Weekly Newsletter
Friday, 8th May 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend last week. Despite being a four day week, we have made the most of it!

On Wednesday, Birch Class performed brilliantly during their Family Assembly. Children spoke confidently and clearly, and sang beautifully too. It's always fascinating to find out about the origins of the RLNI, and Grace Darling. The children's boats were fantastic. Well done Mrs Edwards, and Year One!

Yesterday, all the children experienced Scoot Fit - a day funded through the School Travel Plan programme (Travel for Life). The programme ensured every child had the opportunity to develop their scooting skills. The sessions were adapted around children's variable motor skills and balance abilities and were designed to give pupils a fun and memorable experience that will make them more enthusiastic about scooting. The joy on the children's faces was truly wonderful to see! I am sure we will see them again next year, given how much the children enjoyed it.

UNIFORM

Please be mindful of our school uniform policy, which can be found on our website. As the DfE states: School uniforms provide a sense of belonging for students. They are helpful in developing a good learning environment and can help build the character of a school. They can also reduce peer pressure at school for the latest clothes and help children feel settled, and ready for learning. At Alderwood, we aim for it to be fair for all. However, we are noticing an increase in non-school uniform footwear. Please do ensure that your child arrives wearing sensible shoes, i.e. flat shoes or trainers **in plain black only.** If for any reason you are in need of assistance, please do speak with the School Office, Mrs O Donnell, or Mrs Musa. We will be holding a pre-loved uniform event next term, and any donations would be warmly received.

SATS WEEK

Next week, from Monday to Thursday, our wonderful Year 6 children will be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). We are very proud of their hard work and careful preparations this year, As Mr. Harrison, our Year 6 teacher says,"Preparation is not only about knowledge and exam strategies, but also about dispositions, attitudes and values. Every day [in Year 6] has been met with positivity, resilience and unity, and this has been wonderful to see. I know you will all join me in sending the Year 6 team good luck! Wishing you all a lovely weekend! Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th-Thursday, 14th May
Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday, 19th May
Singing Spectacular with Choir

Wednesday, 20th May
Year 2 Family Assembly
Chartwell's Bee themed lunch

Half term

Week Commencing 1st June
Year 4 Multiplication Check
Week Commencing 8th June
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

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 Care

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for this week is 94.9%, which is below the national average. **However, the class with the highest attendance, for the second week in a row is….Elm Class with 98.6%** (congratulations everyone!) Will it be three weeks in a row?