



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

It has been a busy and exciting week at Alder Moor Farm. Key Stage 2 visited the Albany Theatre to watch the production of Oliver Twist. The children had a fantastic time, and we were very proud of how polite and sensible they were during the trip. Nursery held a lovely winter production for their parents/carers and Reception performed a fantastic Nativity. The amazing costumes, singing and dancing made it extra special! Next week, we have many exciting events planned so please make your children are on time for school as there is so much for them to look forward to.

On Wednesday, we have Christmas Jumper Day. The children can wear a wintery jumper. They need to wear school trousers/skirt and shoes. Don't forget your 50p contributions towards the school library please.

We break up on Thursday at the normal time. **School is closed to children on Friday.**
Have a lovely weekend!

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	
Tuesday	Year 4 visit to St Catherine's Church – Christingle service 9:15 – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance 2:15 – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance
Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day – other uniform worn please Christmas Lunch Dodgeball Competition – Year 4
Thursday	Last day for this term
Friday	INSET day – school closed.

This week at Alder Moor Farm



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Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been preparing for our Winter Sing Song . All the children have worked very hard to learn the songs and the actions. They were so brave to stand up in front of their grown-ups, singing and dancing so confidently. Well Done!

Reception

WOW! What a fantastic Nativity our children performed on Wednesday. We are all extremely proud of them and a few tears of joy were shed! This week in maths, we have been learning about positioning, using the vocabulary *up, over, on, under, next to, behind* and *in front*. It has been great to see more families accessing the homework on Seesaw. Please encourage your children to access this weekly. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 1

It has been another busy week, where the children have continued to impress us with their growing independence when working. In Maths, we began a new unit on addition and subtraction within 20. The children have been using know facts to solve problems e.g. $13 + 6 = 19$ because we know that $3 + 6 = 9$. In English, we have been planning instruction writing; How to catch the witch!

In Theme, we used our knowledge from previous lessons on the 1950s to decide if we would like to have been a child then. The children had to justify their choice. Those in favour liked the sweet shops and the idea of playing outside by themselves. Those against, didn't want just one TV channel and thought they would miss pizza. We look forward to seeing many of you at one of our Nativity performances on Tuesday.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, the children got into character as William from our story. They started to write diary entries as if they were William, focusing on using past tense and keeping their writing in first person. We have been very impressed and can't wait to see the finished pieces of writing next week! In maths, we have looked at bar models again which we first met at the start of Year 2. The children could remember lots about these and were able to apply their learning to more challenging problems. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the Year 2 craft workshop on Wednesday. It was lovely to see you all creating crafts together. The Santa masks were very popular! The children have



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been very busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance next week. We hope to see you at one of the performances on Tuesday.



Year 3

In Year 3, we have had another amazing week. We went on a trip to the Albany theatre to watch the classic tale of 'Oliver' with a twist. Children were incredibly well behaved, and they really enjoyed the production. In maths, we learned to calculate the perimeter of a shape. In English, we researched about foxes and wrote a description using technical language. In Science, we did a soil investigation where children had to find out whether the soil is sandy, salty or clay. Children enjoyed digging, making balls of soil and flattening those balls. We had some visitors in our classes this week and they were highly impressed with the children's behaviour and their positive attitude towards their learning.

Year 4

It has been another tremendous week in Year 4! In Maths, we started our fractions unit. We created a fractions wall and explored different ways to represent quarters. In English, we planned and began to write our information reports about an Arctic creature of our choice. We are enjoying writing our fascinating facts in a formal tone. In Science, we built upon our current understanding of classification by grouping invertebrates (spineless species) into sub-groups based on their distinctive characteristics. The icing on the cake this week was definitely our trip to the theatre to watch Oliver Twist, which we thoroughly enjoyed.



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In history, we looked at the impact in the aftermath of the Blitz. The children wrote a diary entry based on the morning after the Blitz, including the damage of the event and the city's reaction.

We looked at the order of operations in maths, and how we answer questions with more than one operation.

KS2 was fortunate to take a trip to the Albany Theatre on Thursday. We watched a performance of 'Olliver Twist' and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Riley Class

Riley class has had a busy week. I have been so amazed by how resilient they have been this week in learning. In Maths, we have been consolidating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English, we have been writing our own diaries of our day. I have been blown away by the children's ability to recall and sequence their day/night. In Science, we have been looking at predators and where animals live. Well done Riley class, another fantastic week!

Reading at Aldermoor

Accelerated Reader:

Well done to all of our readers, who have been working hard reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

Our total word count, up to today: 50,051,054.

This is an amazing figure – well done! Thank you for your support with reading at home.

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Ekvir	2ES	19,239
Cristian	2HW	10,210
Reeti	2LC	9,993
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	24,751
Kohen	3MR	13,905
Kimberly	3MR	13,829
YEAR 4		
Zoe	4EG	73,390



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Gabriela	4YS	40,009
Fatihah	4YS	37,493
YEAR 5		
Safiatou	5OI	106,126
Marley	5HH	94,121
Sejal	5NS	91,907
YEAR 6		
Henry	6JC	250,493
Fatima	6KJ	245,453
Mozeedah	6KJ	185,690

*These figures are for 07/12/23 - 13/12/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	3,246,537
Henry	6JC	2,349,820
James	6JC	2,127,164
Olivia	6RH	1,800,730
Nina	6JC	1,156,004

We are also proud of how many words have been read this week by each of our classes.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	50,923
2HW	29,083
2LC	34,421
3MR	40,614
3TG	42,694
3ZS	18,117
4EG	99,466
4YS	105,660
4ZE	63,829
5HH	226,018
5OI	453,312
5NS	276,096
6KJ	901,146
6JC	1,442,343
6RH	259,095



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Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week, we shall be celebrating the work that children have done on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' (TTRS) and Numbots.

This week's winners with the **most correct answers**:

Year 1: Ouais, Yafa, Dre

Year 2: Obay, Huda, Thomas

Year 3: Dan, Zahidullah, Ilie

Year 4: Aleksandr, Jason, Alex

Year 5: Zainab, Amelia, Shakoor

Year 6: Tanya, Henry, Shaylan

This week's winners for the **highest number of minutes played**:

Year 1: Yafa, Ouais, Dre

Year 2: Huda, Obay, Thomas

Year 3: Zahidullah, Dan, Ilie

Year 4: Jason, Aleksandr, Yusuf

Year 5: Zainab, Shakoor, Amelia

Year 6: Tanya, Petra, Shaylan

Parking

If you drive to school and park up on Pinley Fields outside the school gates, please be vigilant when parking and moving off. We have hundreds of children and their families moving around in the area and



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parking on the pavement makes it difficult for pedestrians to move safely. Always be additionally cautious when moving off to drive home as small children may be walking in your blind spots.

We are receiving increased numbers of incidents of drivers parking on the pavements and we ask all drivers to be aware and patient at the start and end of the school day.

House Competition

Writing competition – December 2023

Write a short poem to describe a winter scene.

Write in any poetry form you would like – acrostic, rhyming, free verse, limerick or haiku.

Use effective poetic language including adjectives, alliteration, similes, metaphors or onomatopoeia.

All entries must be in by **Monday 18th December**. Please hand to your teacher, labelled with your name and house. Winners will be announced before the end of term.



Safeguarding and Well Being

As ever, we are here to help and support you and your children. Please contact one of the team if you have a safeguarding concern or query or if we can help you in any other way.

Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

After-school Clubs

There are no after school clubs next week. Please collect your children at 3:10pm.

Online Safety



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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with

Home Office
West Midlands Police Refraction Unit
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Hearing Screening clinics for Reception children



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Are you worried about a Reception Class child's hearing?

Coventry South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

Not sure if your child should have a hearing test?
Below are just a few of the signs that a child may be struggling with their hearing:

- They do not reply when you call them
- They talk very loudly
- They ask you to repeat yourself a lot or respond differently / inappropriately to what you have asked
- They increase the volume on TV/devices etc.
- They appear to daydream a lot
- They are slow to learn to talk/unclear when talking
- They get frustrated/aggressive frequently

Charter Avenue base: Tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7417 Email: Swg-tr.CharterAvenueSchoolNursing@nhs.net

Moat House base: Tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7494 Email: Swg-tr.MoatHouseSchoolNursing@nhs.net

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Are you worried about a Reception Class child's hearing?

  **South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust**

The School Nursing team offers hearing screening for all Reception class pupils. These are carried out as clinics at different locations in the city. Parents/carers can get in touch with the School Nursing team on one of our contact numbers or email addresses below to book a test.

When you call or email please provide the following details:
Full name of child
D.O.B of child
School child attends
Preferred clinic location and date

To book on a session below, email the Moat House base at:
Swg-tr.MoatHouseSchoolNursing@nhs.net or call the team on: 01926 495321 Ext 7494

Friday 5th January 2024 - Pathways Family Hub, Lawrence Saunders Road, Coventry, CV6 1HD

Wednesday 14th February 2024 - Families For All Hub, 454 Foleshill Road, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 5LB

Tuesday 26th March 2024 - The Moat Family Hub, Deedmore Road, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

To book on a session below, email the Charter Avenue base at:
Swg-tr.CharterAvenueSchoolNursing@nhs.net or call the team on: 01926 495321 Ext 7417

Thursday 4th January 2024 - Wood Side Family Hub, Upper Ride, Willenhall Wood, Coventry, CV3 3GL

Friday 16th February 2024 - Aspire Family Hub, Humber Avenue, Coventry, CV1 2SF

Tuesday 5th March 2024 - Mosaic Family Hub, Jardine Crescent, Tile Hill, Coventry, CV4 9PL

Please note: If you have concerns about an older child/ren's hearing, parents/carers can call the Central Booking number to make an appointment with the Audiology department on: 0300 200 0011.

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Email: Swg-tr.CharterAvenueSchoolNursing@nhs.net	Email: Swg-tr.MoatHouseSchoolNursing@nhs.net

  [@CoventrySchoolNursingTeam](https://www.facebook.com/CoventrySchoolNursingTeam)  [@covschoolnurses](https://www.instagram.com/covschoolnurses) 

Toy Library

All toys need to be returned to school by the 21st December 2023.

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 92.6%
Our Attendance to date: 93.6%



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As we are approaching the later autumn and winter season, it might be tricky to know if you should bring your child to school if they're feeling a little under the weather. If you're in doubt, please contact the school office.

Celebrations

Each week class teachers will choose a child in their class that consistently follows our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Those chosen will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoon.

Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -

Year 1: Emilia, Evangeline, Lexi

Year 2: Ella-Mai, Rucha, Habiba

Year 3: Maryam, Idris, Dari

Year 4: Niya, Josephine, Saratu

Year 5: Maitaishe, Fredda, Kavisha

Year 6: Alicia, Akeelah, Petra

Riley Class: Elysa-Mae

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate. This week our focus was 'Courageous'

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Christie, Xieyuan, Aila

Year 2: Archie-John, Neivie, Yusef

Year 3: Gracie-Leigh, Carson, Ariana

Year 4: Israel, Logan, Eknoor

Year 5: Muna, Aagman, Likhit

Year 6: Lukasz, Naylah, Mayo

Riley Class: Elysa-Mae

Events



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On **Wednesday 20th December**, we have a Winter Themed day which will include a special lunch at school and children are invited to wear winter-themed jumpers. On this day, if you wear a winter jumper, please donate 50p that will go towards books for the library.



Diary Dates

19th December, 9:15am - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

19th December, 2:15pm - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

20th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

21st December, 9:15am – End-of-term badge assembly – invitation only

21st December – Final day of term for the winter holidays

22nd December – Inset day (Children not at school)

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return to school