Weekly Newsletter
Friday, 9th October

Compass Eko Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has certainly been a chill in the air this week! I would say that it's definitely time for jumpers, cardigans, and coats. We had a blast of the heating system this week, just to ensure every thing is in working order for the colder weather ahead...

Thank you for your donations for Harvest this week. We will be continuing to accept any donations up until Thursday, 22nd October. Just one item, can make a big difference!

Secondary School Applications—Year 6 Parents and Carers
I am aware that many children and families in Oak Class are currently visiting schools and submitting their application, stating their secondary school preferences. If you still need to submit an application, please be mindful that your child's application needs to be submitted by the **31st October.** You will be able to find out more about the process here:
Apply for a secondary school place | When to apply for a secondary school place | Royal Borough of Greenwich
Please do speak with the Year 6 team, or myself, if you would like support or guidance before submitting your preferences.

Year 6 Residential
As a school, we really would love everyone to attend this potentially life-changing trip! The residential is vital for building confidence, and independence before they begin Secondary School. If your child is in Year 6 and would like to be part of this incredible opportunity, please do get in touch to discuss the possibility further. I really would like to offer any support or reassurances where possible!

Timetable for secondary school admissions in September 2026

Stage	Date
Applications period opens	1 September 2026
Application period closes	31 October 2026
Application results are published	1 March 2027
Acceptance period closes	15 March 2027
Appeal period closes	29 March 2027
Appeal hearings take place	May and June 2027
Induction day at secondary schools	7 July 2027

This week, Headteachers, Executive Headteachers, and Directors of Schools (within the CompassEko Trust), visited our school to view our wonderful Learning Environment, and find out how we maintain an 'ethic of excellence'. It was very humbling to hear so many positive comments about Alderwood. One Headteacher even declared that he wishes his children attended our school! "There are schools, and then there are schools. But this school has something special!" he said.

Parents' Evenings will be taking place during the week after next. If you haven't yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do make an appointment via MyChildatSchool. These are wonderful opportunities to discuss your child's learning experiences and celebrate their successes!
Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 19th October
Bikeability—Year 5

Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday 21st October

Parents' Evenings

Thursday, 22nd October
Road Safety Workshops

Monday, 26th October—Friday, 30th October

Half term

31st October

Secondary School application deadline for current Year 6 Parents and Carers

Monday, 2nd November
Children return to school

Tuesday, 3rd November
School Nurse: Workshop

Friday, 13th November
Children In Need: Wear spots or yellow

Great things take time and relentless effort.

Basecamp Childcare
Alderwood Primary School

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