

Autumn 2 2025

# Alveley Primary School Newsletter

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

### Spring Term 2026

#### **PD Day**

Monday 5th January

#### **Spring 1 Term Starts**

Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February

#### **Half Term**

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

#### **Spring 2 Term Starts**

Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

#### **Easter Holidays**

Monday 30th March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

### KEY DATES

#### **SEND Parent Meetings**

W/B Monday 12th January

#### **Shared Library Session**

Tuesday 27th January 3.15-4.15pm

#### **Beech Parent Workshop**

Thursday 5th February (AM)

#### **Topic Day**

Thursday 12th February

As we come to the end of this half term, we want to say a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. It has been a truly wonderful few weeks, filled with a real sense of togetherness. Watching the children learn, grow, and work as a team—with the support of our families alongside them—has been a highlight of the term.

We also enjoyed seeing many of you at the church for our Christmas performances. It was lovely to share such a special moment with you, and the children were so proud to showcase their hard work.

Another highlight has been our family workshops, ranging from creative art sessions to hands on Geography and phonics activities. It has been fantastic to welcome you into school and see families learning alongside the children.

As we head into the Christmas break, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

**Mr P O'Malley**

**Executive Headteacher**



# CLASSES



## OUR LEARNING

### BEECH CLASS



This half term in Beech Class, our learning has focused on winter and winter celebrations, exploring the season and the different ways it is celebrated. A highlight of the term was our phonics workshop, which was a great success. Parents had the opportunity to see a phonics lesson in action and then support their child with follow-up learning activities at home. This half term we have enjoyed a variety of focus books and adventures, including Room on the Broom, The Story of Guy Fawkes, Wacky Races, The Gingerbread Man, and the Nativity Story. These stories have inspired creativity, discussion, and role-play in class. During Forest School, the children have been taking part in team-building exercises and observing the changing seasons, developing both their social skills and their understanding of the natural world. Overall, it has been a wonderful and engaging half term filled with learning, exploration, and festive fun!

### ELM CLASS



This term has been busy and exciting in Elm class! Our topic this half term has been 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have enjoyed learning about volcanoes and rocks as well as what happened in Pompeii. During our parent workshop afternoon, we enjoyed planning and making volcanoes with our families. The best part was experimenting and making the volcanoes erupt, some more than once! As well as learning about our topic we have also been preparing for the Christmas Nativity at the church! The children have worked really hard on singing the songs for KS1's Nativity performance and they did an incredible job!

The children have explored calypso music this half term with Mrs Dyche, we have listened to different pieces and worked together as a class to create and sing our own! We even recognised some of the music out of the movie Paddington! In literacy we have wrote a newspaper report on the Sainsbury's Christmas advert and a set of instructions on how to steal Christmas!

### CEDAR CLASS



During Autumn 2, Cedar Class have had a fun-filled and busy half term, packed with creativity, learning and festive excitement! Our main topic focused on Superheroes, where we explored what it really means to be a hero. We talked about real-life superheroes, such as people who help others in our community, and discussed the qualities that make someone brave, kind and helpful. This linked closely to our writing, where the children worked hard to create their own non-chronological reports, showcasing their growing confidence as writers.

We were delighted to welcome parents into school for a workshop, where children and adults worked together to create giant spiders out of newspaper. This was a fantastic opportunity to be creative, work collaboratively and share learning together – and the results were brilliant!

As the festive season approached, Cedar Class enjoyed decorating for Christmas and getting into the Christmas spirit. A huge part of our half term has been practising for the Nativity, where the children showed wonderful enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork.

They should be very proud of their effort

### OAK CLASS



Oak Class had an action-packed term! They enjoyed learning about Charles Darwin and evolution, particularly investigating Darwin's finches and completing a science investigation. The pupils also took part in a successful parent workshop, where they planned and built bridges alongside their families.

Oak Class pupils had a brilliant time at Thinktank in Birmingham. In the morning, they explored chemical reactions in the laboratory, becoming real scientists. The group made carbon dioxide using a vinegar reaction and created slime from borax and clear glue. All pupils enjoyed exploring the hands-on experiences around the museum.

The class had been getting into the Christmas mood, practising the Christmas songs, and the choir attended the Oldbury Wells Trust event, where they performed fantastically.



## EXCITING NEWS

From January, Little Squirrels Nursery will be accepting children from the age of 2!

If you have a two-year-old and would like to learn more about our nurturing early-years provision or arrange a visit, please contact the school office. We'd love to welcome you and your little one to our Alveley family!

We are pleased to let parents know that spaces are now available at Little Squirrels Nursery at Alveley Primary School. Here, children learn, play, and grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our nursery is more than just a place to play – children are welcomed as part of the wider school community, giving them a sense of belonging from an early age. Our experienced staff provide fun, engaging, and educational activities tailored to each child's needs, helping them to develop confidence, social skills, and a love of learning.

Whether your child is just starting their early years journey or ready to join a supportive, friendly setting, Little Squirrels Nursery is the perfect place to grow.

 Spaces are available from January, including for children from age 2. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office. We would love to welcome you and your little one to our Alveley family!

## **SPACES AVAILABLE AT OUR NURSERY**

**VISIT [WWW.ALVELEYPRIMARY.CO.UK](http://WWW.ALVELEYPRIMARY.CO.UK)**

**OR CALL (01746) 780284**

**WRAP AROUND CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM  
7.30AM - 5.15PM (3 and 4 year olds  
only)**

### **NURSERY TIMINGS**

Morning sessions 8.45-11.45AM

Lunchtime 11.45AM-12.15PM

Afternoon Sessions 12.15-3.15PM



# Free Understanding your child and sleep tight groups from January 2026



## Understanding your child with SEND

The Parenting Team will be delivering free Understanding Your Child SEND – from toddler to teens - groups from January 2026

These 10 week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

For the dates and venues please see the [Family Information Service Directory](#) - Information to help families in Shropshire

The Parenting Team will also be delivering free SLEEP TIGHT groups from January 2026

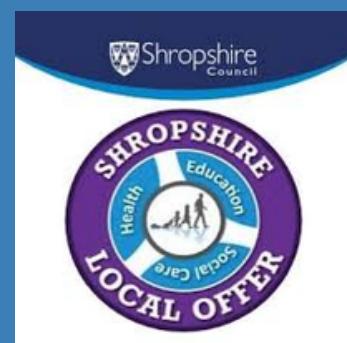
These 5 week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues
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## Looking for SEND Information – try the Local Offer

The SEND Local Offer is a single place for parent carers who are looking for information, advice and resources for their children and young people. It has two sections, one looking at different topics such as health, education, social care, early years, travel and transport, preparing for adulthood and other topics such as EHCPs and things to do.



Have a look at the [SEND Local Offer](#) to find the information you and your family might need.

There's also a directory element, where you can find information on groups, services and organisations who offer support to children, young people and their families. These include local, regional and national organisations. Search the [directory](#) to find information.

We're always looking at ways in which we can continue to develop and improve the SEND local Offer so if you have any comments please complete our online form or email [local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk)