



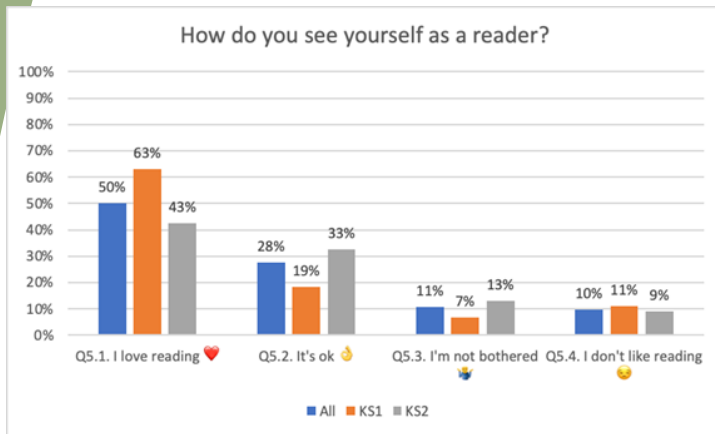
# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday, 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

I hope you've all had a great break! This week, across the whole school, we have placed 'reading' under the spotlight. At Alderwood, we know how powerful daily reading can be - both in school and at home. Instilling those daily reading habits makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. We appreciate that not all children love reading though (as indicated in the survey below) and look forward to sharing a few tips with you all soon.



Here's one of the outcomes of a Children's Book Project survey, which was carried out at Alderwood, in January 2024.

Year 2 visited the Horniman Museum today. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures upon their return! On Monday, Year 5 are visiting the Planetarium, in Greenwich. What a start to their week...



### What else is happening next week?

There is another stress and anxiety workshop taking place on Tuesday, 12th at 9am. Please pop along to join Mrs O'Donnell and our Educational Psychologist, who will be continuing to share their valuable insights. This will take place in the Main Hall.

Some members of our Oak Class will be attending a Peer Mediation and Anti-Bullying Workshop on Wednesday, at the Daniel Defoe building in Greenwich. This event will recognise and celebrate the amazing work of peer mediators.

And...Individual and family photos are taking place on Friday. We look forward to seeing all the children looking super smart and squeaky clean, wearing their best smiles!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday, 11th November**  
Year 5 trip to Planetarium

**Tuesday, 12th November**  
Stress and Anxiety Workshop for  
KS2 parents (9-10am)

**Thursday, 14th November**  
Children in Need  
(Wear yellow or spots)

**Friday, 15th November**  
Individual and School  
Family Photos

**Tuesday, 19th November**  
Stress and Anxiety Workshop for  
KS2 parents (9-10am)

**Thursday, 21st November**  
Young Greenwich Health  
Coffee Morning  
(Behaviour and Sleep)

**Friday, 22nd November**  
Reception Open Morning  
— new intake 2025

**Thursday, 28th November**  
Height and Weight  
Reception/Year 6

**Friday, 6th December**  
Christmas Fayre



Children can wear a yellow or spotty top on

**Thursday 14th November,**  
to raise awareness for  
Children in Need.  
Year 6 will be collecting  
donations on this day.