

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26- NEWSLETTER NO 10

Dear Friends,

It seems as if there is never a quiet time in school these days! Every half term brings new challenges, activities and levels of excitement. This half term is no exception as we prepare to welcome our new Reception children for September plus several other new families from the local area and beyond. Mrs Knight is buried under a mountain of paperwork! Our year 6 children are beginning to think about their transition to their different high schools. The children are making the most of their last term together and looking forward to performing their end of year production – the title is still under wraps!

Several classes will be going on trips this term and making the most of the lovely weather. One class will visit Norwich Castle whilst our youngest children will be taking their annual trip to Amazona Zoo. Our year 6 children will take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenge at Gresham School and they also have a visiting speaker to talk to them about careers in the wind turbine industry. Two of our older classes are studying Space Exploration this term – we are excited to see where they suggest for their trip! We were delighted to welcome the Touring Opera Company to school last week for a live performance of their latest opera 'Ada and the Code Crusader'. An amazing opportunity for the children to experience live opera in our corner of North Norfolk

This term we will be working hard on our school garden. We are lucky enough to have been offered the support of a very willing, very hardworking parent. Not only is she advising us on how to support the upkeep of our garden, but she is also donating all of the plants from her area of the Sandringham Show for us to use in our school garden. We really can't thank her enough. The children's gardening club are very excited to see the improvements in our garden and to see the fruits of their labours. We have also recently planted a fruit orchard which should look lovely in a few years' time.

We have some exciting events coming up in the summer term. We are looking forward to The Great Aldborough Pentathlon in June and in July we will be turning the school into Monet's garden when we celebrate 100 years of Monet's legacy with various art activities and a cream tea for the parents (watch this space!). Finally, look out for us on the Channel 4 News later in May. We are looking forward to Aldborough having a moment of fame on the TV!

Wishing you all a sunny weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough team



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DEAR YEAR SIX….Next Monday 11th May, SATs week will begin for you all. The hard work that you have put in over the past year is incredible but we know that there is so much more to you, which makes you special, unique and different. Throughout your time here at Aldborough Primary School, it has become clear that you are talented, kind, funny and resilient; you make us smile every day and we are all extremely proud of you. There is no doubt that you will become our future scientists, authors, actors/musicians and athletes, or even the best outlaws in Norfolk if you fancy that (more news coming later)! You are truly 'unstoppable' and you all have so much to be proud of! Rest, relax and enjoy this weekend – the best is yet to come!

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK – The children in year 4 are busy preparing for the national multiplication check which will take place after half term. This is a statutory government assessment which is completed by all children in year 4 across the country. Please continue to help your child to practise/ learn their times tables at home over the coming weeks. Not only will this give them confidence in their assessment but more importantly it sets them up for success in year 5 and 6 when a significant amount of the maths curriculum is based on multiplication.

SUMMER PRODUCTION – The excitement is building towards the KS2 Summer Production! We thought you would appreciate knowing the performance dates for your diary. There will be a performance to Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Class and any KS2 parents with pre-school children on Monday 13th July at 1.45 pm. The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 14th July and Wednesday 15th July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved so please avoid other commitments for the children on those evenings. All ticket information will be with you nearer the time.

READATHON – Thank you to everyone who supported The Friends' Readathon over the last few weeks. We really do appreciate all of the support that you give to the fundraising initiatives – every penny goes to the children. Thank you to the Friends for organising this for us. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support The Friends Quiz night back in the Easter holidays. We were delighted and very grateful to receive new play equipment for the children from The Friends this week – watch out for huge Jenga towers on the front playground in the Autumn.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES – Next week we will be practising our lock down procedures. This is a procedure that we have to practise each year to ensure that the children and staff know what to do in case of an intruder in the school. It involves a handi horn being blown and the children sheltering under their tables while their teachers lock the door. Please could you talk to your children about this so that they are prepared for it to happen. The teachers will also be preparing the children although the practice will be without warning.

MOBILE PHONES AND WATCHES – Just a reminder that all schools are now mobile phone free zones. Should your child have exceptional reasons why they need to bring a mobile phone into school please contact the office where the phone will be kept during the day. Children are not allowed to wear watches that connect to the internet during the school day i.e. in order to receive text alerts from parents.

SUMMER CLOTHES – As the weather gets warmer it feels the right time to mention appropriate summer clothes for school. Please do not send the children to school in 'belly tops' or tops with spaghetti straps or in shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh length unless it is a PE day (Yr 5 and 6 girls are often the culprits here!) Crocs are not allowed in school at any time of year and if the children wear open toed sandals in the summer they must wear socks to protect their toes as they play. Flip flops of any kind are not safe to wear for school. Please remember that the children will need sun hats and sun cream that they can apply themselves or they should come to school with sun cream already applied. If parents would like their children to wear sunglasses for outdoor play they must sign a disclaimer in the office. We really appreciate your support in this.

TRANSITION DAYS – Now that the year 6 children have been allocated their school places for September some of the secondary schools have given us the dates for their transition days. The year 6 children who have been allocated places at Aylsham High School or North Walsham High School will visit on Wed 24th June, Thurs 25th June and Friday 26th June. **PLEASE AVOID BOOKING ANY DAYS OFF SCHOOL AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME.** The secondary schools will be in touch with parents/carers directly with further information. **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE.**

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Our next Family Learning Afternoon is **"THE GREAT ALDBOROUGH OLYMPIC PENTATHLON".** Those of you who have been at the school for a number of years will know that we hold this sponsored event every two years and it is our major fund raiser for school fund. The money raised previously has paid for all the reading books that the classes have as their class readers (generally 15 copies of a book each half term per class). Without the money raised through the pentathlon we would have struggled to provide the classes with this essential resource. All the information that you need to help the children to take part will be with you nearer the time. We hope that as many of you as possible will join us to take the children around the course on **Tuesday 16th June from 1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.** The Pentathlon will end with a whole school relay race – weather permitting!

FAMILY LEARNING DAY AHS – On Saturday June 20th Aylsham High School will be holding their annual Family Learning Day from 10.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m. The staff from our school will be organising our own activity stand and we would love to see you there. This day is the perfect opportunity for our present yr 6 children, who are transitioning to AHS, to enjoy an informal day and meet their new teachers. You can find information about all the workshops/activities organised by TACT families on our outdoor noticeboard by the front door.

OAK CLASS FOREST SCHOOL - Oak class will have forest school sessions on the following days:
Monday 18th May
Monday 8th June
Monday 15th June
Monday 22nd June
On Thursday 16th July all Oak Class children will need a packed lunch as their afternoon in the forest will include a pizza party.

CALPOL – As most parents know we hold Calpol in school for when children have maybe a toothache or a headache and they just need something to take the pain away and help them

last the day. Currently this is bought by staff members, not the school, if anyone is happy to donate a bottle this would be very much appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS - *Wow! We're incredibly proud to share that a fantastic *£980.75* has been raised from the Easter Readathon — what an amazing effort! It's wonderful to see such enthusiastic readers, supported by such generous family and friends.*

Every child who took part will receive a certificate at the next Celebration Assembly, and they'll also be entered into a draw to win one of four £10 book vouchers 📚

We're also happy to share that over £400 has been approved this week for new playground equipment, which will be arriving very soon! This is all thanks to the continued support and engagement from our brilliant school community — thank you for helping make opportunities like this possible.

More updates on spend to follow very soon…



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2026	
	MAY
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	**End of KS2 SATs (all year 6 children – no term time holidays!)**
Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May	**Year 5 Bikeability (Most year 5 children)**
Tuesday 19th May	**Year 6 trip to Gresham STEAM competition**
Monday May 25th - Friday May 29th	**HALF TERM**
	JUNE
Friday June 12th	**Class Photos**
Tuesday 16th June	**The Great Aldborough Olympic Pentathlon – Family Learning Afternoon. 1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**
Saturday 20th June	**AHS Family Learning Day – Aylsham High School 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**
Wednesday 24th June – Friday 26th June	**AHS + North Walsham High School transition days**
Wednesday 24th June	**5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. New intake Reception 2026 Parents' Meeting**
Thursday 25th June	**Whole school transition day – new classes for Sept 2026**
	JULY
Monday 13th July	**KS2 Summer Production 1.45 p.m. (families with young children only)**
Tuesday 14th July	**KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.**

Wednesday 15th July	**KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.**
Thursday 16th July	**Year 6 pizza party (packed lunches needed for yr 6 children)**
Friday 17th July	**Leaver's Assembly 2.30 (All parents and carers for Year 6 invited)** **Last day of the summer term**

