



Alder Grove
Church of England Primary School

New Reception Information Evening

Wednesday 18th June 2025



Kindness



Service



Truthfulness



Forgiveness



Courage



Perseverance

‘They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season’ Psalm 1:3

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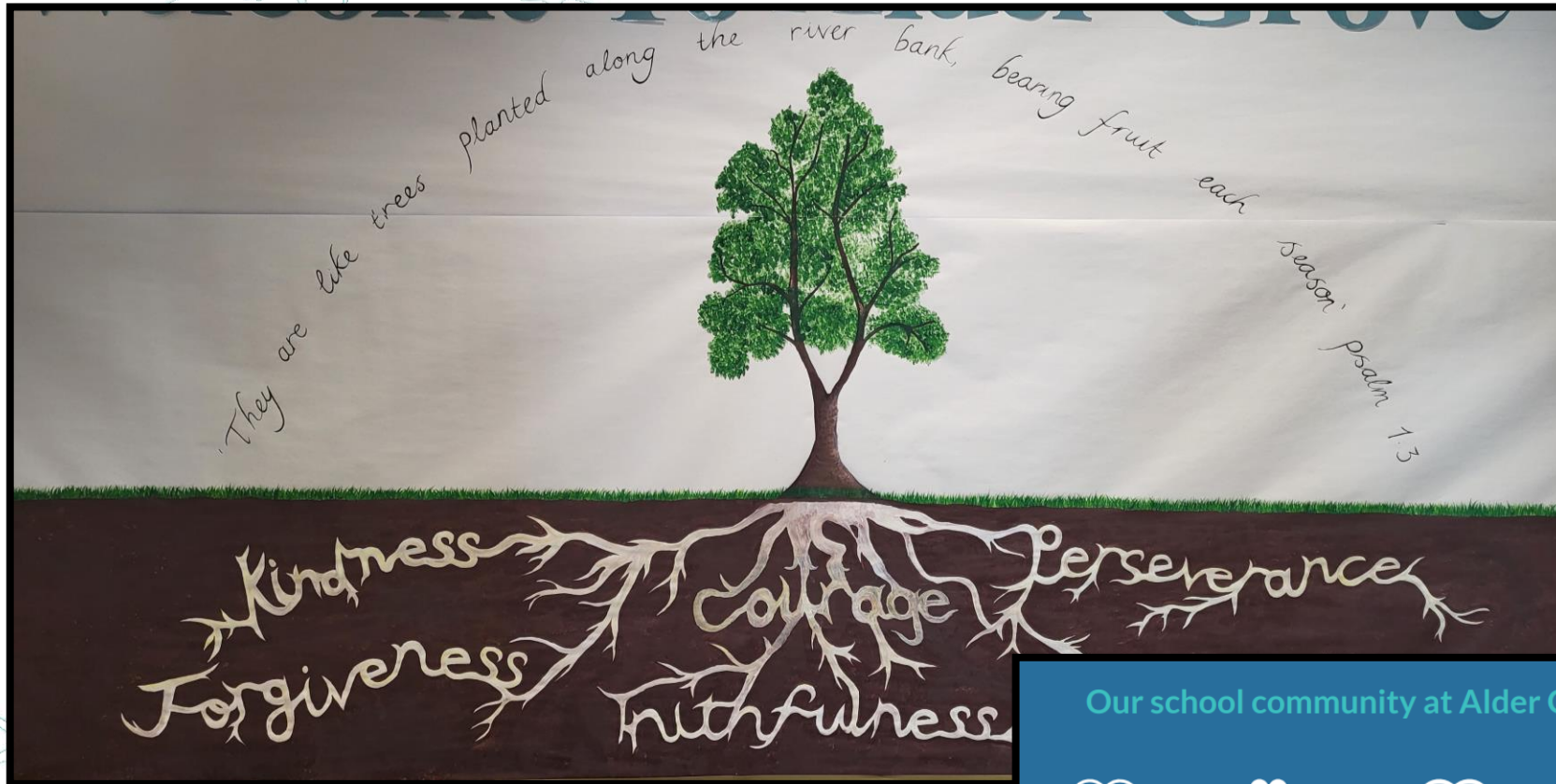
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School Vision & Values



Our school community will be rooted in our Christian School Values. These will govern the way we live our lives as part of the Alder Grove School Community and will be modelled by staff and encouraged in the children.

Our school community at Alder Grove is rooted in the following values:



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Being a Church of England School



As a Church of England Primary School, Alder Grove is an inclusive school which welcomes families of all faiths and no faith.

Assemblies and Collective Worship

All children meet daily for an act of collective worship either as the whole school or in class.

We set a theme and this is followed throughout the week. This could be based on one of our Values or an important celebration being celebrated.

On Friday, we have an Alder Grove Celebration Assembly to share and recognise the achievements of the children.

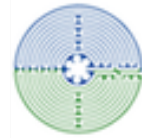
We have links to our local Church, St Mary's, which is within walking distance of the school and with other local churches, such as Shinfield Baptist Church.

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Partnership with other Keys Academy Schools



Earley St Peter's
CE Primary School



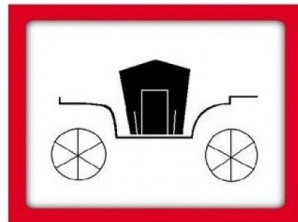
The Coombes
CE Primary School



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Polehampton CE Infant School



Alder Grove
Church of England Primary School



Saint Sebastian's C of E
Primary School



St Cecilia's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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The Alder Grove Key Code

We show Kindness

- by using kind actions and words to all in our school
- by helping and encouraging others to learn
- by listening and participating in lessons
- by showing respect to ourselves, others and the environment



Kindness

We Forgive

- by accepting we make mistakes
- by choosing to accept others make mistakes
- by giving others a second chance
- by moving on with our friendships once we've forgiven



Forgiveness

We show Service

- by helping our classmates and teachers
- by participating in school and community events
- by being willing to volunteer our time and skills



Service

We show Courage

- by standing up for what is right
- by trying new things and taking risks in our learning
- by speaking up and sharing our ideas



Courage

We are Truthful

- by always telling the truth, even when it's difficult
- by taking responsibility for our actions
- by being honest with our peers and teachers



Truthfulness

We Persevere

- by trying hard in every lesson
- by taking risks in our learning
- by celebrating our own and others' success
- by not giving up



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Transition to Alder Grove

- Online information forms
- Contact with all nurseries, pre-schools & childminders
- Home visits
- Transition morning
- Stay & Play sessions
- Uniform order
- Staggered start
- Alder Grove Key Code



Reception Class

Daily Routines...

8.40-8:45am – Gates open for the start of the school day

Children will need to:

- hang their coat on their named peg
- put their water bottle in the water bottle tray
- put their book bag into their tray

11.30am – 12:30 Lunchtime

3.15pm – Home Time – children are collected from outside classroom doors

Reception Class

A Typical Day in Reception...



register



phonics



explore



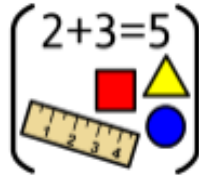
outside



circle time



snack



maths



lunch



PE



collective
worship



music



topic



singing

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Reception Class

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum



**Child-Initiated
Activities**



**Adult-Directed
Activities**



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Reception Class

Our topics this year...

- Marvellous Me
- Feasts and Festivals
- Amazing Animals
- Come Outside
- Ticket to Ride
- Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!



Reception Class

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum



Alder Grove
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Prime Areas			
Communication & Language Listening and Attention, Understanding, Speaking	Physical Development Gross motor and Fine motor	Personal, Social and Emotional Development Self-regulation, managing self and building relationships	
Specific Areas of Learning			
Literacy Comprehension, word reading and writing	Mathematics Number and numerical patterns	Understanding the world Past and present, People, Culture and Communities and The Natural World	Expressive Arts & Design Creating with materials and being imaginative and expressive

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Early Learning Goals

The Early Learning Goals outline the level of development children are expected to have attained by the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (at the end of Reception).

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-Regulation ELG

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly;
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate;
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.



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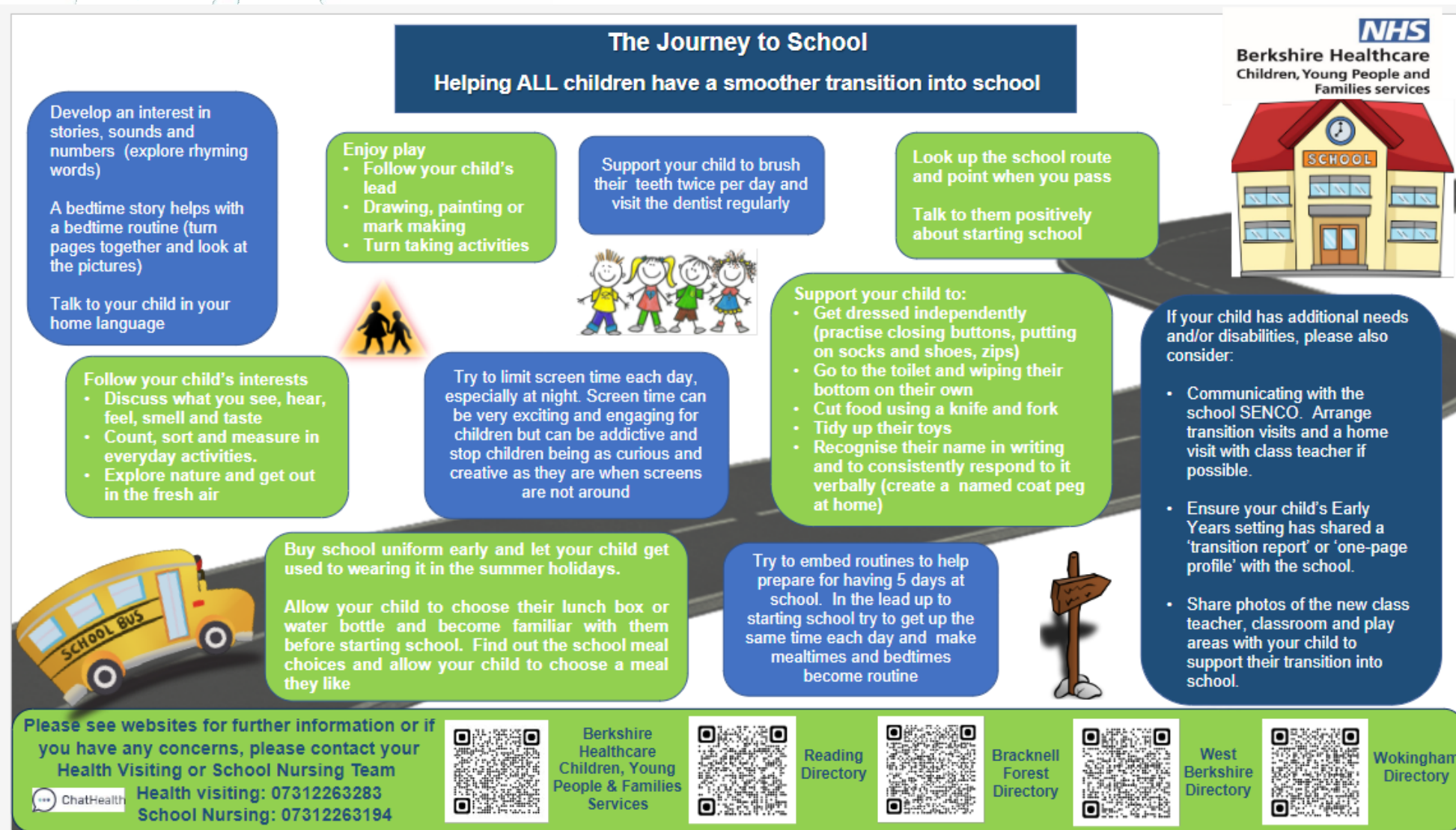
Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)



- Administered within the first six weeks of the Autumn Term to all Reception aged children in England. Statutory requirement for school to administer
- RBA is run by our school teachers on a 1:1 with each child - low threat, not 'test conditions', takes approximately 20 minutes to complete
- Designed to be an inclusive assessment, accessible to the majority of pupils on entry to school. It has been designed so that pupils with SEND and those learning English as an Additional Language (EAL) can participate in the standard assessment format and has been subject to a SEND and cultural review.
- School does not get a numerical score of how the child 'achieved' as baseline is used as a progress measure against later formal assessments at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) to measure the overall progress in their primary school journey

How do I get my child ready for school?

Wokingham
Borough Council
Website has a
dedicated page
for school
transition



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Summer Transition Groups



What Will the Sessions Provide?

The sessions will offer:

Support for Families: Practical advice and strategies to help manage anxiety and ease the transition.

Activities for Children: Fun and engaging activities designed to build confidence and familiarity with school routines.

Opportunities for Parents/Carers: Time to discuss any concerns with Early Years Team and other parents/carers going through similar experiences.

Where

Brambles Children's
Centre
Budes Gardens
Wokingham
RG40 1PX

When

Every Wednesday
between 23/07/25
and 27/08/2025

Time

10am-12pm

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Practical Matters



School Lunches

Under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, school lunches are free for all children until the end of Year 2. All reception children will be served a hot school lunch at Alder Grove.

Milk

Daily milk is free for Under 5s and if you wish your child to continue to have daily milk once they turn 5, it costs approximately £14 per term.

Practical Matters



Payments

Currently, the school has an online payment system called Arbor, to allow parents to make all transactions through one system.

School Uniform

- All uniform can be ordered from our suppliers Smart Impressions.
- Website link can be found on Uniform section on the website
- Please label **all** uniform and equipment your child brings into school.
- Wearing of jewellery is not permitted, unless it is for religious or medical reasons.
- Plain black trainers (similar style to school shoes – these must be plain and black only with no large logos in a different colour)
- Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts/cycling shorts (generic and no logos)
- School polo shirt (branded)
- School jumper/cardigan (branded)
- Black ankle socks (generic)
- Long hair must be tied back with plain black/neutral hair bands or clips

Practical Matters



Equipment

- Children will need their book bags each day with their reading books, reading journal and library book.
- Water bottle each day (with only water inside).
- Pair of wellies – to stay at school.
- Weather appropriate clothing – rain or winter coat, sun hat as children will access outdoor areas in all conditions.

Practical Matters



Absence and lateness

- If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please phone the school by 9.15am on the first and any subsequent days of their illness and give the reason for your child's absence.
- If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea you must keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last bout.
- Please ensure that your child arrives punctually and prepared for school. However, if you are running late, please take your child to the main office from 8.55am onwards. A member of the office team will take a lunch order and take them safely to their classroom.
- Holidays should not be taken during term time and will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Medication

- If your child requires regular medication, a care plan will be created with the school, parents and any medical professionals required.
- For prescription medication, a medical form from the office or website will need to be completed and taken to the office before any medication is administered.
- The school will conduct regular checks, but it the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure medication kept in school is in date.

Spring Summer 2025		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE		 Macaroni Cheese		BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads 		Roasted Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Spaghetti Beef Bolognese		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
21/04/2025 12/05/2025 09/06/2025 30/06/2025 21/07/2025 15/09/2025 06/10/2025		Option Two  Tomato and Lentil Pasta		 Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice 		 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 NEW Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice 		Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	
		Dessert  Apple Flapjack 		Summer Lemon Cake		 Fruit Platter		Savoury Cheese Scone		 Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO		Option One  Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 		Chicken Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce		Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Chefs Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice 		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
28/04/2025 19/05/2025 16/06/2025 07/07/2025 01/09/2025 22/09/2025 13/10/2025		Option Two  Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads 		 Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce		 Vegetable Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Spaghetti and Meatballs		Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips	
		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	
		Dessert Iced Vanilla Sponge		NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard 		 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad		Peaches and Ice Cream		 Vanilla Shortbread	
WEEK THREE		Option One  Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges		NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice 		Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		  NEW Beef Greek Macaroni Paslitsio with Greek Salad and Tzatziki		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
05/05/2025 02/06/2025 23/06/2025 14/07/2025 08/09/2025 29/09/2025 20/10/2025		Option Two  Classic Vegan Bolognese		 NEW Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice 		 Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki 		All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	
		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	
		Dessert Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake		Cheese and Crackers		 Fruit Medley		Jam and Coconut Sponge		 Oaty Cookie 	
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein  Wholemeal  Vegan  Chef's Special									
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt											
 caterlink feeding the imagination											

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Breakfast & After School Club



Breakfast Club

7.30am to 8.45am

Cost: £5.40 per session

Additional sibling discount: £4.86

Breakfast Provided

After School Club

Early Session

3.15pm to 4.30pm

Cost: £7.00 per session

Additional sibling discount: £6.30

Light snack provided

After School Club

Late Session

4.15pm to 6.00pm

Cost: £7.40 per session

Additional sibling discount: £6.66

Light supper provided

After School Club

Full Session

3.15pm to 6.00pm

Cost: £12.50 per session

Additional sibling discount: £11.25

Light supper provided

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- We are the Alder Grove

Parents, **C**arers & **S**taff **A**ssociation

- We support the school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils



An example of some
of the events /
fundraising we have
run...and what we
have raised!

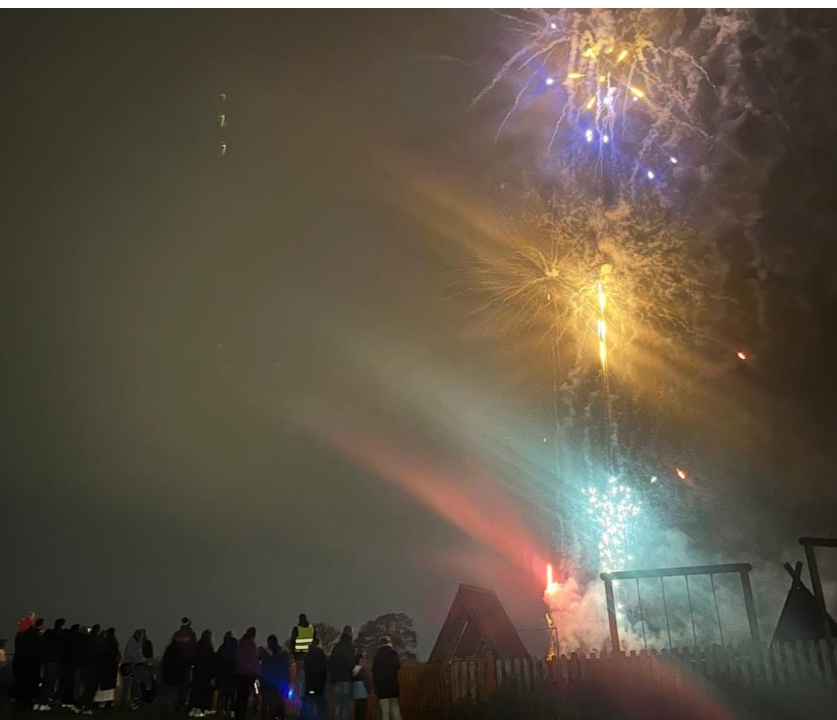
+£12k so far

- Fireworks night - ~£3000 raised
- Wreath Making Workshop and Christmas Fayre complete with Santa's Grotto- ~£3200 raised
- Amigos Magic Show - ~£800 raised
- Bedtime Story Night- ~£500 raised
- 2025 Challenge- ~£950 raised
- Disco's for y1 to y4- ~£800 raised
- Quiz Night- ~£900 raised



Still to come this year:

- **Summer Fayre – Saturday 28th June 1pm-5pm**
- Reception End of Term Party- Thursday 17th July
- Make the Rules Day- Friday 18th July
- End of term tuck- Wednesday 23rd July



What we funded?

- Visualisers for Year 4
- Stay Safe E-Safety Workshop for children
- Subsidised school trips and visitors such as the Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2
- Books for the library
- Diwali Celebration
- Wear it Pink tea party
- Farm visit for nursery

and our 'big ticket' items for this year- upstairs learning booths, and an outdoor sensory cabin



Alder Grove

Parent/Carer Staff Association

Next Steps...



- Drop in Stay & Play sessions on the 25th June
- Transition Morning (information sent out to parents/carers with details):
 - 3rd July (non-Alder Grove Pupils)
 - 10th July (children transitioning from Owl Class)
- Home visits - week beginning 7th & 14th July.
- Order uniform online – Uniform can be ordered now or over the holidays and this can be collected here from school or be delivered to your home.
- Staggered start on 4th and 5th September with all children full time from Monday 8th – information about this will be sent in a letter with what class your child is in from the school office.
- Summer Fayre – Saturday 28th June

Thank you from us!



We are delighted to welcome you to Alder Grove.

Thank you for giving us your time this evening and we look forward to seeing you in July for the transition time in school and getting to know you and your families in September.



Any Questions?



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