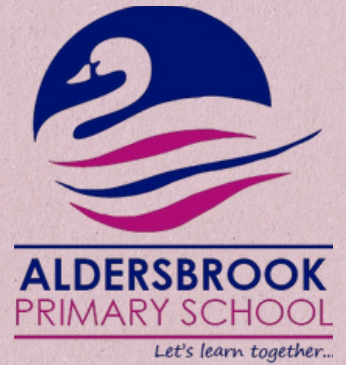


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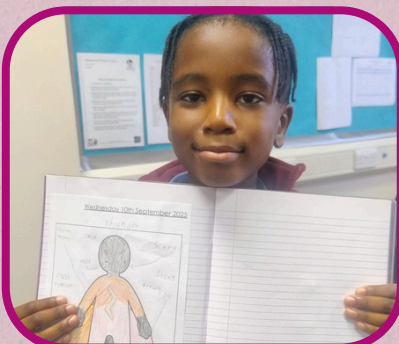
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Student Spotlights

Esmé Thompson (4S) swam 1 km in the Olympic Pool over the holidays as part of a swimathon to raise money for an educational and training charity: Sponsors for Educational Opportunity. We are all so proud of Esmé.



Throughout the week, Mrs Gandhi, Mrs McDermott and Mr Palmer love welcoming pupils who are proud to share their achievements. This week, Leo in Year 2 shone in his writing lessons, developing ideas for his very own superhero. We are so proud of Leo, and of all our Year 2 pupils, for the creativity and imagination they have brought to their superhero characters.



Spotlight: Class of 2024-2025 Y6 Academic Achievements by Mr Griffin, Y5/6 Phase Lead and APS Writing Lead.

Congratulations to last year's Year 6 cohort. Their hard work and dedication throughout the year resulted in the highest SATS results at Aldersbrook in recent years.

71.3% of children at Aldersbrook achieved the Age Expected Standard in Reading, Writing, and Maths compared to 60.5% nationally. In Reading 82.8% of children achieved the Age Expected standard compared to 74.2% nationally. At the Higher Standard (Greater Depth) 16.1% of pupils at Aldersbrook achieved all three Reading, Writing and Maths compared to 11.3% in Redbridge and 7.6% nationally. In Writing 24.1% achieved the Higher Standard compared to 17.2% in Redbridge and 12.8% nationally. We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2024-2025 and wish them all the best as they continue to settle into Year 7.

For this year's Y6 families, a SATs information evening will be held both online and in person on Thursday 25th September, with more information being shared directly to Y6 families via email in the coming week. This will cover our APS approach to holistic development and academic outcomes.



A Message from Mrs Gandhi

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for the Meet the Headteacher event on Saturday. It was a joy to connect with so many of you and to hear your thoughts - from SEND to Sports, Diversity to Building Development - on what's working well and where we can continue to grow.

I'm grateful to our wonderful PTA for organising such a joyful afternoon, and to our talented community member, Lasse, for the delicious pizzas that made the occasion extra special. Your voices and support are central to our journey as we strive to be the very best we can be. There is a **coffee morning on Tuesday 16th September from 08:30 - 09:30** at Aldersbrook Primary School to offer another informal opportunity to meet. I look forward to seeing you there.



This Week in Pictures

Happy Snacktember!

Since we started last week, I've spent most lunchtimes in the hall and it's been lovely sharing that time with the pupils.



Children have loved the chance to try new and exciting foods — last week we even enjoyed the surprise of yellow watermelon!

Snacktember is all about encouraging curiosity, confidence and healthy habits.

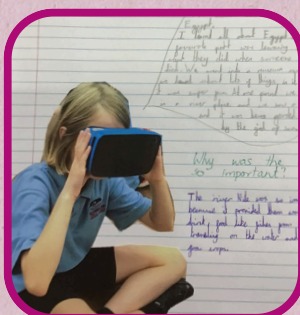
It's been wonderful to see the children embracing fresh flavours with such enthusiasm.

Mrs McDermott
Deputy Headteacher



Year 4 Virtual Reality Adventure

This week, Year 4 began their learning with an exciting virtual reality journey through Ancient Egypt. Using headsets, pupils explored temples, artefacts, and even met the gods!



Their reflections showed just how engaging the experience was:

- Marigold was fascinated by the many gods Egyptians prayed to (though she thought it might be tricky remembering them all!).
- Ava enjoyed how real it felt – especially when the gods seemed to reach out towards her.
- Esme found the robots both funny and educational, helping pupils stay focused.
- Freya shared how fully immersed her senses felt.
- Tommy loved walking through the virtual museum and spotting the artefacts.

There was plenty of laughter too when a few pupils tried to "tap" a god or object but ended up tapping a classmate instead! Jude summed it up perfectly: "You didn't just go in the spaceship – you time-travelled to Ancient Egypt!"

Settling in and Smiling!

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Reception! Our pupils have been so positive, brave, and confident as they walk into their classrooms independently each day. They have been exploring their new learning environments, making new friends, and getting to know their teacher.

We are so proud of how well they've settled in.



* Homework Update

Our homework approach in the autumn term will continue with Y1, Y2 and Y3 being able to access homework via the school website, and Y4, Y5 and Y6 homework being available via Google Classroom. Y1–Y3 homework will be published from this week with Y4–6 homework starting next week. This is due to a system update outside of Aldersbrook's control.

PE Days – Week Beginning 15.09.2025

Year 1: 1B, 1O, 1S – Tuesday

Year 2: 2G, 2H, 2K – Monday

Year 3: 3B, 3KC, 3M – Tuesday

Year 4:
4R – Wednesday
4S, 4T – Friday

Year 5: 5C, 5H, 5J – Wednesday

Year 6:
6B, 6I – Thursday
6G – Friday

We aim to keep PE days consistent but as we move into the wetter seasons, changes may occasionally be needed. If so, we will update classes directly with any adjustments.

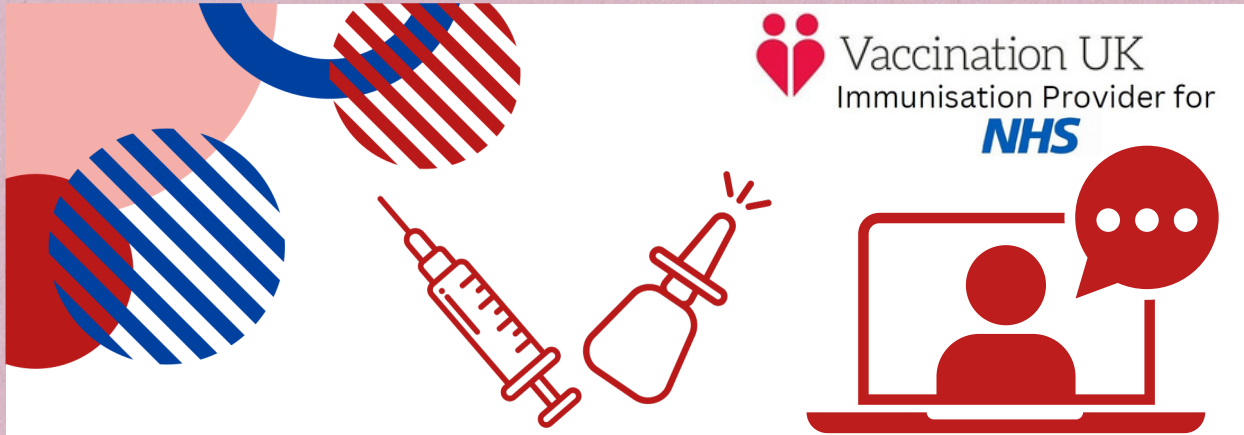
COMING UP

Thursday 25th September: Y6 SATs Workshop for families.

Friday 26th September: International Day of Languages

Friday 26th September: National Teaching Assistant and Learning Support Assistant Day!

Monday 29th September - Friday 12th December: Autumn Clubs will run. More information coming soon.




FREE PARENT WEBINAR: THE FLU VACCINE IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE


Join us for a presentation discussing the flu vaccine in children and young people.

Topics covered:

- ✓ Why does my child need the vaccine
- 💡 Side-effects and safety
- 👤 Nasal vs injection (pork gelatine content)
- 📊 Flu data from previous years
- 🔍 Q&A session




 **Wednesday 17th September**


 8:00 - 9:00pm




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 **Thursday 18th September**

 6:00 - 7:00pm



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