SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26- NEWSLETTER NO 7

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting couple of weeks showing lots of new families around the school. We have become a popular choice for many parents from near and far which is a lovely position to be in. Thank you to so many of you who fly our flag and shout our name to friends and family – it really makes a difference.
It is interesting looking at our school through the eyes of an outside observer. Sometimes it is the smallest things that we take for granted, that our visitors comment on. The calm atmosphere is nearly always the first thing that is noticed. It is lovely in school during our first session when the learning is being introduced for the day. While most classes are focused and quiet you can always rely on the Chestnuts to be dancing or singing before their phonics session starts.
Before long the Learning Street starts to fill up with reading volunteers and intervention sessions and the buzz of the day begins. Laptops are logged on and independent learning is in evidence. Our visitors are delighted to hear about Ozzie our reading dog and the number of volunteers who support reading throughout the school. We know that we are so lucky to have so much support from so many different quarters. It doesn't happen everywhere.
When we head outside the list of questions is endless. Do the children in KS1 really go to forest school once a week? Do they really learn how to build dens? Do we really have sports competitions with other schools? Does Mr Hall-Galley actually still do football club in the winter? Yes Yes,Yes,Yes…..and so much more. Pheasants, deer, rabbits, trim trails and a summer pentathlon (if you don't know about it yet, you soon will!)
As we come back into school it is the smell that hits you! Roast dinner if it is a Thursday, homemade pizza on a Tuesday, pasta bolognaise on a Wednesday, all adding to the family feel that is commented on at every visit. As the smell wafts around the school we look at our beautiful history time line that fills the Learning Street and Kerry's amazing art work on the walls of the front entrance.
And then we meet the children; polite, focused, funny and engaging.
It is the little things that make the difference; it is the little things that make us Aldborough!

Wishing you family-filled half term break,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough team



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SCHOOL START TIMES – Just a reminder that lessons start at 8.55 a.m. The doors open at 8.45 a.m. giving a 10 minute window for arrival and entry to the classrooms. We have an increasing number of children who don't arrive until 8.55 a.m. (or later) and who are missing the beginning of the first lesson which gives them an unsettled start to the day. We appreciate your support in getting the children to school on time and ready for learning.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. We hope that as many children as possible will join us in promoting their favourite books and characters by dressing up for World Book Day. Please do not feel under pressure to buy a costume for the children if you don't already have one. A single prop, a homemade costume put together from existing outfits, or even a character's name safety pinned to a jumper will all add to the fun of the day. The most important aspect of World Book Day is that parents and carers talk to their children about the books they like to read and the characters they enjoy. Please could the children bring their book character book to school with them on March 5th so that they can be shared in the classroom.

SEPTEMBER! – We are already looking ahead to September so with that in mind the governors reviewed the school uniform policy last week. The policy for September 2026 is on the website. Just a reminder that we ask the children not to wear sequined tops that can be ruffled up and down in order for the image to change (you know the ones we mean!) We will relax this in December of course. We also ask that the children no longer wear shoes with flashing lights. Please be aware that hoodies are not allowed in school. We had an incident only last week where a child was pulled back by their hoodie. All of these items of clothing/footwear cause distractions in the classroom and disturb the learning. Finally, all children will need to have a navy sweatshirt as part of their PE kit. If you would prefer a school sweatshirt for PE then the links are available on the school website. Many thanks for your continued support in helping the children to feel proud of themselves when they come to school.

PE KIT - 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 navy sweat shirt for outdoor PE. Please make sure that the children have the correct PE kit for their lessons. We have many weird and wonderful outfits for PE at the moment!

FOREST SCHOOL – Willow Class will be taking part in Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon for the rest of the term.

FRIENDS FOR COFFEE - The Friends are hosting two trial coffee mornings/afternoons in Aldborough community centre:

Tuesday 3rd March 9 -10am

Friday 13th March 2 - 3pm

Hot drinks and cake available as well as toys for younger siblings to enjoy, all provided by the community centre. Please bring cash for a donation towards drinks and food. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and to find out a little more about the Friends Group. If you're attending these sessions please feel free to park at the community centre on these days and then walk to school.

QUIZ NIGHT – Please, please, please support The Friends Quiz evening if you can. It is set to be a wonderful evening at Aldborough Community Centre. The quiz will take place on Saturday 28th March from 5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Light bites will be included and there are

prizes to be won! £10 per adult, £5.00 per child and under 4s are free. There is a 25% discount for early bird bookings! Thank you to The Friends for organising this family event to support our children. Tickets can be purchased from the brand- new Friends webpage.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. Signup sheets will be available before and after school in the side entrance from Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Our next Family Learning Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 17th March.** If the weather is wet you will need your wellies as the afternoon will involve some outdoor work with nature. We do hope you will join us.
YOGHURT POTS AND EGG BOXES – If you have any spare please bring them into school, we will be able to use them on the Family learning day.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to class assemblies this term. The assemblies will start at 9.05 a.m. and should last no longer than 20 minutes. Parents and carers are welcome to sign in at the Office immediately after school drop off. The dates for the assemblies are as follows:

Pine Class: Friday 6th March 9.05 a.m.

Chestnut Class: Friday 13th March 9.05 a.m. (special invite to all Chestnut Mothers!)

Willow Class: Friday 20th March 9.05 a.m.

Cherry Blossom Class: Friday 27th March 9.05 a.m.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2026	
	FEBRUARY
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	**HALF TERM**
	MARCH
Tuesday 3rd March	**The Friends Coffee Morning, Aldborough Community Centre 9.00 a.m. -10.00 a.m. Everyone welcome**
Thursday March 5th	**World Book Day**
Friday March 6th	**Pine Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Pine Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.**
Tuesday March 10th	**National Dental Survey for selected children in Reception and Year 1.**
Friday March 13th	**Chestnut Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Chestnut Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.** **The Friends Coffee Afternoon, Aldborough Community Centre 2.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. Everyone welcome**

Tuesday 17th March	**Family Learning Afternoon**
Friday 20th March	**Willow Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Willow Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.**
Tuesday 24th March **Thursday 26th March**	**Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.** **Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**
Friday 27th March	**Cherry Blossom Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Cherry Blossom Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.** **Last day of the Spring Term**
	APRIL
Tuesday 14th April	**First day of the Summer Term for children**

