

THE FRIDAY POST



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Student Spotlight!



We are delighted to celebrate Cleo, who has recently received her results for her Grade 2 Ballet exam and was awarded a Distinction - a truly fantastic achievement. This result reflects not only Cleo's hard work and dedication but also her confidence, focus, and love for dance. The smile in her exam-day photo says it all! Reflecting on Cleo's achievement, Mrs McDermott shared, 'Dance is such a powerful art form. It gives people the freedom to express themselves but it's also really good fun. It's hard not to smile when you're dancing! Well done, Cleo - we are so proud of you!

Year 2 Church Visit

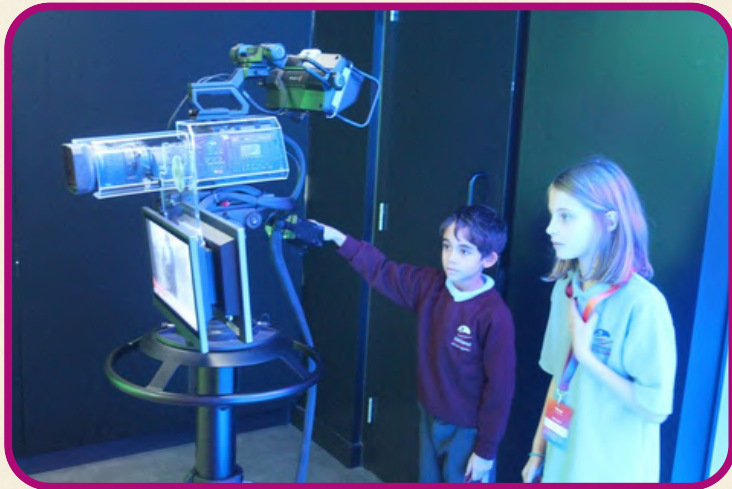


Year 2 enjoyed a visit to St Gabriel's Church as part of their RE learning. During the visit, the children explored the special features of the church and learned about their purpose and meaning. This visit supported our current topic, "In what ways are a Church and a Mosque important to believers?", as the children begin to compare Christianity and Islam. The experience helped bring their learning to life and deepened their understanding of how places of worship are important to different faiths.



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Thursday 29 January
 On Wednesday the 28th of January, my class and I were lucky enough to go to Sky Studios to find out what it's like to be in a really real TV studio.



We met at Manor Park Station at 7:45 AM. We took the Elizabeth line to Stratford. Then we had to take the Jubilee to Waterloo which was busy. Next we took the southwestern to Syon Lane. Finally we walked to sky.

First we met Elang who took us to a room where she told us how Sky helps climate change. She told us to get into our groups where we would decide our roles. I was happy with my job because I was eyewitness. Then they showed us a video. It said 34,000 people worked in Sky across the whole of Europe, and they have had 200,000 young people have come here.

Our first recording wasn't the best one but the more we practised the better we got. It was so much fun performing in front of the camera. We even got to use a proper technical and complicated camera, not just a normal iPad camera.



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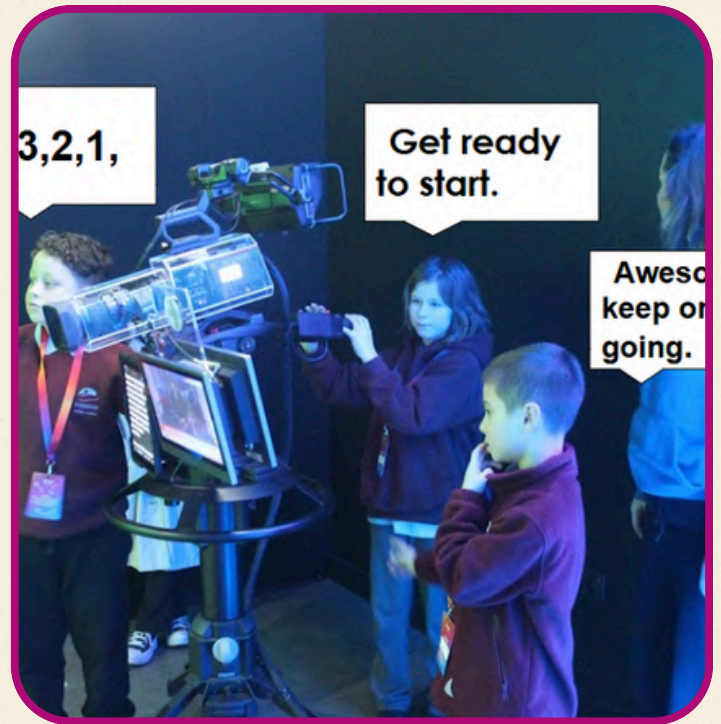
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Reporting about the terrible flooding and landslides happen

We got on three trains here and three trains and a bus back to school. When I was going home I think everyone has done a really good job in fact an excellent one. I think that presenters allways make mistakes but they forget about it and go on. I enjoyed the joney there because while we were on the train we were playing games and talking it was ^{super} very fun. I loved this trip.





WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE PUPILS TO ATTEND SKY STUDIOS IN THE COMINGS MONTHS AND YEARS!



January is the month where many of our displays are updated with new work, provocations to inspire thought and discussion and photos of current pupils involved and engaged in their learning.

Our youngest learners have really enjoyed seeing the new displays including this Jack and the Beanstalk hook display which Mrs Islam and the whole Nursery Team worked together on.

As this half term we have a number of trips, events and opportunities, PE hasn't had set days. From Spring 2, we will return to set days for PE with any updates being shared by class teachers. For now, please note next week's PE days will be:

Year 1

1B Tuesday
1O Tuesday
1S Wednesday

Year 3

3B Tuesday
3M Tuesday
3KC Tuesday

Year 5

5C – PE on Monday, Swimming on Wednesday
5H –PE on Monday, Swimming on Wednesday
5J – PE on Monday, Swimming on Wednesday

Year 2

2K Monday
2G Monday
2H Thursday

Year 4

4R Wednesday
4S Wednesday
4T Wednesday

Year 6

6B - Thursday
6I - Thursday
6R - Thursday



If you have any spare joggers, please donate to our school office as these come in very handy and are suitable for all



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A huge congratulations to our 2024-2025 year 6 pupils, their families and all the staff members who played a role in their Aldersbrook Primary School journeys. This week, we received a wonderful message from the Secretary of State for Education to mark these achievements.

**A message from
Bridget Phillipson**



Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Aldersbrook Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

engaging actively with your region's RISE networks and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;

contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and

sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

*Your sincerely,
Bridget*

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education

Number Day 2026

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

The day will centre on practical Maths investigations with real-life focus. We have also invited community guest speakers to help the pupils understand how Maths is used beyond the classroom.

Pupils are invited to wear green or dress as a digit or in a maths-related outfit.



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ALDERSBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Iftar

Food · Theatre · Community

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27 4:30 - 6:30PM

Tickets

Adult (incl. food): £12
Child (incl. food): £5

Drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Tickets on sale from 8:30 pm February 2nd to February 11th midnight via the PTA EventBrite link

Ticket sales for our Iftar event open next week!
Join us on Friday, 27 February for a special evening featuring delicious food (included in every ticket) and a special performance by the multi-award winning Khayaal Theatre Company.

As we need to confirm numbers, ticket sales will close on Wednesday, 11 February at midnight.

Don't miss out — get your tickets early!

For event updates and priority access to ticket sales, please join our WhatsApp Community here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZ9K1IAL7zV1RS98ChQYfa>

Friday 6th February 08:30 - 09:30

LGBT+ Family

Breakfast and Coffee Morning

We warmly invite all LGBT+ families, rainbow families, and allies in our school community to join us for a relaxed, welcoming breakfast.

This is a chance to:

- Meet other LGBT+ families
- Share food and conversation
- Celebrate LGBT+ History Month

Pupils are welcome to attend with family members up until 08:50. We will then have some time for family members only to share, discuss, listen and reflect together.

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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions

5 January–4 March 2026

Find out more and enter

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Young Artists' Summer Show

2026

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