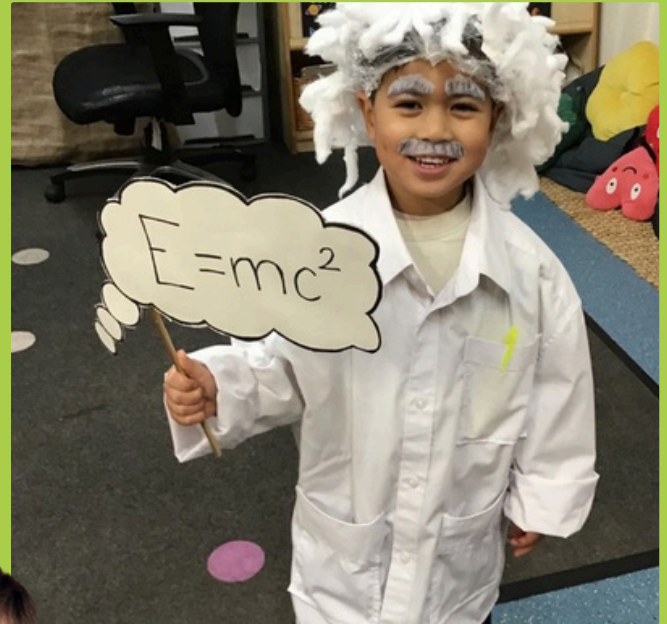




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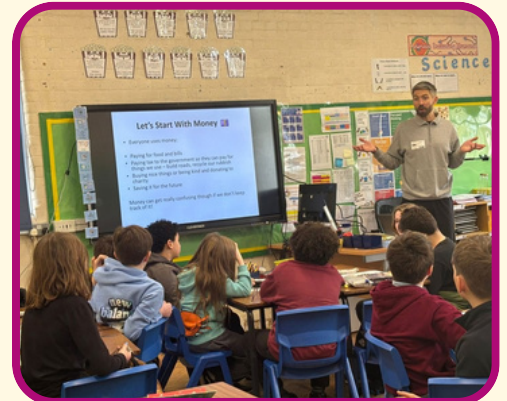
Number Day

06/02/2026

What a brilliant way to celebrate Number Day!

Today, our playground was bursting with green for the NSPCC and packed full of creative, number-themed outfits that brought maths to life in the most joyful way. The excitement and pride on our children's faces said it all. We are incredibly proud of our Maths Lead, Ms Kamali, who carefully planned and coordinated a fantastic programme of learning experiences across the school. Throughout the day, pupils were inspired by visitors from a wide range of maths-related fields, including technology, programming, data and real-world problem solving. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to be with us - if you spent part of your morning at our school, please know how much we appreciated it. This truly was a memorable, inspiring and celebratory day for our whole community.

Number Day was a fantastic opportunity to bring maths to life. This is our second year running this initiative, bringing in highly skilled speakers from our community with a great wealth of knowledge. Their real-world insights truly inspired the pupils, and the level of engagement was wonderful to see. Thank you to everyone involved for making this such a meaningful experience for our pupils at Aldersbrook.



FANTASTIC START TO THE LEAGUE!

Well done to our Year 5/6 squad who took part in the Redbridge School Sports Collective football league. The team played 4 games, winning 3 and losing 1, and currently sit 2nd place after the first round of matches - fantastic effort! We'd also like to wish the team the very best of luck in their upcoming 9-a-side Cup semi-final. Thank you to Mrs Nickals for coming out to support the team in the rain.



Pupil Spotlight: Iris Kimeze Hodges

We are incredibly proud of Iris Kimeze Hodges, who recently performed in the Stringles concert. Over the past three weeks, Iris has shown outstanding dedication, attending evening rehearsals and working hard alongside children from schools across Redbridge. The concert took place this week, where Iris performed beautifully on the violin. Her commitment, talent, and enthusiasm for music are truly commendable, and she represented our school wonderfully. Well done, Iris — we are very proud of you!



A Journey Back in Time: Year 3 Art

This half term, Year 3 travelled thousands of years back in time through their art lessons, exploring prehistoric cave art. Pupils learned how early artists created images using simple shapes, charcoal, and natural pigments, linking their artwork to maths through measuring and scaling.

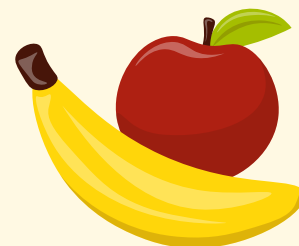


They experimented with tone, texture, smudging, and colour mixing using natural materials, discovering how art can tell stories and give clues about life in the past. Year 3 have shown a strong understanding of prehistoric art and confidently created expressive, historically inspired pieces.

We are exploring the opportunity to run a morning boxing club for KS2 girls (Y3-Y6), taking place from 7:45am–8:30am. This would be a family-funded extra-curricular activity, run in a similar way to our after-school clubs, but held before the school day begins. The sessions would be delivered by Time Out Boxing and held in the KS1 Hall. Before confirming this opportunity, we would like to gauge interest from families. Please note that a minimum of 20 pupils is required for the club to go ahead. Further details, including cost, will be shared if there is sufficient interest. [**CLICK HERE TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST**](#)



As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting healthy eating habits, we encourage children to bring a nutritious snack to enjoy during break time. Please ensure that snacks are healthy options, such as fruits and vegetables. We encourage snacks that provide essential vitamins and minerals and help children maintain their energy levels and concentration throughout the school day. We kindly ask that snacks high in sugar, fat, or salt are avoided. This includes items such as sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, and sugary drinks.



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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:

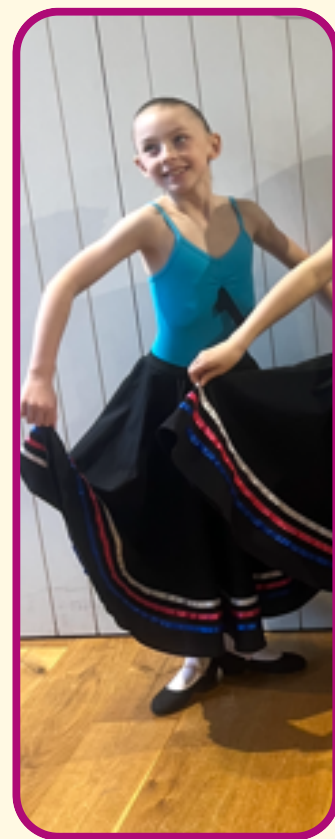
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Club Pick-Ups

Thank you for picking up your children from the KS2 playground after they've attended clubs. The new system is working well and we can now safely handover to trusted adults at the end of our clubs. Please note that, because of parents' evening next week, there will be some changes to both CICI club and after school clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday- keep an eye on your emails! CICI pick up will be from the normal CICI gate.

Celebrating Success Beyond the Classroom

We are delighted to celebrate Doris, who has recently taken her Grade 1 Ballet exam with The Royal Academy of Dance and achieved a Distinction — a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to her dedication and hard work. Doris has shown incredible commitment through her relentless practice, and it was a joy to see her efforts recognised. We are so proud of her achievement. Krisha Gandhi, Headteacher, shared: *"Ballet is a beautiful example of how children can develop both physical strength and creative expression. It demands discipline, resilience and athleticism, while also nurturing imagination and artistry. Seeing pupils like Doris flourish in this way is incredibly inspiring and reminds us how important it is to celebrate the many different talents our children bring to school."*



Safeguarding at Aldersbrook

On Thursday we had a visit from our school improvement partner who analysed and investigated all aspects of safeguarding within our school. She was very thorough! She looked at lots of documents and quizzed us about the programmes we use in school.



She interviewed myself (Mrs McDermott, the designated safeguarding lead) and Ms Gandhi; a group of pupils and a group of staff. She was incredibly impressed with everybody that she spoke to and she said that she could tell that our safeguarding processes were well understood and robust. Thank you to everybody who spoke to her! We will share more quotes from her report when she sends it to us in a few weeks.

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2026



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Food & Fellowship 3.30-4

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