road safety. We are now turning our attention to our end-of-year celebrations. Rehearsals are underway for our summer production Treachery at Traitors' Quay.

LITTLE SQUIRRELS NURSERY

NURSERY TIMINGS

Morning Sessions

8.45-11.45AM

Afternoon Sessions

12.15-3.15PM

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

In nursery this half term we have been exploring Dinosaurs. Children have enjoyed dinosaur and fossil hunts and learning all about Palaeontologists, fossils, carnivores, herbivores and all the different dinosaurs. Our special visit from Ranger Rowe this week was amazing! Children really enjoyed meeting real baby dinosaurs!

We would like to thank Mr Betts for joining us every week. He has been helping us planting seeds to grow fruit and vegetables, the science garden looks incredible with pumpkins, beans, carrots and potatoes all growing well!



JOIN OUR NURSERY!

Each day, children have adult led activities, including a daily phonics lesson delivered to all children. Following their adult led learning, children work with a teacher to complete scaffolded activities. While some children are completing work with their teacher, others engage in child initiated learning, supported by other adults.

To maximise learning opportunities, children have daily access to both an indoor and outdoor classroom, where independence and choice are encouraged. All areas of the EYFS framework, including reading, writing and mathematics are planned coherently across all ages and activities and opportunities are appropriately adapted to meet each child's needs, deepening and extending their understanding. Within the carefully planned environment, stimulus and enhanced provision is used to excite, capture and motivate the children and provide learning opportunities.

If you are interested to know more, please contact our School Office.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If you have concerns for the safety of a child outside of school, or at a time of year when school is not in session, please look at our [school website links here](#) for how to report it.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we deeply value the collaboration between home and school in keeping everyone safe.

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Several parents at Parents' Evening asked how best to support learning while at home. We hope that reading and spellings are practised through the week, daily where possible. However there are a few other resources that you might find useful. All of these are either free to use or ones which your child already has a login. Please contact school if you don't have this login and we can provide it:

- www.ttrockstars.com (for supporting times table knowledge)
- www.mathsbot.com/primary/ks2 (Year 6 arithmetic practise- really good resource!)
- www.mathsframe.co.uk (great maths resources, particularly the Year 4 times table check game)
- www.letterjoin.co.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please scan the QR code above to see if you might be eligible for free school meals. Not only does this give support for school meals, it also allows us to support with the paying of school trips and other experiences, as well as helping with uniform, forest school, PE kit and other clothing.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Easy Fundraising is a free and easy app that you can download and sign up to. Every time you shop online, a small amount of money is donated to school (by the company, NOT you!). While it will cost you nothing to support us this way, it might make all the difference to the projects that I'm keen to develop in the future. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-alveley-school to support us!