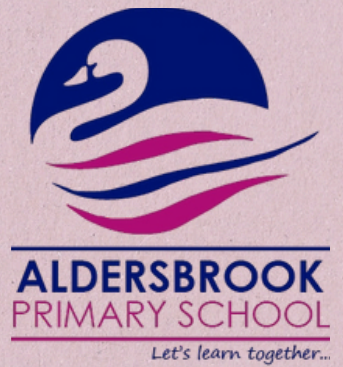


THE FRIDAY POST



READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, CURIOUS, INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT, INVOLVED

Spotlight: Meet Mr. Widger, our new Innovation Lead!

This year, we're excited to have a brand-new role at school: Innovation Lead.

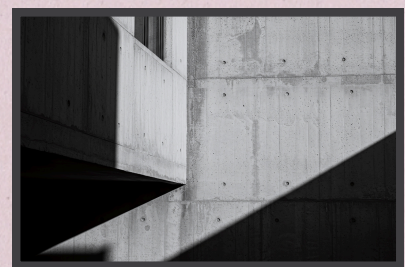
Mr Widger, who many families already know from the office, is now helping us grow in design, technology, and computing. As part of National Coding Week, Mrs Gandhi sat down with him to chat about all things innovation, and Mr Widger shared some wonderful ideas!

Lots of families know you from the office already. What's something new they might not know about you? I used to be a teacher, teaching English in a French-speaking school in Canada. I've also lived in Spain and Singapore!

Our school values are Curious, Independent, Confident, and Involved. Which of those do you think innovation connects to the most, and why? Involved because computing gives you access to so many tools and ideas that let you really engage with the world.

Technology is everywhere now so what's one way families could use tech at home that's fun and safe? Make the most of parental controls on your devices. That way, children can explore and enjoy technology, while parents know nothing harmful is being accessed.

If you could work alongside any famous inventor or designer from history (or today), who would you pick and what would you make together? There's an architect called Ernő Goldfinger, famous for his bold Brutalist architecture. I'd love to design a school with him!



[Examples of Brutalist Architecture]

Our school rules are ready, respectful, and safe. How do you think innovation and technology can help us follow those rules? Technology helps keep us safe every day. For example, traffic lights are an everyday invention that keep people safe on the road. If we understand how technology works, we can use it to stay safe too.

And finally ... Aldersbrook pupils often have brilliant ideas. What's your advice to any pupil who has a "big idea" but isn't sure where to start? Ask, ask, ask! Talk to friends, teachers, parents and gather different perspectives. This is to develop your idea, explore it further, and maybe even make it real. Most importantly, have fun with it!

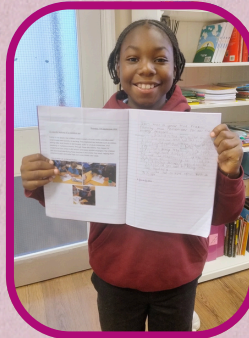


This Week in Pictures



Our nursery team is very proud of how well the children are settling in. They are learning how to navigate the Montessori classroom, having adventures in the garden, and all of our Nursery children have been so brave!

This week, we started our Recognition Assemblies and saw lots of pupils showcasing their proud work throughout the week!



And in Music this week, we saw APS pupils...



...starting brass lessons, enjoying singing assemblies, and reading music!



CELEBRATING KINDNESS AT APS

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating kindness and inclusivity throughout the school day. It's inspiring to know we have such caring children in Team Aldersbrook. This week, Ms Cahill's special shoutout goes to class 4S for being exceptional friends to their classmates by supporting each other's learning, checking everyone is okay, and making sure no one is left out at playtime. Well done, 4S!



BBC 500 WORDS: SOON OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

The BBC 500 Words competition opens on Tuesday 23rd September for two age groups: 5-7 and 8-11. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar aren't marked but creativity is key!

Prizes include book bundles for winners, and gold winners receive 500 books for their school library. This is a fantastic chance for our budding authors to stretch their imagination.

All resources and entry details are online: [BBC 500 Words](#)

COMING UP

Thursday 25th September:

Y6 SATs Workshop for families 430-5pm in school and online

Friday 26th September:

International Day of Languages **and** National Teaching Assistant and Learning Support Assistant Day!

Monday 29th September - Friday 12th December:

Autumn Enrichment Clubs will run. More information coming soon.

Friday 3rd October: Macmillan Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Annual General
PTA MEETING

Join us as we kick off this PTA school year during the AGM! Come meet other parents and connect with the committee members.

FREE DRINKS
INCLUDED

8:30 PM
KST HALL

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Aldersbrook Primary School

Date: Friday 3rd October 2025

Time: 08:30 - 09:30

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