



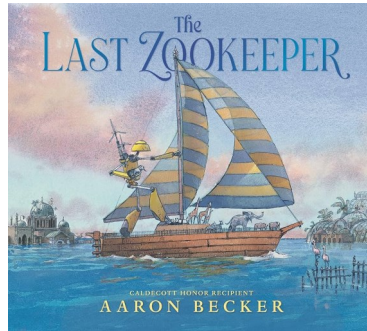
# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday, 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Don't forget to check out our website and follow us on **Instagram**

This week, we have begun our whole school 'Take One' project. As a school, we are focusing on one book, to develop a shared understanding, whilst creating different outcomes. Our project is based upon a wonderful text called 'The Last Zookeeper' by Aaron Becker. By the end of this half-term, we look forward to sharing our fabulous learning with you.



On Thursday, Matthew from SoundSteps visited our school and delivered a wonderful assembly — introducing children to the sounds of the keyboard. If you would like to get your child involved with this musical school, click here to find out more:

[Soundsteps | Keyboard and piano lessons for kids in and around London. \(soundstepsmusic.co.uk\)](https://www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk)

You can still sign your child up to learn an instrument through our partnership organisation—Totally RAD! Details can be found under the clubs section on our website.

Mrs Edwards has been busy carrying out Baseline Assessments in our Reception Class this week. These statutory assessments provide a starting point for a progress measure that will help parents and carers understand how well Alderwood is supporting children between Reception and Year 6.

In addition to the key dates, which I shared in last week's newsletter, I would like to also share that our Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 16th October, and Thursday, 17th October. We will let you know shortly when you will be able to book a time to see your child's class teacher.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of children in FS2 and KS1 to our **Emotion Coaching workshop**. This will take place at 9am in the Main Hall. We are very much looking forward to this!

Our after school clubs begin next week. I look forward to passing on the gift of chess at Chess Club. There are still spaces available in some clubs, so please do take a look. Today, we are pleased to announce that we can now also offer 'Didi-Dance' to Years 1 and 2 on a Wednesday after school. You can sign up for this club from 4pm today! Wishing you all a lovely weekend! Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday, 16th September**  
Meet the Teacher sessions begin

**Tuesday, 17th September**  
Emotion Coaching Workshops—  
FS2 AND KS1

**Wednesday, 25th September**  
Year 4/5 trip to the Natural History  
Museum

**Friday, 27th September**  
Macmillan Coffee Morning (9am)

**Tuesday, 1st October**  
Emotion Coaching Workshops  
Follow Up Session —FS2 AND KS1

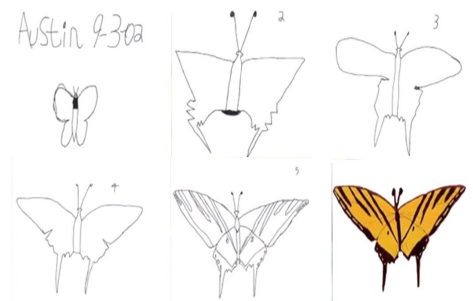
**Wednesday, 9th October**  
Phonic Workshop FS2 and Year 1  
(9-9.30am)

**Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th**  
Parents' Evenings

**Thursday, 17th October**  
Harvest Festival

**Tuesday, 5th November**  
Stress and Anxiety Workshop KS2

In today's 'Effort' Assembly, we discussed the importance of 'Feedback' and its relation to our efforts. We explored 'Austin's Butterfly' and learnt how Austin improved his butterfly based on feedback from his peers.



Children were invited to draw their own butterfly over the weekend and bring it into share on Monday. I look forward to seeing and sharing them in our assembly next Friday!