SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26- NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Friends,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday with lots of time spent with your families enjoying the fabulous part of the world that we live in. A special welcome to all of our new children and their families and to Mr Grice who joins us in Willow Class. We hope that you will all be very happy as part of our Aldborough family. I am sure that you have all heard the lovely news of the arrival of Mrs Edwards' baby Sofia Alexandra – we are all looking forward to Sofia's first visit to school and all the cuddles that will be coming her way.

We have enjoyed the first three days of school, getting to know our new children and hearing about the adventures of the children who are returning to us. Wednesday was a challenge with the downpour right at the beginning of the school day and then a 7 hour power cut from lunch time onwards (a huge thank you to our cleaner Kim who cleaned the school with a dust pan and brush that evening!). It gave us a good opportunity to reinforce our school value of resilience no matter what unexpected events life might throw at you! The rest of the year will be plain sailing after that start to the term.

We have some exciting changes ahead some of which you will hear more about at our class meetings next week (see the dates below). Upper Key Stage 2 children will be bringing home a new homework challenge using the 'Vocabulous' programme. Alongside the introduction of Latin in KS2, this should help the children to focus on the roots of language, improving not only their vocabulary but also their spelling and their use of scientific and historical language in their writing. It is funny to think that we are going back thousands of years to bring ourselves right up to date with our spelling and vocabulary.

Please do come along to the class meetings if you can, to meet the teachers and to hear about the plans for the classes in this coming year. The better we get to know each other, the more effectively we can work together to help your children to learn and develop during their time with us. Here's to another year of learning, fun, community and collaboration – we are so glad that you are all on this journey with us,

Wishing you a cuddle-filled weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

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E-SAFETY AND WHATSAPP GROUPS- All of the children will be learning about E-Safety in their IT lessons this half term. They will learn how to keep themselves safe on line and how to address issues such as cyber bullying. Just a reminder that the age limit for use of Whatsapp is 13 yrs, TikTok is 13yrs and Instagram is also 13 years. Should parents and carers decide to override these legal limits and allow their children to use these sites then the responsibility for the children's behaviour on them will fall with the parents. Please be mindful of age limits on the games that children play on-line, films that they watch and the videos that they access. The images that children watch are often played out on the playground which can be very distressing for other children.

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES – Just a reminder that children should not be dropped on the playground before 8.45 a.m. or before a member of staff arrives. Lessons start promptly at 8.55 a.m. so please make sure that children have time to arrive in their classrooms before that time, it can be difficult for children to walk into a class that has already started their day. Please ensure that the children stand with their parents as they wait for school to start each morning rather than running around the playground. The children need to be coming into school calm ready to start their day, we are also unable to provide first aid should accidents happen at this busy time for the staff.

STAFF CAR PARK – We respectfully ask that parents do not walk through the staff carpark with or without their children. This is a health and safety risk for children and adults and puts the staff under unnecessary pressure when they are reversing their cars out of their parking spaces. Unfortunately our only option may be to fence off the car park which will be at considerable cost to the school should this continue to happen. It would make such a difference if parents used the walk to school path to keep their children safe.

CHAINSAW – A tree blew down in the storm in July. Mrs Stanbury would like to use the wood from the tree for her forest school sessions. If anyone has a chain saw and a spare hour and would be willing to come and cut up the tree we would be most grateful. Please let the Office know if you can help.

MEET THE TEACHER CLASS MEETINGS – We know that parents and carers will have many questions about new classes. We are often asked about PE days, spelling lists, water bottles, toilets – the list is endless. With that in mind, we will be inviting all parents and carers from Cherry Blossom Class – Oak Class to a 'Meet the teacher class meeting' immediately after school on the days below. The children are welcome to come along too. This will be a time for you to meet your child's new teacher and to ask any general questions which might not have been covered in the short presentation that the teachers will give. This will not be a time for individual discussions about settling in or progress. The dates are as follows:

Mon 8th of September Oak Class and Yr 2 Cherry Blossom Class

Tues 9th of September Willow Class

Thurs 11th of September Pine Class

Monday 15th September Yr 1 Cherry Blossom and Chestnut Class children (not Reception children)

OCTOBER PARENTS' EVENING – Please note the change of date for the October parents' evenings. Parents' evenings will now be on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October. More details to follow soon.

SCHOOL CLOTHES –Just a reminder that hoodies are not be allowed in school and nor are clothes with sequined pictures that can be changed when moved in different directions (until December!). Please make sure that children are wearing clothes that are appropriate for the activities that happen during the school day and that they do not wear slogans or images that could be upsetting to younger children. Children should feel proud of themselves when they arrive at school each day.

FOREST SCHOOL –Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats, or sunhats depending on the weather. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:
Pine Class: Tuesday
Chestnut Class: Wednesday
Cherry Blossom Class: Thursday

PE KIT - A reminder that all KS2 children and the children in Cherry Blossom class should come to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lessons.
Monday = Oak Class
Tuesday = Willow Class
Wednesday = Cherry Blossom Class
Thursday = Pine class
Chestnut Class will need their PE kit in school at all times.
PE kit is a white T-shirt, black or navy shorts and black or navy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers. The children should wear a sweat shirt for outdoor PE.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2025/26	
	SEPTEMBER
Monday 8th September	**Parents' Meeting Oak Class and Yr 2 Cherry Blossom Children 3.15 p.m.**
Tuesday 9th September	**Parents' Meeting Willow Class 3.15 p.m.**
Thursday 11th September	**Parents' Meeting Pine Class 3.15 p.m.**

Monday 15th September	**Parents' Meeting Yr 1 children from both Cherry Blossom and Chestnut Class 3.15 p.m.**
	OCTOBER
Friday 17th October	**Harvest Celebration – children only. Donations for the North Norfolk Foodbank**
Tuesday 21st October + Wednesday 22nd October	**Parents' Evenings**
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
	NOVEMBER
	DECEMBER
Tuesday 2nd December	**Family Learning Afternoon 2 p.m. All parents and carers welcome.**
Saturday 6th December	**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
Tuesday 9th December	**Christmas Nativity 9.15 a.m. All parents and carers from Chestnut Class and Cherry Blossom Class invited**
Wednesday 17th December	**Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – Sheringham Little Theatre**
Thursday 18th December	**Christmas Lunch**
Friday 19th December	**Last day of the Autumn Term**