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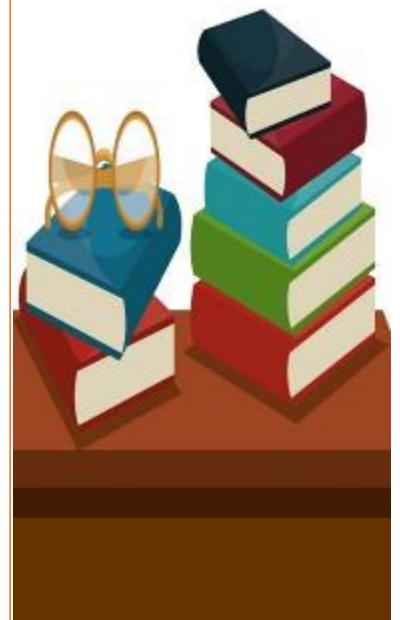


Welcome to our first edition of the Alder Coppice Times for the 2025 - 2026 academic year, where we celebrate learning, special events and children's accomplishments. This half-term has already been jam packed with events and we hope you enjoy sharing in our news highlights.

KEY STAGE 1 HARVEST COLLECTION

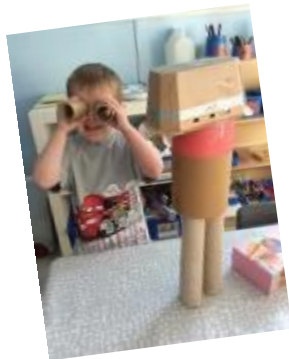


A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated food for our Key Stage 1 Harvest collection, you certainly kept our Charity Ambassadors busy sorting the food items. It was very much appreciated by Pastor Bell from St Paul's Church in Gornal, who collected the donations for their foodbank. The Foodbank is a practical, community-based project, organised by local churches, which provides food parcels to those in our immediate area who find themselves temporarily in difficult circumstances.



Nursery Highlights

The Nursery children have all settled wonderfully into Nursery. The busy little cohort have really enjoyed exploring their new environment both inside and out. We have started with the theme of 'Magical Me!' and the children have spent lots of time thinking about themselves, their families and their feelings. We have also been celebrating Autumn and the children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different tasks. The children have been busy in Number Time exploring sorting and matching and practising their subitising skills. In Rhyme Time the children have enjoyed the rhymes Hey Diddle Diddle and Incy Wincy Spider. In Phonics we have been practising our important listening skills and have played some super games. In free choice time the children have been so busy painting, playing in the sand and water, spending time in the book corner and quiet tent, mark making and playing in the role play house also spending lots of time playing outside. A super start to the term Nursery. A big thank you to the grown ups for all your support during this first half-term.



Reception Highlights

What a fantastic start to the Reception year! The children have settled in so well and now confidently follow all the new routines. Our timetable is super busy with Phonics, Number Time, Big Book, handwriting and music and movement. In Phonics the children have worked hard to learn lots of new phonemes. We have also worked hard to practice the vital skills of blending to read. We have also started learning how to write our graphemes which is tricky! In Number Time we have been busy learning how to be a good Learning Partner, exploring the skills of representation, subitising and developing our maths language to help us explain our thinking. Our first little project has been "Magical Me and My World!". The children have really enjoyed exploring all about their families and other families too, exploring their big feelings and spending time thinking about what makes us special and unique. We did a super task where we looked into a mirror and drew ourselves! We had some real masterpieces! The children have been really enjoying free choice time in their new learning environment and have been busy mark making, building with the blocks, playdough, playing in the shop, relaxing in the quiet tent and playing schools plus so much more! A great start to the Autumn Term, well done Reception! Thank you so much to the Reception grown ups too for all your super support during this first half-term.



Year 1 Highlights

The children in Year 1 have settled in beautifully and have worked hard to learn all the new routines in Year 1. Our timetable is full of lots of new, exciting lessons and the children have loved their new topics.

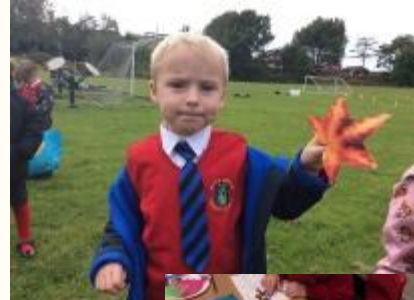
In English, we have used Julia Donaldson to practise writing captions and applying our phonics to help us write. The children have worked really hard to use their neatest writing.

In Maths, we have explored numbers to 20. We learnt that teen numbers are made up of ten and a bit more. The children have used lots of new manipulatives to make and compare teen numbers.

In Science, we have looked at seasons and the changes that happen in Autumn. We loved walking around our school grounds and looking for the signs of Autumn, finishing with a delicious hot chocolate!

In Geography, we have looked at our local area. We have learnt about different human and physical features and even went on a local walk to see what we could find!

In Art, we have learnt about primary and secondary colours and had a go at mixing colours. We used our knowledge of colours to create some work inspired by Mary Webb.



Year 1 Scarecrow Walk



Year 2 Highlights

What an amazing start to Year 2! The children have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum and have settled into our school rules and routines well. They all show great enthusiasm for their learning and are always excited for a challenge.

In Maths, we have deepened our knowledge of numbers up to 100. They understand that a 2 digit number can be partitioned into tens and ones, as well as other different ways that deepened their mathematical thinking. The children have also explored the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes, which they have loved creating using nets and straws.

In English, children have been working hard on their punctuation and grammar skills to be able to write a complete sentence. They have learnt to recognise the verb, subject and different types of nouns within a sentence. The children have persevered with their handwriting and have ensured that their letters are sitting on the line and are all the same size.

This half-term, the children have developed their creative skills. In 2A, they have explored the work of William Morris and have created their own artwork using different media, such as: charcoal, pastels and different grades of pencils. In 2C, they have worked hard on their sewing skills to design and create a bookmark.

Let's see what next half-term has instore!



Year 3 Highlights

The children have settled very well in Year 3 and they have adapted to new routines with ease. Furthermore, the children have demonstrated such enthusiasm in their new learning which is delightful to see.

In English, the children have been reading '*The Stone Age Boy*' and have been enjoying finding out about life in the Stone Age. The children have been working hard on their knowledge of word classes and expanding their vocabulary for descriptive pieces of writing.

In Maths, the children have been working with numbers to 1000. The children have worked hard with their addition and subtraction across 100 (using the making 100 strategy) and composition of three digit numbers. They have also been exploring the location of three digit numbers on a number line.

In Science, the children have been learning about food and nutrition, including identifying whether certain foods are healthy/unhealthy. They have also learned about the different food groups and have designed healthy meal ideas for vegans and vegetarians.



Year 3 Stone Age Visit

Year 3 have experienced an exciting journey to the Stone Age this term!

The children were transported back in time by two hunter-gatherers who shared insights about life during the Stone Age. Additionally, the children had a great time dressing up as various hunter-gatherers from different periods in the Stone Age and exploring artefacts.

The highlight of the visit, as mentioned by the children, was the den building and flint making activities, where they enhanced their teamwork skills by collaborating in groups to construct secure, well-sheltered dens,



Year 4 Highlights



Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled in beautifully! The children have shown great enthusiasm and maturity as they've embraced new routines, challenges and learning opportunities.

In Maths, we've been diving into the world of fractions. The children have been learning how to identify and represent fractions in various ways, as well as compare them. It's been wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they use practical resources and visual models to deepen their understanding.

In English, we are enjoying the text, *The Midnight Fox*. The story has captured everyone's imagination. We have also been working hard to improve our grammar, especially focusing on verbs and nouns.

Our Science topic this term has taken us on a fascinating journey through the digestive system. From learning the names and functions of different organs to understanding how our bodies break down food, Year 4 have been curious, engaged and fascinated. We have also studied the effects of various drinks on teeth!

In Computing, we've been exploring how the Internet works – what it is and how information is shared. The children have been developing key digital understanding and skills. And that's just the beginning! We've also been learning about many other aspects in our other foundation subjects! We're certainly looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Year 5 Highlights

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have adapted to the many new routines and settled into Year 5. They have shown great confidence when sharing their ideas during lessons and are keen to ask questions to find out more.

In English, the children have begun reading *The Nowhere Emporium* and are eager to discover more with each new chapter. They have been working hard to develop their sentence structure and are looking forward to applying these skills in their own writing.

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of place value and learning to identify, measure, and compare angles. They have shown great enthusiasm for problem solving and have enjoyed applying their knowledge in practical tasks.

Science has taken the children on a fascinating journey through space, where they have been learning about the different elements of our solar system.

The children have also really enjoyed developing their creative and problem-solving skills in Art and Design and Technology; working collaboratively to design and construct their own products.

It has been lovely to see so many children taking part in extra-curricular clubs and thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Year 6 Highlights

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to their final year at Alder Coppice.

In English, they have been consolidating their grammar knowledge and enjoying our Class Text *The Stormkeeper's Island* which they have used as a basis for a longer piece of narrative writing. In Maths, they have been busy developing their efficiency in calculations, working with fractions, learning about volume and 3D shapes. In PE they have been developing their skills of attack and defence through hockey and football. 6A have thoroughly enjoyed their first Art and Design Unit using the work of Sonia Delaunay as inspiration for their own pieces, whilst 6C have been hard at work mastering a range of stitches to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing cushion. Music has definitely been a highlight—singing and dancing to swing and the disco class You To Me Are Everything! Highlights for History, Geography, RE and Computing will follow in Autumn 2!

The children have had their first taste of Key Stage 2 assessments and have enjoyed using their Revision planners, spelling cards and our new online system, SATs Companion, to steadily build up their revision. We are really pleased with their attitude to this. Keep up the hard work, Year 6.



KEY STAGE 2 HARVEST



**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**



A huge thank you for the donations for Black Country Foodbank, myself and the Charity Leaders were blown away by your generosity - they worked extremely hard sorting and packing your donations into boxes!

Years 3 - 6 celebrated harvest with songs and learning about the work of the foodbank, what goes into food parcels and discussing why so many people struggle in the UK today.

Mrs Randall

FOOTBALL TEAM



The Year 5 Football Team travelled to Blakeley Heath to participate in the WAKPS 5-a-side tournament. After a positive start to the first game, where Ollie put us 1-0 up after cutting in from the right and producing a lovely left-footed shot to the bottom corner, we drew 1-1, which unfortunately gave us 1 of the 2 points and the only goal that we managed to score in the tournament. Despite finishing third in the group, the Year 5s enjoyed their first outing of the year together, and I'm sure that the experience will stand them in good stead for future competitive matches.

Mr Lawrence

Special Recognition



A huge well done to Emily (Y6) who attended the Express and Star Black Country Heroes Awards at the Molineux Stadium on September 25th.

The awards celebrate remarkable individuals who make our region special and Emily walked away with the Young Star Award; recognised for raising hundreds of pounds for both Prostate Cancer UK and Birmingham

Children's Hospital.

We are all so proud of you, Emily!

Competition Winner!

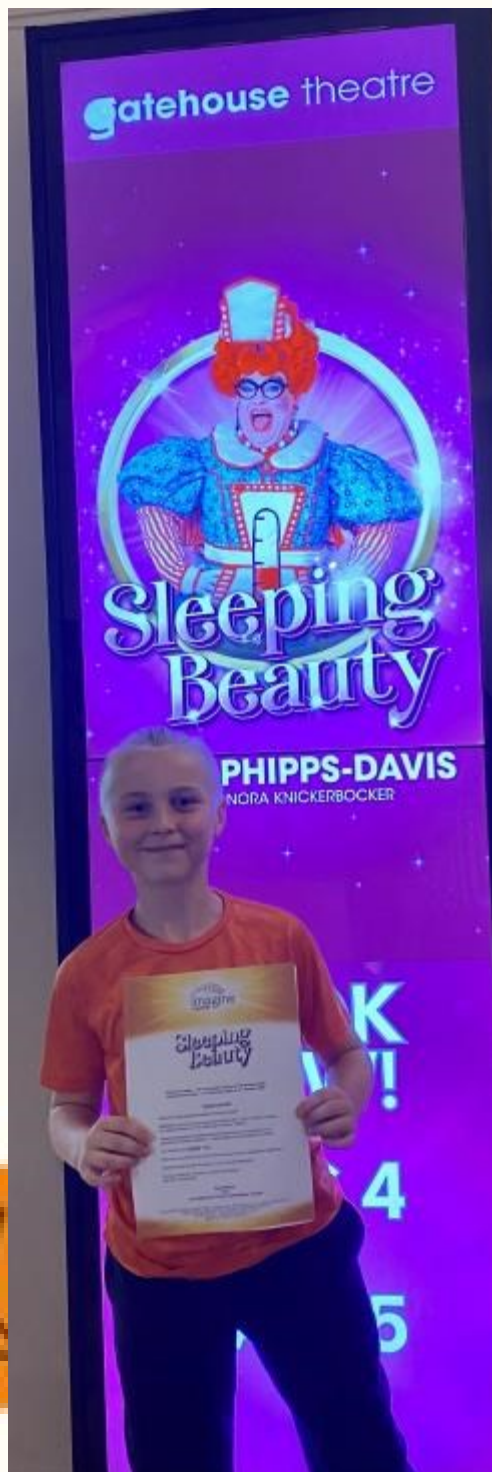


Darcey in Year 6, who dances with APA Dance Company , entered a dance competition, dancing different styles of dance, including lyrical, street and theatre.

Darcey gained 4 first places and 2 second places for her solos and duets at the competition.

Well done Darcey - what a wonderful achievement.

STAR TURN



Congratulations to Jett (Y6) who successfully auditioned for Stafford's professional panto run.

There were 119 children who auditioned, so he did very well indeed as only 16 children were taken on.

Well Done Jett!

STAR TURN



Annie

**AWESOME
DPA**



On Sunday 12th October Isabel, Poppy & Daisy (Class 5C) all performed in the production of Annie as part of Awesome Dance & Performing Arts group.

They exuded confidence on stage in their performances, a big well done - more future West-End Stars in the making we think!

Times Tables Top 10



3A TOP TEN ROCKSTARS	SCORE
Evan	4712
Arthur W	3156
Archie W	2846
Aria	2265
Mason	2089
Arthur T	1655
Thomas	1548
Kavia	744
Evelyn	730
Lola	633

3C TOP TEN ROCKSTARS	SCORE
Aurora	38327
Jennifer	13224
Florence	12183
Orla	9941
Lucy	8300
George C	4618
Evie	3725
Harry A	3122
Dexter	2317
Aria	1198

4A Top Ten Rockstars	Score
Amelia	1075
Brody S	1071
Olivia	905
Frazier	707
Jacob	601
Hughie H	577
Oliver W	433
Nahla	295
Lottie	278
Leo R	267

4C Top Ten Rockstars	Score
Leo J	213
Oliver S	201
George	185
Millie	118
Layla	98
Harriet	94
Reyansh	83
Ethan	79
Spencer-Rai	71
Sehaj	68

Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Top 10



Year 3

3A TOP TEN	WORD COUNT	3C TOP TEN	WORD COUNT
Evelyn W	55,062	Jennifer	91,966
Arthur T	42,336	Harry	20,885
George D	33,410	Erin	16,647
Penelope	31,493	Orla	16,167
Arthur W	27,696	Aria	11,653
Mason J	21,896	Aurora	11,429
Charlie G	15,930	Florence	11,319
Javier	13,351	Oliver	11,022
Charlie M	11,073	Lucy	10,245
Eva-Rae,	8,848	Evie	9,663

Year 4

4A Top 10	Word Count	4C Top 10	Word Count
Jaiveer	92,835	Leo J	105,684
Hughie H	89,424	Sehaj	79,204
Elliot D	68,017	Clara	55,067
Beatrice	47,351	Oliver S	49,158
Adelynn	33,059	Elliot P	48,626
Nahla	27,110	Aria	44,569
Brody	22,956	Harriet	39,005
Jacob	22,677	Sahib	37,480
Olivia	15,948	Gabriel	30,718
Amelia	11,558	Millie	23,824

Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Top 10



Year 5

5A TOP TEN	WORD COUNT	5C TOP TEN	WORD COUNT
Sam	102,683	Isabella E	190,458
Blake	87,970	Liam	132,046
Georgia T	83,000	Emily D	92,329
Zachary	49,417	Isabel S	68,295
Lacey-Mae	46,316	Jacob	62,268
Georgia H	45,162	Freddie	59,712
Jenson J	42,191	Harper	58,178
Melina	28,223	Jenson P	57,063
Kaci	14,886	Alfie	48,495
Harry	13,163	Brooke	42,996

Year 6

6A TOP TEN	WORD COUNT	6C TOP TEN	WORD COUNT
Theo	220,299	Lola	206,734
Harry G	75,452	Karishma	51,914
Sonam	51,908	Matilda	42,310
Edith	50,620	Daisy-Mae	21,732
Samuel M	39,712	Thomas	19,787
Daisy To	31,972	Harry	19,416
Ryan	27,132	Isobel	18,702
Harrison	23,551	Chloe	17,478
Seerat	21,488	Mason	15,404
Poppy	20,757	Tyler	13,932

Key Stage 2 Attendance Premier League Results at the end of the first half-term

Place	Class	Points	Position in Chart	Movement
1st	6C	15	=	Stay top
2nd	3A	13	=	Stay 2nd
3rd	5C	12	↓	2 nd – 3 rd
3rd	4C	12	=	Stay 3rd
4th	4A	9	=	Stay 4th
5th	5A	8	=	Stay 5th
6th	3C	6	=	Stay 6th
7th	6A	5	=	Stay 7th

MACMILLAN CAKE BAKE!

Thank you to our Year 6 children who donated cakes, baked cakes and to all those that ate and gave to this wonderful charity.

This year we raised even more than last year with an amazing £607.10p collected.

Well done on another super charitable event.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE – FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

Come and join us for ...

For Food - Games - Prizes - Music

Time: 3.15pm – 4.45pm

**Place: The Lower School Hall and surrounding classrooms and
in the Upper School Hall.**

Meet Santa - Second Hand Book Stall

Crafts - Raffle - And Much More!

KEY DATES FOR DONATIONS:

Friday 24 October - children to bring in either a toy (teddy bears/dolls/games etc) or books in good condition or an item of stationery.

Friday 14 November – children to bring in a bottle - water, shampoo, shower gel, alcohol or pop/squash.

Monday 1 December – children to bring in a bag of sweets or a chocolate bar. Year 6 - Jar filled with goodies of your choice.

Pledged donated raffle prizes to be brought into School.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Back Chat!

What new learning have you enjoyed this term?

We've enjoyed learning new things in our English, Maths, DT & Geography Lessons.

Jennifer and Florence 3C

I've enjoyed learning about fractions in maths and places in Geography.

Rayansh 4C

I've enjoyed Spanish and learning fractions in Maths

Spencer 4C

I've enjoyed learning about the bones & body in Science.

Karina 4C

We have enjoyed learning new things in PE, Art & Maths.

George & Thea 3A

George also loves Reading and Thea has enjoyed Spanish!

I have enjoyed Maths, PE, DT, Geography and PSHE lessons.

Jacob 5C

I have liked learning new things in DT, PE, Maths, Geography, Spanish & RE!

Alfie 5C

I've enjoyed Spanish and PE.

Felicity 5C

We've enjoyed Art and History lessons.

Jack B & Melina 5A

I've enjoyed History, Maths, & Computing.

Zachary 5A

I've really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians!

Nahla 4A

I've enjoyed Art & History

Bea 4A

I've enjoyed learning about music

Jaiveer 4A

I have enjoyed our Science lessons, learning about the Ancient Egyptians in History and our PE and Spanish lessons.

Arthur 3A

HAPPY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

We are back to School on Tuesday 4 November.