



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Today at Alderwood, there was certainly a buzz of excitement in the air as the week drew to a close. The children clearly enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school today! Thank you for all your chocolate donations, which will be on show at our Christmas Fayre next week on Friday, 6th December. Whilst we are a healthy eating school, this is a very popular tradition that has been passed on for as long as I can remember!

Today, I am really pleased to see that we have achieved **100% attendance** in Year 4, whilst Year 6 were hot on their tails with 98%. This is fantastic! Will Year 4 have the highest attendance next week?

What are the risks of missing a day? Research shows that being at school is good for a child's well-being and wider development. It also finds that children who performed better at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those children who didn't perform as well. Whilst there may be a small number of understandable circumstances when your child misses a day — for example, if your child is too unwell to attend — it is clear from the research that every day in school counts. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day. Please click the following link if you would like to find out more: [The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)

Palm Class performed a wonderful assembly on Wednesday, showcasing their learning across a range of curriculum areas. Children wowed everyone with their knowledge of our Solar System, and wonderful singing! Who knew Pluto isn't a planet as it doesn't have any moons?

New Sensory Room!

Today, we had a special assembly to say a HUGE thank you to Emma, who has been truly instrumental in supporting the school to transform our former Resources Room, into an INCREDIBLE new Sensory Room! Emma has worked alongside Mrs O'Donnell, over a number of months, to create this wonderful space. We cannot thank her, or her employer who kindly assisted the school financially. enough! What a transformation!

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend. Very best wishes,



Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 4th December

Natural History Museum
Year 3

Height and Weight
Reception/Year 6

Thursday, 5th December

Xmas Greeting outside on the
Green (8.30am)
Mr Gregory and the Choir.

Friday, 6th December

Open Morning for new Reception
intake 2025.

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Christmas Fayre

Friday, 13th December

Christmas Dinner and Christmas
Jumper Day

Tuesday, 17th December

KS1 Nativity (10am and 2pm)

Friday, 20th December

KS2 visit to Holy Trinity

End of Term

Christmas Lunch—13th December

There will be Roast Turkey or Squash, Spinach and Cream Cheese Filo Bake (V), with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy, and for dessert a Festive Chocolate and Ginger Cake or Festive Shortbread and Vanilla Ice Cream.

