

THE FRIDAY POST



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

Welcome back and a very happy new term to you all. It has been a truly positive start to the year, and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and energy. This week, our school has been filled with creativity as part of Art Week. There has been lots and lots and lots of incredible artwork on display, with children exploring a wide range of styles and techniques. What has been especially striking is how many pupils have thrived on the themes of togetherness and belonging - something we value deeply as a school community. A special thank you goes to our Art Lead, Mrs Pottwail, who has been the driving force behind such an inspiring week. Do look out for a very colourful edition of the Friday Post next week, where we will be sharing more Art Week highlights.

We would also like to celebrate a fantastic achievement outside of school. Elodie in 4T recently competed at Wanstead Community Riding School in her first ever dressage competition. Competing against 13 other riders, she achieved an incredible first place! We are extremely proud of her accomplishment - particularly as she took the initiative to enter and learn the dressage routine independently, showing great determination and confidence. Well done, Elodie!

A reminder that our family survey is open – [you can access it here](#). We strongly encourage all families to take part and share their views. If you have more than one child, you are welcome to complete the survey for each child or submit a single response.



We have already had some interest from families in being part of working groups, particularly around developments linked to mobile phone use. The survey includes a section on smartphones, and once it closes, we will be in touch with those who would like to support further discussions and developments in this area. The survey also includes consultation on our school vision and values. We have been gathering views from staff and pupils throughout the Spring term and into the Summer term, and family voice is essential as we continue planning for the year ahead and beyond. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a wonderful Summer Term!

Curiosity Shop Offer - Sign Up Coming Next Week

<p>Y1 and 2: Puzzle Detectives – Crack codes, solve riddles, and work as a team to unravel exciting weekly mysteries!</p>	<p>Y1 and 2: Collage Doodlebugs – Get creative by combining doodling and collage to make unique, textured works of art.</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: Philosophy 101 / The Brain Bending Express – Tackle weird and wonderful questions, stretch your thinking, and explore ideas that will twist your brain (in a good way!)</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: Origami Makers – Discover the magic of paper folding as you create beautiful and intricate designs</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: Karaoke & Songwriting Club – Take the spotlight, sing your favourite songs, and unleash your creativity by writing your own lyrics.</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: Moonlight Makers – Create calm, dreamy artwork inspired by glowing moons, night skies, and magical worlds.</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: Pupil Voice – Share your ideas, debate fun topics, and build confidence in expressing your opinions.</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: 'The Greatest Show' Dance Production – Learn energetic dance routines inspired by The Greatest Showman and perform in a spectacular final show!</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: 3D Artists – Bring your ideas to life by exploring creative 3D art techniques and imaginative designs.</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: Games – Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive games that build teamwork and friendly competition.</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: Zoology Club – Discover the wonders of the animal kingdom through fun games, creative activities, and fascinating facts from around the world</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: Creative Writing – Write stories, poems, and more—funny, scary, or adventurous—and turn your ideas into brilliant pieces.</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: Surprise Surprise! – Dive into a different creative and skill-building adventure each week—full of fun and unexpected twists!</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: Digital Art – Combine creativity and technology to design your own stunning digital artwork to share and celebrate!</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: Needles – Relax, chat, and create with knitting or crochet—perfect for unwinding while making something special.</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: History Mystery – Travel back in time to explore fascinating historical events through puzzles and games.</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: Who Knows Ball? Put your football knowledge to the test in fast-paced quizzes and games to prove you're the ultimate trivia champion!</p>	<p>Y5 and 6: Board Games Club – Play, compete, and laugh your way through classic and new games with friends.</p>
<p>Y1 and 2: Sing-a-long – Join in the joy of music as we learn and sing a range of uplifting songs together.</p>	<p>Y3 and 4: Chess Masters Sharpen your thinking and outsmart your opponents in exciting games of strategy where every move counts.</p>	<p>Y6 Only: Supporting Young Curious Learners – Help younger pupils learn and grow by supporting fun activities in a Curiosity Shop setting.</p>

This week, we were delighted to host a very special Afternoon Tea to celebrate pupils who have consistently demonstrated our core values of being Ready, Respectful, Safe, Curious, Independent, Confident, and Involved over the past half term.

It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise their efforts, attitude, and positive contributions to school life. Well done to each and every one of them. We are very proud! A huge congratulations to:

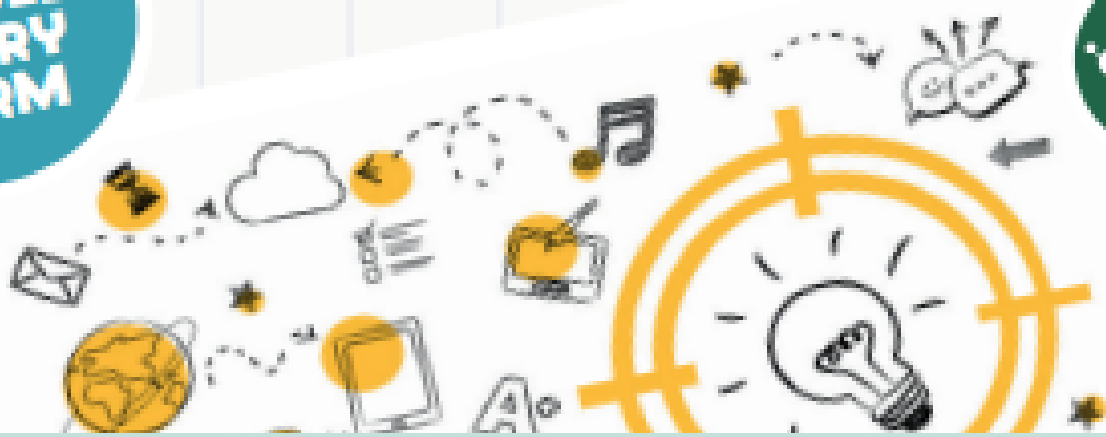
Adil Hussain, Eddie Rau, Leo Wyand, Florence Diersmann, Yohana Yemane, Anya Yadi, Benji Wilks, Tom Panascia, Ciara Fennelly, Sophie Withnall-Jones, Mabel Morrissey, Dawn Koay Edwards, Freya Dupont, Arthur Swain, Elias Curtis, Elodie Asselin-Miller, Elina Soltoeva, Oliver Joynes, Rhia Willoughby, Romilly Haste, Elorm Aglagoh, Micah Gaeddert, Jacob Varga, Mariella Vernal, Lola Burton, and Harriet Smith.

We look forward to sharing photos from this lovely event with you in next week's newsletter!

Is your child a keen podcaster? Do they want to hone their debating skills? Sign up now to Innovation Pod's Podcast Club (Monday Years 4-6), or Debate Club (Wednesdays Years 3-6).

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Highlights from the Week



A shout out to Yunus Mughal in Nursery Bumblebees from for bringing our first flower pot entry!

Y4s recieved a very special letter from the Prime Minister's office replying to their passionate communication about our environment!

Y5 and Y6 participated in the our local football league.

Poetry workshops continued in 4T and 5J with our Oracy and Poetry expert visiting Aldersbrook again to help prepare for poetry showcases.



As we approach Earth Day on Wednesday 22nd April, we are very much looking forward to our whole school competition themed "Our Power, Our Planet." As part of this, we are transforming our telephone box into a greenhouse and would be very grateful for your support.

Children are invited to create and donate a decorated plant pot (with a plant). They may wish to use bright colours, patterns, or recycled materials, and include a positive, earth-friendly message in their design. We are pleased to share that we have already received our first entry, which has been lovely to see.

If your child would like to take part, they are welcome to begin bringing their creations into school and handing them to their class teacher. Deadline for entries: Wednesday 22nd April 2026. Thank you very much for your continued support. We really appreciate the time and effort that goes into helping with these activities.

SEND and Leadership Update – 2026–27 As we continue to plan for the next academic year, we wanted to share a brief update on some developments to our leadership structure, particularly in relation to SEND and Key Stage 2. From September, we will be refining our SEND provision to strengthen support for pupils and families across the school. This will include Ms Newman continuing her role as Assistant Headteacher SENCO with a focus on Early Years and Key Stage 1, alongside the introduction of a new Assistant Headteacher and SENCO role which will support SEND in Key Stage 2 and provide phase leadership for Lower Key Stage 2. We have written to families of pupils with SEND separately though know that many families, particularly those with children currently in Year 3 and 4, will be familiar with Mr Palmer's role in the Lower Key Stage 2 phase. While leadership arrangements may look slightly different next year, Mr Palmer will continue to play an important role within the school, including his ongoing work around behaviour and teaching. We are excited about the opportunity to further strengthen our team and are committed to appointing an excellent leader for this role who is both passionate about inclusion and Key Stage 2! As always, we will keep families updated as plans are confirmed and thank you for your continued support.

KIDS' FUN RUN

Aldersbrook Primary School PTA

16/05/2026 11AM - 1PM

Location:
Wanstead Flats &
Aldersbrook Primary School

£5 to Sign Up
On Eventbrite

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THE
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Medals for every runner! Plus food & drinks in the playground

Aldersbrook and Lake House Local History Night

7th May 2026, 7-9pm at St Gabriel's Church Aldersbrook

Including talks from Jane Skelding, Mark Gorman and Peter Williams about Winston Churchill and the labourers who built the features of Wanstead Flats - Stalls from Local history societies - Refreshments for sale

Tickets £7 for adults, under 18s are free.
Doors will open at 6.30 and talks will begin at 7pm.
Tickets available in advance at bit.ly/stghistory

Friends of St Gabriel's Church Aldersbrook
All proceeds in aid of the Friends of St Gabriel's Church Aldersbrook

FESTIVAL OF THE BOY

BRIGHT STARTS
SUN 17 MAY
Big Penny Social, London E17



For 7-11 year old boys and their families
What's involved? Meeting pilots, wilderness adventures, sports, music, creativity, meeting authors and artists, friendships, exploring what it means to be a boy and more

Although aimed at boys everyone is welcome!
Tickets via QR code or website www.festivaloftheboy.com
Pay-what-you-can options available



9th Wanstead Park Scouts Present

BOWLS & BURGERS

A FAMILY EVENT

13 June, 2026	ALDERSBROOK BOWLS CLUB 14 Aldersbrook Rd, London, E12 5DY	Start At 3:00PM — 7:00PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawn Bowls BBQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Kids Play Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Cake Stalls

Get your tickets here

Adult: £10 Child: £6
Concession tickets available

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Community Connect & Support Fair

Open to all. Free to attend.

11:00 - 13:30
Friday 15th May 2026
Jubilee Church, 14 Granville Road, Ilford IG1 4JY

FREE pre-loved professional clothing for interviews will be available.

Get help with:

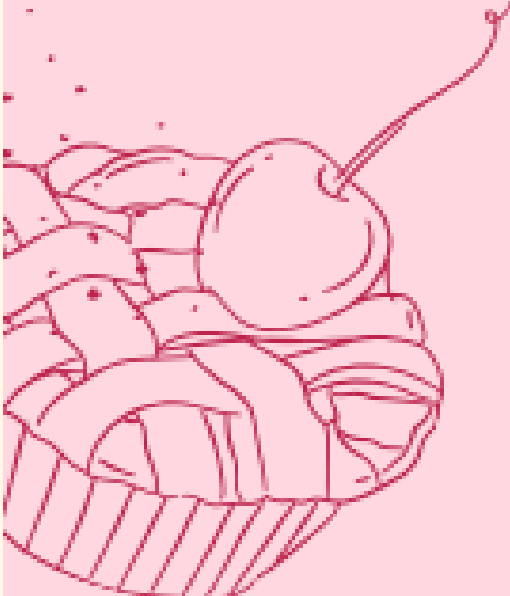
- Benefits
- Debt
- Education
- Finding work
- Housing
- Health & wellbeing
- And more

All proceeds go to 9th Wanstead Park Scouts, which supports Aldersbrook Primary School through ball hire fees

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Sweet & Savoury TREATS SALE



CAKES, SAMOSAS, CHAI, PAKORAS,
HOT CHOCOLATE, CHAAT...

AT PICK UP, KS1 PLAYGROUND

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22



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