

JULY 2023

ALVELEY NEWSLETTER

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SPORTS DAY!

On Thursday 13th July, all school children enjoyed the annual Alveley Primary Sports Day. The day is always filled with anticipation, excitement, teamwork and a certain competitive edge as all children show their resilient nature to participate. We couldn't have been prouder of all of the children's support for their peers and energy that they gave to the day's antics!

The afternoon started with a number of activities, managed by Miss Ordidge, our sports coordinator and Oldbury Wells Sports leaders.

Archery was a firm favourite amongst all pupils as children aimed to hit the targets with their arrows to earn their house the most points. A javelin contest also saw the competitive nature of many students as the light breeze blew a few javelins further than others.

Standing long jump and football goal scoring were also lots of fun, with parents watching on from the side-lines with much interest.

The races that followed saw teams cheering each other on as they raced to become first, second and third places. Everyone tried their hardest and following the BLAST policy, we couldn't have been prouder of the resilient nature of the pupils as they all strived to do the best for their teams. By the end of the afternoon, with all points checked, an overall winner of Kites was announced as the top scoring team!



SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 2023

PD Day

Monday 4th September

Term Starts

Tuesday 5th September -
Thursday October 26th

PD Day

Friday 27th October

Half Term

Monday 30th October -
Friday 3rd November

Term Starts

Monday 6th November -
Thursday 21st December

PD Day

Friday 22nd December

CLASSES



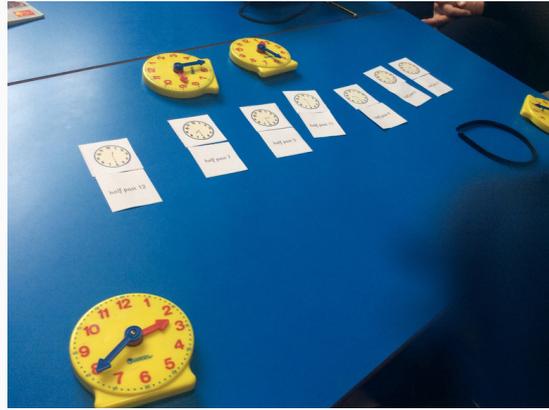
BEECH

Children from Beech Class have been learning more about the seaside. They took turns to pass around a starfish and then looked carefully at past and present beach images. They discussed similarities and differences between the photos and shared their own past experiences of going to the beach. Each child drew a picture of themselves wearing appropriate beach clothes to add to a seaside banner.



ELM

On Friday 7th July, Elm Class enjoyed time in Forest School playing 'Hide and Seek', testing out their Mayan masks that they had made during D&T lessons. The children have researched many elements of Mayan life over the last half term; with masks, hieroglyphs and patterns being seen throughout history books and resources.



CEDAR

Children in Cedar Class have been learning the time. They have been drawing the hands on a clock with support of a concrete clock. The children have looked at telling the time and using the language of an hour, half an hour, as well as both quarter past and quarter to.



OAK

Oak children have been perfecting their drama and acting skills as they finalise their performances for their end of year school play. Their has been a real buzz amongst the Oak Class children as they celebrate this final performance as a group. We cannot wait to see them perform and show the best of their acting skills!

CLASS DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN 2023

Class news for your child's class will be displayed here as events are organised throughout the year.

LITTLE SQUIRRELS NURSERY

NURSERY TIMINGS

Morning Sessions

8.45-11.45AM

Afternoon Sessions

12.15-3.15PM

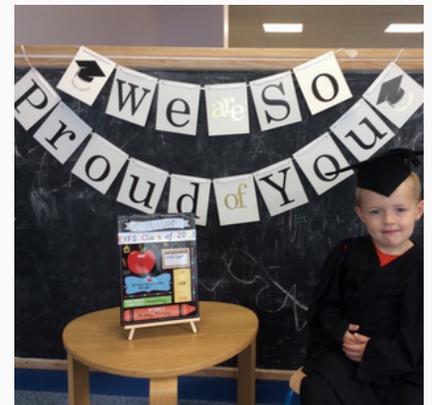


OUR CURRENT LEARNING

To end the Summer Term in Nursery, we made our own minibests and took them on a journey to the seaside, which we built ourselves in the classroom, and to the local park. This was linked to the stories 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' and 'The Snail and the Whale', which we have really enjoyed sharing.

We used knowledge from our own journeys to make maps which could lead us from one place to another, incorporating the use of positional language.

We have discussed the transition that some of the children will be making to Reception class and have lots of ideas of how our learning will continue as we move on throughout the school.



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.

SPORT

CLASS PE LESSON INFORMATION

EYFS	Thursday
CEDAR	Wednesday Friday
ELM	Tuesday Thursday
OAK	Tuesday Wednesday

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.

HUGE SPORTING NEWS FOR ALVELEY PRIMARY!



The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme, that was launched in 2012, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. The process allows our school to evaluate its PE provision and actively assists in developing an action plan for future progress. At Alveley Primary, we are very proud of our gold award achievement from the scheme.

BRONZE AMBASSADORS



A big thank you to Zack Graham, Jacob Nixon, Jess Stephens, Alfie Guest, Noah Plant, Henry Wiggan, Isabelle Mathews and Maddie Jones who have been our Year 6 sports ambassadors this year. They have worked to create engaging events for the other classes such as the mini marathon, as well as helping set up different PE events.

PLAY LEADERS



Throughout this year, play leaders have helped play games with all children at break times and lunch times. They have worked really hard and played lots of new games with children. A huge thank you to Thomas Carr, Lexi Hutton, Darcy Webb, Rose Spragg-deakin, Isla Mander and Regan Houghton.

FOREST SCHOOL

OUR CURRENT FOREST SCHOOL LEARNING-LIFE CYCLES

Children have been discussing the life cycles of plants, insects and animals as part of their Forest School learning this month. Children looked at plants growing within the Science Garden to analyse how they grow and adapt. They looked at how the plants eventually grew big enough to become produce. To replicate a plant life cycle, the children found natural resources and laid them out to show how the plants grew and changed over time.

The children used a similar process when considering the life cycles of insects and birds. They considered the habitat with which the creature lived and how they grow over time. Using roleplay, the children showed the different elements of the life cycles.

Within 'Little Squirrels' Nursery and Beech Class, children have explored the life cycles of caterpillars to butterflies. The children have watched and investigated caterpillars in a special growing kit, where they will then keep an eye on them until they are ready to be set free as butterflies.



OUR FIRST CROP!

All children were excited to learn that their growing efforts had resulted in cucumbers that were ripe enough to be picked! Children were able to sample the food they had grown as the cucumbers were shared between classes for taste testing. It created a real hubbub in school as all children were excited to realise their growing efforts from the seeds they had planted, to the plants they had nurtured had resulted in such a great crop. Many commented on the fresh smell and delicious taste of the cucumbers. We are so proud of the children and their teamwork to produce the crops they have now had the joy of eating, all part of the 'Farm to Fork' initiative.

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.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

SEASIDE DAY!

On Wednesday 5th July, Little Squirrels Nursery Children and Beech Class celebrated their 'Seaside Beach Day' within the school's outdoor space. The annual celebration day is always enjoyed by children and staff alike as they explore well-known and traditional elements of a day at the seaside. The children had the chance to play 'fairground games and rides' as well as fishing, sunbathing, paddling, sports and a very popular ball pit. To finish the afternoon, EYFS all enjoyed a treasure hunt and a nice, cool ice pop. The day gave children the opportunity to talk about their own seaside experiences, a day that all found fun and enjoyable!



YEAR 6 GO KAYAKING!

The children joined Mr Beaumont of 'River Severn Canoes' for a day of fun, kayaking along the canal in Kinver. The children were really excited to try a new activity. After a briefing about kayaking and water safety, children were eager to get kitted out and learn the ropes. Children were put into pairs for their kayak and enjoyed learning how to paddle on the beautiful canal surrounded by great scenery. They had a great time playing games and everyone enjoyed splashing their friends. Most people tried standing up on the water- which led to some falling in! A huge thank you to 'River Severn Canoes' for providing a fun-filled day!



HORSE RIDING



YEAR 6 GO HORSE RIDING!

Proudly wearing their 'Leavers Hoodies', kindly donated by our brilliant FOAS team, Year Six children enjoyed an outing to KA Equestrian to try their hand at horse riding, as part of their celebrations in their final weeks at Alveley Primary. With lots of enthusiasm and a great team atmosphere, the children set about caring for the horses, starting the day by catching and bringing the horses in from the field for grooming. This was a great way of getting to know their horse before tacking up.

The group were split into two with both learning the ropes of looking after and caring for the needs of the horses. Whilst one group rode the horses, the other group spent time attending to jobs in the yard. There was great excitement at the prospect of riding the horses on site and Year Six children showed amazing maturity when carrying out their responsibilities for the day.

After lunch, children had a stable management lesson. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn the anatomy of a horse, alongside learning the tack items needed. We send our thanks to KA Equestrian for allowing us to attend the stables and providing the Year Six students with a great day out! Everyone had the best time - thank you KA Equestrian!



TRANSITION DAY

MOVING UP DAY!

On Monday 4th July, Alveley Primary had a transition day aimed at helping the children meet their new teachers and visiting the classroom they will be in for the upcoming new school year in September. All children were excited to meet or be reunited with peers as they moved between classes to experience time with their new teacher and supporting teaching staff. The time is designed to allow children to integrate themselves with old and new friends before September, as well as allowing the teaching staff to become better acquainted with the children and their individual needs.

All classes had fun and engaging activities for their 'moving up' time, with many lessons focusing on the children's favourite hobbies and interests so that all staff can best support each individual with their future goals and aspirations.

There was a real buzz felt across the school as children felt the excitement at being united with old and new friends as well as thinking about the new academic year and what they are wanting to achieve. Whether using arts and crafts, letter writing or practical discussions; all children were engaged and ready for their big move to the new school year! We wish all children a big 'Good Luck' as they embark on this journey into the next step of their education.



OUR COMMUNITY



OPEN THE BOOK

This month, 'Open the Book' have celebrated the successes of Alveley Primary School's Year Six pupils as they move on to their next chapter at Secondary school. Year Six children were all presented with a book for 'Moving On' and given good luck wishes as they enter a new stage of life.



CATERLINK

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McGoldrick and the Caterlink team for providing lunches to children throughout the school year. We appreciate all of the hard work and lunches provided to all school members, including celebratory events such as the Queen's Jubilee and King's Coronation. Caterlink lunches for the new school year will be priced at £2.45.

TRUST AWARDS



On Friday 14th July, all Trust schools joined together via video call to celebrate the successes of children. Selected pupils from across the Trusted CSAT Alliance were chosen to represent their school based on a criteria aimed to promote achievements within our young people, showing a positive recognition of individual successes, behaviours and commitments to work.

Amelia Lloyd-Richardson won an award for her kindness and willingness to always take part in class discussions. **Yaqub Janjua** won one of our school's awards for being a good team player and consistently kind to everyone. **Annabel Faulkner** won an award for being a 'cheery', positive member of Elm Class and the overall school community. Her inspiring kindness, hardworking attitude and keen interest to learn really promote the very best of all Alveley Primary's values. A huge congratulations to all nominees that were chosen for their individual successes.

AN ALVELEY GOODBYE!

GOOD LUCK YEAR SIX!



Through all the excitement and 'End of Year' countdown, Year Six have had a number of experiences to look forward to as they close the final chapter on their Primary School life. We couldn't be prouder of them and the amazing group of young people they have become. Alveley Primary wishes them well on their future endeavours as they continue on their individual journeys into Secondary School. We are sure they will all continue to thrive- Good Luck Year Six in all of your future successes and achievements!

GOOD LUCK WISHES AND GOODBYE TO MR VAUGHAN



As many of you will be aware, the end of this school year not only sees us saying goodbye to our Year Six students, as we are also saying a fond farewell to Mr Vaughan too. Mr Vaughan will be greatly missed by children and staff alike as his energetic, bubbly energy can be felt across the school site. We will miss his ongoing and dedicated approach to all children within school, offering a bubbly and much needed positive energy to all aspects of the children's school day. Mr Vaughan has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Stokesay Primary School, a great opportunity that we are incredibly proud of him for undertaking.

A MESSAGE FROM MR VAUGHAN:

I've enjoyed the last two years at Alveley Primary School more than I can put into words. From day one I was welcomed by staff, parents and children alike and have felt so at ease and enjoyed the entire experience immensely. I wake up every day happy to go to work and see what the day brings. I feel like over my time here I have grown as a teacher, leader and a person and that is truly due to the support of each and every one of you. I am so grateful for all the kind words and well wishes that I have received. I genuinely believe that once you are part of the Alveley family you never leave, and I cannot wait to hear what everyone achieves over the next couple of years. Thank you for everything.

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.

SUPPORTING SPORTS DAY



On Thursday 13th July, our amazing Alveley PTA Team were on site to support our school 'Sports Day' event, offering refreshments to all attending.

Strawberries and cream were a huge hit as spectators watched their children participating in the races. It was great to have this offered alongside drinks as a Summer treat.

Whilst providing refreshments, FOAS were also on hand selling raffle tickets for our amazing prize draw. We would like to congratulate all of the winners on the day for participating and leaving with one of the prizes. We would also like to thank all of those who contributed to our raffle prizes, as a school we are very grateful for all of the continued support.

A huge thank you to our fantastic Alveley Primary PTA team for their incredible dedication to our school and its wider community. The support provides ongoing help to our pupils, which we cannot be more grateful for. Thank you FOAS Team.

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Across Shropshire, spaces are still available on the summer HAF programme.

From 25 July to 1 September 2023 eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities happening at 57 holiday clubs from across the county.

Subsidised paid places also available at clubs for non HAF eligible families.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



WHEN:
7th AUGUST TO 10th AUGUST
14th AUGUST TO 17th AUGUST
21st AUGUST TO 24th AUGUST
29th 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

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Shropshire Council

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, see 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

enquiries: enquiries@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
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