



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday, 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Despite the rain, it's been a great week here at Alderwood. Clubs started this week, and the two new partnerships with Chess in Schools and The London Ballet Company got off to a flying start. When I asked a child what she thought of her first ballet lesson she said, "I LOVED it!" This is exactly what we want to hear—our children's voices are paramount!

Yesterday, Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in a brilliant Toy Workshop. It was a great opportunity for children to enhance their self-esteem, oracy and imagination!



As we progress further into the Spring term, I'd like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring your child is in school every day. Our whole school **attendance is currently at 95%**, which is good! We would obviously hope and expect it to be higher. The evidence is clear—every day at school counts. Even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects. Please only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend, and try to book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time. And, of course, talk to us if you're having difficulties with attendance. We're here to support!

Next week, our amazing Year 6 are heading off to Calshot in Hampshire for their five day school residential. This will be an incredible and life-changing experience for them, and I have no doubt whatsoever that everyone will be creating memories which will last a lifetime. As you can see from the image below, the environment is just perfect! Mr Harrison and Mrs Aldridge will be keeping in touch on a daily basis, and updating us with all the wonderful events taking place, and fun being had!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend! Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday, 19th January 2026**  
Year 6 journey to Calshot

**Tuesday, 20th January 2026**  
Year 1 visit to Pizza Express  
Year 5 swimming

**Monday, 9th February 2026**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Wednesday, 11th February**  
Year 3 Family Assembly

**Friday, 13 February**  
'One Love' concert performed by  
our choir.

Half term



If you need childcare before or after school, you may wish to get in touch with Basecamp, our out-of-school club. You can find further information here.

[Base Camp Breakfast club, after school and school holiday child](#)

### **Attendance**

The class with this week's highest attendance is Elm Class with 99.3%. This is incredible. Well done everyone.

### **Big Emotions**

Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Big Emotions' workshop, and I hope you were able to away some nuggets of wisdom.