

JUNE 2023

ALVELEY NEWSLETTER

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TOPIC DAY!

On Wednesday 28th June, Alveley Primary celebrated Topic Day.

Each class had activities designed to help them understand and further their knowledge of the topic that they have been learning this term.

EYFS enjoyed time dressing up as Mini Beasts for their topic day! They had a great time exploring for bugs on a Mini Beast hunt in the grounds of school and discussing the bug they had dressed as.

In **Cedar Class** there were plenty of knights & princesses seen walking the corridors as Cedar dressed in medieval costume. The children watched a video to research different castles, whilst then needing to design & make their own amazing shields fit for a knight!

Elm Class have been learning about 'The Ancient Maya'. The children spent time in Forest School designing and creating their own Mayan art using natural resources, eating tortilla chips with chocolate and making their own Mayan masks.

Oak Class travelled back in time, becoming 1940's evacuees to explore their topic of 'Rebuilding Britain'. They had a great day looking closely at the rations they would have been allowed, making name labels for their travel, listening for the bomb sirens and creating letters home to their parents.



SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts

Monday 5th June -
Friday 21st July

PD Day

Monday 24th July

PD Day

Tuesday 25th July

CLASSES



BEECH

Beech class went to forest school and found wood lice, worms and ants for their new observation area linked to their new topic of 'Mini Beasts'! They are carefully watched what happens when mini beasts create tunnels through the observation viewer. It has given the opportunity for the children to look closely at the features of different mini beasts from our outdoor space.



ELM

On Monday 5th June, Elm Class visited 'The Butterfly Farm', Stratford-upon-Avon. The trip allowed the children to explore their topic of the 'Ancient Maya' in greater detail; experiencing the weather conditions and cultural beliefs of the Maya, whilst also seeing some of the creatures that would have existed within MesoAmerica at the time of the Maya people. The butterflies were captivating and the children had a great day exploring!



CEDAR

On Tuesday 20th June, Cedar Class visited Warwick Castle to explore their topic of 'Castles' further. The class walked around the site looking at clear features of a castle that they have been researching in the classroom. It was a great day with an exciting tour of the interior of the castle and it's breathtaking exterior. The children really enjoyed watching 'The War of the Roses' knights battle!



OAK

Oak Class have been looking closely at 'Rebuilding Britain' after World War II. They have focused this month on the founding of the NHS. Oak looked at the comparisons between healthcare prior to and after the NHS was created across the UK. The NHS is a strong establishment that still exists to this day so they have looked at how it has functioned during and after the war. They have also discussed evacuation & the Windrush

CLASS DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2023

Oak Swimming Weekly -
Starts W/C Thursday 8th June

Kidderminster Harriers Health Kick -
9th June - 21st July

Class Transition Day -
Monday 3rd July

OWS Taster Day
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July

Year 6 Kayaking
Wednesday 5th July

KS2 Dudmaston Orienteering Trip -
Tuesday 11th July

Sports Day -
Wednesday 12th July
Reserve Day 13th July

Year 6 Leaver's Party
Thursday 13th July

Oak Class Production
Tuesday 18th July

Oak Class Evening Production
Wednesday 19th July

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Friday 21st July

LITTLE SQUIRRELS NURSERY

NURSERY TIMINGS

Morning Sessions

8.45-11.45AM

Afternoon Sessions

12.15-3.15PM

OUR CURRENT LEARNING

This half term, we have been excited to introduce our new topic 'Minibeasts'. The children have enjoyed learning about different minibeasts and were particularly excited to have a visit from some very friendly pet snails, where they discovered their favourite foods and how fast they actually move! The children have also introduced their own ant farm and caterpillars into the classroom and are observing the changing in these minibeasts every day, they can't wait to see their butterflies emerge from their cocoons! Little Squirrels have also written a letter to King Charles III to wish him a 'Happy Birthday' and celebrated HRH's special day with a tea party!



JOIN OUR NURSERY!

In EYFS at Alveley School, we follow a child led approach to play based learning with the belief that each child develops at his or her own pace. The teachers and teaching assistants support each child's development, focusing upon interests and taking opportunities to support and extend learning in a meaningful context. Play is a child's work, we follow their personal exploration and natural inquisitiveness to extend and develop learning opportunities.

A positive ethos is at the heart of our EYFS unit. It is extremely important that the children feel happy and comfortable within the setting; where they are constantly supported and encouraged. The children's achievements are recognised and celebrated. This ethos allows for and encourages problem solving, resilience, curiosity and high levels of engagement. All adults recognise the importance of developing a strong, positive, trusting relationship with each child, knowing each of them as an individual. If you are interested to know more, please contact our School Office.



EYFS' TOPIC DAY

DINOSAUR TOPIC DAY

EYFS finished their half termly topic of 'Dinosaurs' by exploring a range of investigative activities! The day was a great opportunity for the children to think and discuss all of the dinosaur facts they had learnt throughout the half term, whilst also giving time to explain the various features of each of them.

They had messy dinosaur swamps which encouraged the children to use fine motor skills as they explored different sensory textures in the tuff trays. It provided a great talking point and there was lots of engaging conversations from the children and their peers as they moved their dinosaurs through the shaving foam swamp.

The children made fossilised dinosaur footprints using clay as well as making dinosaur masks to wear. The fossilised dinosaurs were a huge success and the children took great care when listening to the adult's instructions.



Following the children's learning about carnivores and herbivores, they used the day to make healthy wraps but with a slight twist! The children must decide whether to eat like a carnivore or a herbivore. They independently made their own healthy wraps either containing ham or cheese with a salad.

To finish the day, children played matching bingo and construction games. There was a 'Dinosaur Party' where the children were able to eat their wraps and discuss what they had enjoyed about the day. The half term topic of 'Dinosaurs' has been a fantastic learning journey and one that all of the children have found shown great excitement in; exploring through fun and engaging activities and talks.

CRUCIAL CREW

YEAR 6 VISIT CRUCIAL CREW!

Bridgnorth Crucial Crew has taken place for more than 25 years. Each year, around 800 children, from about 40 primary schools in Bridgnorth and South Shropshire, attend the programme which is run by volunteers from the community. The programme takes place to provide a personal safety and awareness training course for those children about to leave Primary School education. The course covers elements and issues that may affect a child's wellbeing or health, considering dangers that they may encounter.

On Wednesday 21st June, Alveley Primary's year 6 children attended the Crucial Crew event situated at Bridgnorth Rugby Club. Whilst there, the children took part in a number of staged activities aimed at helping them to confront potential risks and dangers.

There were seven tents for the children to visit in mixed school groups. Within each tent, the children worked with an adult who approached a certain element of risk that they may face based on that adult's professional setting. For instance, the children visited the NFU Mutual tent where they acknowledged farm safety, thinking carefully about the risks not only within the role of a farmer, but within the countryside if using public footpaths across agricultural and arable land.

A police officer was within another tent, discussing the vital knowledge needed to not only address but raise awareness of knife crime, something that creates prolific difference and unfortunately a high risk within everyday society in the modern day. He showed the children items that had been retrieved and why it was important for them to acknowledge the risk held from carrying a knife. Children listened well and showed great maturity. Listed below are the agencies and organisations who were on site offering their safety advice including:

NFU Mutual (farm safety workshop)

Shropshire Community Health Trust (resilience and communication with others)

Shropshire Fire and Rescue (potential fire dangers)

Shropshire Youth Association (alcohol awareness and vaping)

Veolia (recycling)

West Mercia Police (anti social behavior, knife crime and road safety)

West Mercia Search and Rescue (water safety)

Western Power (electrical safety)



We would like to take this opportunity to send our own thanks to The Crucial Crew volunteer team who show a consistent and constant support in providing the children with an interactive learning experience for such wide reaching safety information. Their platform encourages the acknowledgement of risks and dangers that can be experienced throughout the life of a child through to adulthood in a sympathetic, immersive and educational based learning experience that is vital to boosting understanding.

FOREST SCHOOL

OUR CURRENT FOREST SCHOOL LEARNING

This month, children have been looking closely at mini beasts that they are able to find within our Forest School. With the warmer weather, there are many bugs and creatures that are using our site and establishing new habitats within our new zoned growing and planting areas. Children have been using different methods to view them, including safely storing the bugs in magnified containers to view their features, before safely releasing them back into their habitat. It is important for all pupils to appreciate the nature around them and that includes the creatures that the children are sharing our school site with.

With it being Summer Term, the children have also been discussing bees and the need for pollination. Within this, the children have planted wild seeds and looked at the life cycles of creatures to fully understand the need for high pollinating planting areas.



ONGOING FOREST SCHOOL RENOVATION UPDATES!

The Forest School has had further improvements since our last newsletter! We are thrilled to update you on further renovation projects that have been undertaken. A new sensory walk has been laid, enabling and encouraging children to explore different textures and natural resources underfoot. Alongside this, there are sensory tyre 'tuff trays' to encourage fine motor skills and further exploration of texture. Within the same area, there are herb planters which the children will be encouraged to pick themselves with an outlook to start growing our own produce that we can then season with herbs the children have grown and tended to. This is a really exciting project, as part of the 'Farm to Fork' initiative, that we are so excited to share and show pictures of as it develops!

The Forest School site now has large tyre planters where we are growing multiple plants and produce, with groups of children helping to water and nurture our crops. Again, this is a project that we are incredibly excited to share with you and one that we hope to reap the benefits of through the produce we will grow.

Establishing clear learning from nature, we have new signage around the Forest School to allow children to independently search and acknowledge creatures, birds and life cycles that may be found within our own mini ecosystem.

CLASS FOREST SCHOOL INFORMATION

EYFS	Monday
CEDAR	Tuesday
ELM	Wednesday
OAK	Thursday

Please remember your child will need an appropriate Forest School kit of long sleeved top, trousers and wellies, for their session. Be mindful of weather conditions with waterproof layers, hats or suncream needed.



SPORT

CLASS PE LESSON INFORMATION

EYFS	Wednesday
CEDAR	Wednesday Friday
ELM	Wednesday Friday
OAK	Wednesday Thursday-swimming Friday

On your child's PE day, please ensure they have weather appropriate PE kit within school of white t-shirt, blue shorts OR black sports trousers and trainers.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



Every week during this last half term, Kidderminster Harriers have been visiting school to provide health and fitness lessons to children from Elm and Oak. We are incredibly grateful for their visits!

CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 6th June, a group of Year 5 and 6 children visited Bridgnorth Cricket Club to compete against other schools. The children took part in competitive games, with short innings and challenges against other school teams. We thank Alveley children for representing our school and showing great respect to other teams competing.



ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT



On Tuesday 13th June, A group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Rounders tournament at Oldbury Wells School. Despite the heat, everyone played really well coming 5th out of 15 teams! A massive well done to them and a thank you to Mrs Graham for supplying ice lollies for the team!

MULTI SKILLS EVENT

Year One Children took part in a multi skills event on 29th June at Bridgnorth Cricket Club. They concentrated on striking and fielding activities. All of the children worked really well together and had a lovely afternoon.



SPORT

TENNIS SKILLS



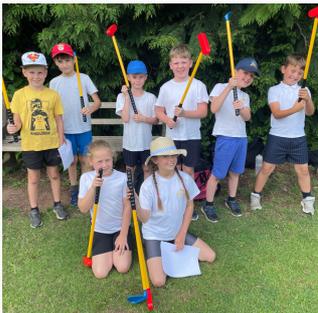
This half term, Cedar, Elm and Oak classes have been lucky enough to attend tennis lessons with a specialised coach at Alveley Tennis Club. They have all thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and learnt new skills including forward and backhand passes, serving, ball control, scoring and rules. A huge thank you to Alveley Tennis Club for allowing us to attend and teaching new skills to our Alveley pupils!

OAK CLASS GO SWIMMING!

Oak Class have been enjoying swimming sessions this half term as a weekly lesson at Bridgnorth Leisure Centre. The sessions have looked closely at water safety, as well as the basic swimming strokes that all of the children have been honing and practising. The children have really enjoyed visiting the Leisure Centre and the opportunity to learn a new skill. Swimming is a great skill for all to have and it is important for them to recognise the safe practise and dangers of all water in a controlled setting. Oak Class have had a great time and we send our thanks to Bridgnorth Leisure Centre for providing us with the amazing lessons given.



TRI GOLF TOURNAMENT



A group of year 3 and 4 children took part in a Tri-Golf tournament at Bridgnorth Golf Club on 22nd June. Each team played a 9-hole Tri-Golf course as well as taking part in a skills challenge competition involving 8 Tri-Golf games. Despite the warm weather, all showed great team work and resilience whilst also demonstrating lots of new skills! Our Alveley Team had great success as the team came second and third- Well done Team Alveley!

IN SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Mr Bennett has been in school this half term teaching athletics to Ash, Beech, Cedar and Elm ready for sports day. The children have been practising a range of skills including javelin, hurdles, standing long jump, sprints and relays. We cannot wait to put all of these skills into practice on Sports Day which is due to take place on the 12th July. We would appreciate your attendance to cheer on the school teams on this day!



MUSIC

UKULELE LESSONS IN SCHOOL

This term, children have had the pleasure of music lessons with Mrs Salt of Shropshire Music Service. Mrs Salt has an engaging approach which has captivated the attention of many of the children, many counting down to their lessons with her! Elm Class especially have been singing the songs they've learnt in the lead up to their next session.



EYFS

In Nursery and Reception, the children have been singing songs and understanding beats using resources that the children recognise from the classroom. They have sang songs that are familiar to them, using their names to welcome each other to sessions through Mrs Salt's practical and engaging sessions with them.

CEDAR

In Cedar Class, children have been listening to different music and have discussed how songs can be split into verses. They have thought carefully about rhythm and instrumental elements, clapping along to the rhythm that they have heard.



ELM & OAK

Elm and Oak Class started their learning by discussing key elements of the ukulele, thinking about best practice when learning to play an instrument. Following this, they have built up a number of skills such as how to hold and position the ukulele for playing. They have used this new found knowledge of their instruments to then learn about chords and beats to sing songs together. The lessons have been engaging and a great way for all children to explore a new talent.



OUR COMMUNITY



OPEN THE BOOK

A huge thank you to the 'Open the Book' team who visited and acted out another of their immersive Bible stories. This time the story had a clear message about the importance of making a conscious effort to listen to and appreciate everyone, including children. The children enjoyed listening to the story and understood that their voices are just as important to Jesus as the voice of an adult. Thank you to the 'Open the Book' team for capturing the imagination and attention of the children who took part and those who watch.



BOOK FAYRE

On Wednesday 7th June through to Monday 12th June, Alveley Primary had the pleasure of hosting a book fayre within our school hall. The event was a huge success with many parents and children attending to view and purchase the books on offer. We cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming support and this amazing opportunity to encourage 'reading for pleasure' for all children. From your Book Fayre purchases, Alveley Primary have managed to get £374 in rewards to buy books-thank you!

A VISIT FROM THE DENTIST

On Friday 22nd June, EYFS children had a visit from the dental nurse. She talked about the need for a healthy, balanced diet. Children looked at foods that are better for your teeth and which can still be eaten but in smaller amounts during regular meal times. They played a game where they dressed as teeth! The children had to think carefully about the sugars that may be in the food and whether the food is good or bad for their friends dressed as teeth.



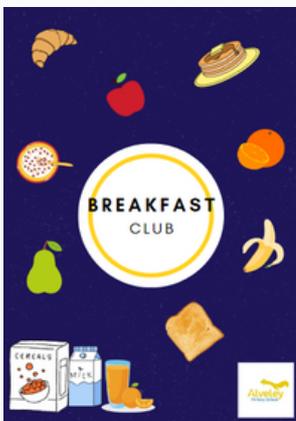
OWS VISIT

On 20th June, a group of Year 5 students visited Oldbury Wells School's Drama and D&T Departments. The children first visited the drama department where they acted out a scene interviewing an alien, pretending to be either the reporter or the alien. In the D&T department, the children designed a template for a t-shirt and applied a stencils to their own t-shirt that they were able to take home with them. A great day!

WRAPAROUND CARE

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day during school term times from Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays and PD days). Children are welcome to attend the sessions from 7.30am, remaining within the club until school starts. Those that attend can have a breakfast provided, with multiple choices available, alongside a chance to catch up with peers in a relaxed 'homely' environment. Board games and crafts are available to the children during these morning sessions. If you would like your child to attend any of our Breakfast Club sessions, please contact our school office.



WRAPAROUND TIMES

BREAKFAST CLUB TIME

7.30AM-9AM

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

3.15PM-4.15PM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

3.15PM-5.15PM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every day during school term times from Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays and PD days. The club starts at 3.15pm as school finishes and ends at 5.15pm. During the hour of 3.15-4.15pm, there are optional daily activities that the children can participate in for an extra cost. The children that attend the group activities always have a great time with fun and engaging opportunities that enable the children to pursue a talent or explore a new passion. If you are wishing for your child to attend one of our daily activities or to join the after school club, please contact our School Office.



ALVELEY PTA (FOAS)

FOAS (Alveley PTA)

Our amazing PTA team have been working on many projects over the last few weeks and we wanted to take this opportunity to recognise and share their fantastic efforts to support our school community. Their generosity and commitment to our school does not go unnoticed and we cannot thank them enough for their continued support with ongoing projects and ideas. If you are wishing to learn more about our PTA and would like to discuss any ideas, the next FOAS AGM meeting will be held in **September**. The meetings are open for anyone to attend with a welcome approach to new members that wish to join.

Listed below are some of the current and ongoing projects happening in school with thanks to the amazing generosity of our PTA team.

£200 DONATION FOR EVERY CLASS

All classes are grateful for a £200 donation that they have put towards something of their choosing to support their current or ongoing class learning.

Cedar Class used the money to put towards their coach to Warwick Castle.

Elm Class used some of their money to put towards their Mayan food experience for topic day and will use some to purchase science and maths equipment.

EYFS and Oak Class will be using their kind donation soon to put towards resources for the upcoming school year. We send our thanks to FOAS for this incredible support!

LIBRARY BOOKS

As part of the FOAS commitment to our school, they have made an incredible donation of £680 to our KS2 school library books. This is an amazing support to our own 'reading for pleasure' dedication that we have made to our Alveley Primary School pupils. Mr Marsh will be choosing books that will be suitable for readers in KS2.

Please make sure to pay a visit to our amazing PTA Team who will be supporting us on 12th July at our school Sports Day! They will have an amazing selection of refreshments available, all in support of the day and ongoing and exciting projects for the future.

ADVERTISING



WHEN:
7th AUGUST TO 10th AUGUST
14th AUGUST TO 17th AUGUST
21st AUGUST TO 24th AUGUST
28th AUGUST TO 31st AUGUST

WHERE:
Alveley Cricket Club

TIME:
9AM - 1PM

PRICE:
£15 / DAY

Holiday Camps SUMMER (AGES 5-12)

Art & Craft | Puzzles | Outdoor Games | Indoor Games

HAF
Holiday Activities and Food

Shropshire Council

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's extended Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Funded by the Department for Education, to find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to the HAF newsletter go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

How to book? www.alveleycc.co.uk
or email: info@alveleycc.co.uk



Holiday Camps SUMMER (CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YEARS)

Please arrive 9am and collect your child 1pm
Book online at www.alveleycc.co.uk or complete the form below:

Personal Contact Details:

Name of child: _____ DOB: _____
 School Name: _____
 Parents Name: _____ Parents Email: _____
 Address: _____
 Postcode: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Number: _____
 Medical Information: _____

Are you happy for photos to be taken and used within our marketing? Yes/No

Booking:
Please tick

Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 7 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 8 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 9 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 10 August
Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 14 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 15 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 16 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 17 August
Week 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 21 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 22 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 23 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 24 August
Week 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 29 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 30 August	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 31 August

£15 per day (Activities are free for those in receipt of free school meals)

Places are limited and booked on first come first served basis
 Please return form and payment made payable to: Alveley Cricket Club
 Return to 20 Bridge Road, Alveley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6JP

Are you in receipt of Free school meals? Yes/ No

If yes please enter voucher code here:

St Mary's Church, Alveley
Saturday 1st July
3pm - 5pm

Crafts | Worship

Messy Church

Games | Food

Family Fun

FREE TO ATTEND

Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult