

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Today, we welcome back Oak Class from their residential trip to Calshot, in Hampshire. This week really was an incredible opportunity for children in Oak Class to experience life in another place of natural beauty! The activities seemed endless: for example, archery, dry-slope skiing, wall-climbing, and crate-stacking, to name a few. Oak Class even managed to spent time with the wild ponies in the New Forest. They really have created memories that will last a lifetime! A special thank you must be given to Mr. Harrrison, Mrs Aldridge, and Miss Cook, for accompanying Year 6 on their trip. As a school, we are very grateful their support.

Opportunities, such as this, are so important. As we know, they help children to strengthen their values, alongside their character—vitally important in this ever-changing world — as they face and test themselves against numerous challenges.



Here's just a few of the highlights...









Back at school, we have been having a focus on Handwriting. Our challenge over the next two weeks will be to see if we can all make further progress in this area, through our continuous application of effort. At Alderwood, we know that it is important to focus on our own journeys—always seeking to improve on our own previous efforts.

Next week, Birch class will be performing the first assembly of the calendar year. We're really excited to see what Year 1 have been up to, and look forward to warmly welcoming parents and carers into our school on this day. On this note, we're really keen to host a number of tea/coffee mornings Our value of the month: after half-term. Do look out for the dates for these events, which will appear very soon! Everyone is welcome!

This week, a number of keen gardeners in KS2 have enquired if they can carry out gardening duties in our nature area—which has got us thinking! If any parents do have a for gardening, we'd like to hear from you! Any help with developing our nature area would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31st January Birch class assembly

Monday 5th February Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th February Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th February Palm class assembly

HALF TERM BREAK 12th— 16th February

Children return on Monday 19th **February**

Monday 19th February Beech class (FS2) Vision screening

> Wednesday 21st February Doctor Bike Day

Wednesday 6th March Elm Class assembly

Thursday 7th March World Book day

Wednesday 15th March Maple Class assembly

Thursday 28th March Last day of Term



Alone we can do so little: together, we can do so much.

Right, must dash! Year 6 will be returning any minute. Have a wonderful weekend!