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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Message from Mrs Wright

Welcome back to school! It has been a fantastic first week to the spring term and the children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. It has been lovely to walk around the classrooms first thing in the morning and to see the children reading and practising phonics. I am sure we will have many more millionaire readers this term!

We always encourage the children to take pride in their work, resources and uniform. This helps them to feel proud of themselves. We will continue to remind children to wear the correct uniform to school and appreciate your support with this. Trainers should only be worn on the day your child has PE. Jumpers and cardigans should be red. If you have any questions about this, then please speak to a member of staff on the gate or your child's class teacher. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Stay warm and safe and we will see you on Monday!

### Nut free zone!

Please can you remember that no nuts of any kind are allowed in school. We have several children with nut allergies. Please also remember this if your child is bringing in birthday sweets to share with the class.



Free zone  
from  
**nuts**

### Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Toy Library on the playground – 3:10pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	



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Thursday	
Friday	School nurses visit Year 6

## This week at Alder Moor Farm

### Nursery

This week the children have come back into school rested and ready to learn. We have also welcomed some new children who are settling in well. We have been learning to tell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, investigating size language of big, middle sized and small and opposites such as hot and cold, hard and soft.

### Reception

Welcome back to school! It has been lovely to see you all and we hope you had a lovely and relaxing holiday! This week we have started looking at our theme topic `Winter Wonderland. We have been looking at the weather and comparing it to when we started school in September. We have also been creating `icy artwork` using a variety of materials. In maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 10 and developing an understanding that an amount could be the same even when displayed differently. Please remember to read with your child daily. It is important that they bring their books back each day so we can read with them within school.



### Year 1

Welcome back everyone! The children have returned refreshed and ready to learn. We have begun our new English text, Hermelin - The Detective Mouse. The children have begun to explore the structure of the story and learn key vocabulary; when writing we are continuing to focus on capital letters at the start of sentences and full stops at the end. In maths, we have been learning about time. We have been impressed with how the children can use a clock to show a given time. Please practise telling the time over the weekend, focussing on o'clock and half past – we teach o'clock as the minute hand straight up and half past as the minute hand straight down (saying pointing to 12 or 6 can be confusing).



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Please can every child come to school with a named water bottle each day – even though the weather is colder, they still need a drink after running around. Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

## **Year 2**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. We have started the term learning about time in maths. The children used new vocabulary to discuss time including midnight, midday and noon. We have also started to tell the time, focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. In English, we started our new book 'The Bog Baby'. The children have loved learning about this character, describing it and its habitat. Our new whole-class reading book is 'Flat Stanley' and we have investigated the book by creating our own flat characters, seeing where they could fit around school and thinking about what we would do if we were flat like Flat Stanley. Miss Crilly's class enjoyed their first forest school session with Mr Seale this afternoon. There has been a letter sent out with dates for each class as it will be one class each week. The other classes can't wait for their first session!

## **Year 3**

Happy New Year Everyone!

In Year 3 children came back with lots of enthusiasm and energy. They have been enthusiastic and ready to learn. In English, we will be learning how to write a setting narrative and an information leaflet. We began looking at our new vehicle text, 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. We started learning multiplication and division and how they are related in Maths. We also began to read a new book called 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl. We learnt about being healthy and active with the 'One Body One Life' team.

## **Year 4**

Year 4, it has been fantastic to welcome you back and what better way to kick start the term that by launching some new books! In whole class reading, we began reading the Iron Man. We thoroughly enjoyed reading about his dramatic plummet from the cliff edge into the sea - we even created a tissue paper collage of this iconic moment. In English, we began reading a book called 'The Journey.' We learnt that the characters in our story are refugees and we discussed the difficulties they may encounter during their journey to safety. We spent our maths lessons this week consolidating and perfecting multiplication and division methods. Finally, in science, we launched our new topic, which is all about sound. We had the most fun experimenting with different instruments to alter their pitch, volume, and ultimately investigating how sound is created. We are having a homework push this week, particularly on Century, therefore teachers have given the children another copy of their Century log in details. Please support your child to access this valuable, personalised homework resource weekly.



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### Year 5

It was so lovely to welcome children back and recommence our learning journey. In maths, we began learning how to represent fractions in different ways: as equal parts of a whole, as an amount and on a number line. The children have been using practical resources to gain a good conceptual understanding of fractions. In English, we began unveiling the eery mystery of the Baskerville Hall and can't wait to find out what will happen to Sir Henry. The children have produced wonderful poems about the setting of the story. In whole class reading, we are now eagerly anticipating the next chapters of Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce - it is not every day a very ordinary boy accidentally gets into space! Despite cold weather, the whole year group had fun outside building a scale of the solar system. It truly helped them to visualise the size difference of the planets. They also learnt the order of the planets by using mnemonics – we hope they will share their knowledge at home. In History, we investigated the timeline for Ancient Greece - almost 3000 years is a rather significant time for one civilization. As the weather promises to be getting even colder next week, please, check that your child brings a hat, scarf and gloves for their break and lunchtime outside. A gentle reminder that children are expected to complete weekly homework on Century.



### Year 6

Welcome back Year 6! In maths, we have revisited fractions this week. We have focused specifically on adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. It certainly got us thinking, but the children displayed a very good understanding of how to solve the problems.

We began our new book 'Origin of the Species' by Sabina Radeva in English. We have read it, looked at the language involved and written a spine poem about our animal of choice!



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We also began our new topics in both science and geography. We are exploring Frozen Kingdoms in geography and studying electrical circuits for science. We made a circuit and drew it, using the correct scientific symbols.

### Riley Class

Riley class has had a fantastic start to the spring term. We have been full steam ahead in learning and have been exploring time in maths. We had fun showing first, next and last when eating breakfast, brushing our teeth and washing our hands. The strawberry toothpaste was a big hit and the children sequenced these activities. We also showed time on a clock and we learnt half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. We met a new story character this week too; he has boggly eyes, a spiky tail and wings. We are looking forward to meeting this character a little more and writing about him.

### **Reading at Alder Moor**

#### **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: 63,884,417.**

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

#### Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have two more Word Millionaires for this year – **Ayesha** and **Alisia** from **6KJ**. Well done!

#### **OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK**

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
<b>YEAR 2</b>		
<b>Ekvir</b>	<b>2ES</b>	<b>17,478</b>
Habiba	2LC	11,328
Olly	2HW	9,352
<b>YEAR 3</b>		
<b>Dola</b>	<b>3MR</b>	<b>82,189</b>
Sanabel	3TG	61,093
Kimberly	3MR	40,469
<b>YEAR 4</b>		
<b>Jaweriyah</b>	<b>4YS</b>	<b>71,538</b>
Abdulmateen	4YS	38,941



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Tahfeem	4ZE	18,179
<b>YEAR 5</b>		
<b>Isla</b>	<b>5HH</b>	<b>169,441</b>
Sejal	5NS	112,959
Nafisa	5NS	66,884
<b>YEAR 6</b>		
<b>James</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>481,078</b>
Mozeedah	6KJ	411,663
Fatima	6KJ	405,598

\*These figures are for 21/12/23 – 11/01/24

**OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR**

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
<b>Boubacar</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>3,769,223</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>2,929,739</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>2,766,752</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>6RH</b>	<b>1,972,433</b>
<b>Nina</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>1,902,653</b>

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	37,058
2HW	18,564
2LC	38,698
3MR	258,018
3TG	105,608
3ZS	59,713
4EG	15,521
4YS	141,212
4ZE	60,607
5HH	424,401
5OI	261,754
5NS	251,131
<b>6KJ</b>	<b>2,797,371</b>
<b>6JC</b>	<b>3,351,389</b>
<b>6RH</b>	<b>1,619,090</b>

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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: Yafa, Fatima, Hanvika

Year 2: Obay, Matei, Shreya

Year 3: Ilie, Zahidullah, Dola

Year 4: Nabil, Yusuf, Elinathan

Year 5: Zainab, Isla, Shakoor

Year 6: Petra, Ara, George

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

Year 1: Yafa, Hanvika, Fatima

Year 2: Obay, Matei, Nimrod

Year 3: Zahidullah, Ilie, Dola

Year 4: Nabil, Yusuf, Elinathan

Year 5: Shakoor, Isla, Zainab

Year 6: Ara, Petra, George

## 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



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After school clubs will start on **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. The clubs will run from 3:30pm-4:15pm.**

If your child has been successful in a club place you will have been notified via Bromcom.

**All children will need to be collected due to the dark evenings.**

Please can you ensure that all contact details are up to date with the school office.

### School nurse workshops

Toileting Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/TeGKvc23FV>

Sleep Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/BqV2PvLEWU>

Understanding Anxiety Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/EJEpYuFMwF>

Challenges in Eating Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/mHcBLCW5JT>

Challenges in Behaviour Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/nzcpmvmvCsU>

### Coventry Music

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra - free online performance inspired by Alice in Wonderland for pupils with SEND on 18 and 19 January. [Relaxed Concerts 2024 Online Booking Form](#)

### Compass Shine:

[Children and young people's emotional wellbeing](#)

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: 91.3%**  
**Our Attendance to date: 93.5%**

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you had a lovely break. A reminder that our attendance target remains unchanged and we are striving to get to 95% by the end of the year. We're not too far away and we can do it!

Throughout this half term, we will have some special attendance days. Keep an eye out for when those are.



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## 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 -**

**Reception: Roheem, Sharifa, Willow**

**Year 1: Ouais, Sultan, Hanvika**

**Year 2: Sharna, Max, Thomas**

**Year 3: Zahid, Lakkith, Zulfah**

**Year 4: James, Mohammed, Kira**

**Year 5: Diamond, Amelia, Livia**

**Year 6: Yasar, Dragos, Bindushree**

**Riley Class: Michaela**

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

**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Olivia, Joshua, Mohammad**

**Year 2: Ella-Rae, Farrahah, Fedora**

**Year 3: Maryam, Idris, Phoebe**

**Year 4: Nabil, Jaweriyah, Kieran**

**Year 5: Maitaishe, Fredda, Temi**

**Year 6: Boubacar, Fatima, Soham**

**Riley Class: Michaela**

## Events



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### **January**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 School Nurse Health Questionnaire

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Key Stage 1 Design Technology Week

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC assembly for children

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Design and Technology Week

### **February**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Number Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Inset day – school closed

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 4 Maths parent workshop

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 5 Maths parent workshop

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 6 Maths parent workshop

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Maths parent workshop

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Maths parent workshop

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Maths parent workshop

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Maths parent workshop

## **Diary Dates**

### Term dates

#### **Spring 1 Term dates**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### **Half term holidays**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### **Inset day**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – school closed to all children



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**Spring 2 Term dates**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Easter holiday**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Summer 1 Term dates**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term holidays**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Summer 2 Term dates**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024