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ALVELEY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is a pleasure to write the second newsletter of this academic year, firstly to welcome you back after the Christmas holidays, but also to share some of the experiences and learning from the previous half term. Of course, the lead up to Christmas was one of the highlights, with talent shows, carol concerts, Christmas lunch and other activities. We even had a day of snow for everyone to enjoy!

Last half term, we welcomed new pupils to our school, as well as new members of staff. I'm pleased that alongside Mrs Watson and Mrs Tew, Mrs Bridgwater and Mrs Davies will also be joining our staff team, ensuring the highest quality support in classes and around school. We look forward to our new topics this term, with Oak Class learning about the Sikh Empire, Elm investigating Ancient Egypt and Cedar looking at traditional tales.

I will be continuing to teach those 3 classes for one afternoon per week as well.

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas, a happy new year and that your children are ready for the return to school!

Mr Marsh

SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

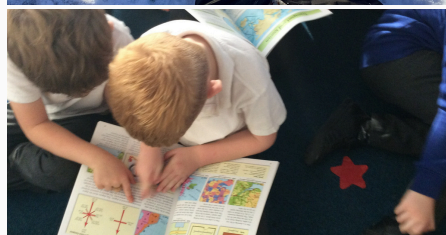
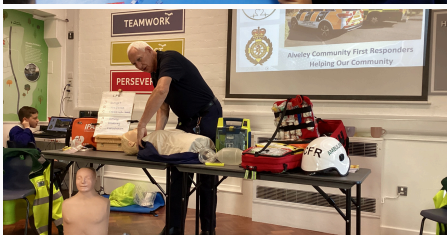
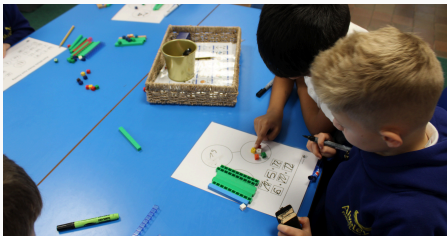
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Term Dates for Spring

- **7th Jan** - Term starts for pupils
- **14th Feb** - Break up for Feb half term
- **24th Feb** - Return to school
- **11th April** - Break up for the Easter holidays

Dates to keep an eye out for:

- Trips and parent lunches/ workshops for this term.
- Sports Competitions



CLASSES



BEECH

We have enjoyed learning about and celebrating different festivals this half term. We had our own Diwali Party, tried traditional foods and learnt a Bollywood dance.

Our trip to St Marys Church this half term to learn about the Nativity story and history of Church was enjoyed by everyone.

Everyone put on an amazing show for the Christmas service in Church and we enjoyed a class party on our last day of term.



CEDAR

Cedar have had an enjoyable half term, leading up to Christmas. This half term our topic has been The Great Fire of London. Children learnt about the events that took place on Pudding Lane in 1666. As part of their learning children wrote a recount, setting description and a diary entry written by Samuel Pepys. Children then used their knowledge of diary writing to write a diary based on the John Lewis Edge Christmas advert. In maths children have been learning about addition and subtraction as well as 2D and 3D shapes. In History children have been learning about what holidays were like in the past and identifying key moments and events in their own history. Mrs Graham's dad, Roy, came in to speak to the class about what holidays were like when he was a child and shared some black and white photos with then children. We look forward to our next topic, next half term which is Traditional Tales.



ELM

This term in Elm has been very busy, we have been learning all about Polar Explorers! We have learnt about Ernest Shackleton and we have looked at his journey he took. In science we have been looking at the human body and the bones inside our skeleton!

We have also been looking at how we can keep it healthy with the food we consume and what food groups they are from. Elm have enjoyed swimming this year and have all made brilliant progress. In guided reading we have been reading the book 'The Pugs of The Frozen North', we have enjoyed using our guided reading VIPERS skills to understand the story.



OAK

Oak Class have explored the Heart and Circulatory System, with a visit from Alveley First Responders, who taught us CPR, how a defibrillator works, and demonstrated their life-saving equipment.

Although Storm Bert postponed our trip to Severn Valley Country Park, we hope to visit next term. We've also represented the school in football, gymnastics, dodgeball, and cricket, showing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. Our 'Forest and French Friday' sessions have been a highlight. In Forest School, we made remembrance poppies, ran group games, and harvested vegetables. In French, Mrs. Lawrence from Oldbury Wells used songs to help us practice numbers and greetings.

AROUND SCHOOL



'iRock' Rock Music Assembly



Armistice Day Commemoration



Santa Dash



Nativity



Alveley's Got Talent



CPR Workshop



Visit to the church

Alveley in the Snow



LITTLE SQUIRRELS NURSERY

NURSERY TIMINGS

Morning Sessions

8.45-11.45AM

Afternoon Sessions

12.15-3.15PM

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Little Squirrels Nursery have had such a lovely half term, Our topics were Woodland and Christmas. The children really enjoyed our focus books The Gruffalo and We Are Going on A Bear Hunt. We have been on a Gruffalo trail at the Wyre forest, where we found the Gruffalo and his friends hiding around the forest. We went on a bear hunt and the children made some delicious bear toast. We have explored different Woodland animals and their habitat. The children also loved looking out for theses on the Gruffalo trail. We have ended this half term celebrating Christmas, exploring decorations, decorating our Nursery Tree and making cards and decorations to take home. We were so excited to end this half term with the Nativity production and the church as we had been practicing our songs so much!



JOIN OUR NURSERY!

Each day, children have adult led activities, including a daily phonics lesson delivered to all children. Following their adult led learning, children work with a teacher to complete scaffolded activities. While some children are completing work with their teacher, others engage in child initiated learning, supported by other adults.

To maximise learning opportunities, children have daily access to both an indoor and outdoor classroom, where independence and choice are encouraged. All areas of the EYFS framework, including reading, writing and mathematics are planned coherently across all ages and activities and opportunities are appropriately adapted to meet each child's needs, deepening and extending their understanding. Within the carefully planned environment, stimulus and enhanced provision is used to excite, capture and motivate the children and provide learning opportunities .

If you are interested to know more, please contact our School Office.



Term Dates 2024/ 25

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2024/2025

School Day	190
School Holiday	
UK Bank Holiday	
PD day	5

*disaggregated

Autumn	1 st Half	37 days
Autumn	2 nd Half	35 days
Spring	1 st Half	24 days
Spring	2 nd Half	25 days
Summer	1 st Half	34 days
Summer	2 nd Half	35 days
	Total	190 days

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If you have concerns for the safety of a child outside of school, or at a time of year when school is not in session, please look at our [school website links here](#) for how to report it.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we deeply value the collaboration between home and school in keeping everyone safe.

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Several parents at Parents' Evening asked how best to support learning while at home. We hope that reading and spellings are practised through the week, daily where possible. However there are a few other resources that you might find useful. All of these are either free to use or ones which your child already has a login. Please contact school if you don't have this login and we can provide it:

- www.ttrockstars.com (for supporting times table knowledge)
- www.mathsbot.com/primary/ks2 (Year 6 arithmetic practise- really good resource!)
- www.mathsframe.co.uk (great maths resources, particularly the Year 4 times table check game)
- www.letterjoin.co.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please scan the QR code above to see if you might be eligible for free school meals. Not only does this give support for school meals, it also allows us to support with the paying of school trips and other experiences, as well as helping with uniform, forest school, PE kit and other clothing.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Easy Fundraising is a free and easy app that you can download and sign up to. Every time you shop online, a small amount of money is donated to school (by the company, NOT you!). While it will cost you nothing to support us this way, it might make all the difference to the projects that I'm keen to develop in the future. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-alveley-school to support us!