



ALDER COPPICE TIMES

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Well another year has flown by! As we reach the end of this very busy academic year, we hope that you have enjoyed reading our highlights in our Alder Coppice Times this year.

It has been a year filled with growth, laughter, and wonderful achievements across our school. From unforgettable school visits and creative arts projects (such as our KS2 Art Exhibition) to our daily classroom successes, our children have truly embodied our school values.

To our Year 6 leavers, we are incredibly proud of the mature individuals you have become. As you move onto secondary school, remember to try your best and enjoy all the new opportunities.

I would also like to extend a massive thank you to our dedicated teaching and support staff, whose hard work makes the memorable moments for our children possible.

Finally, I wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming returning pupils back on Thursday 3 September.

Peter Mandelstam

Headteacher



NURSERY HIGHLIGHTS



What a super Summer Term we have had in Nursery. It has been such a busy term and we have really enjoyed a new project based around books. Each week we have explored a new text lots of us hadn't read before, so this was exciting! The books filled our free choice time too with children taking the story into their play. Each week we have also had a mystery reader! Someone from school appears on a Friday to share their favourite story with the children. So far we have had Mrs Barrat, Mrs Shee and Mrs Bott! I wonder who will be next? In phonics we have continued exploring initial sounds and developing our blending skills. In Number time we have explored more and less than, 2D shapes, exploring parts of a whole number and have worked hard to develop our subitise skills. We love music and rhyme time and really enjoy squiggle while you wiggle. We had a super sports day in the hall which was so well supported by our grown ups. We also loved inviting our grown ups in to join us for Stay and Play. The children who will be moving onto Reception in September have been busy with their transition visits which they have really enjoyed. It has been a great year in Nursery and we would like to thank all our grown ups for their amazing support this year.

RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

The end of a super year in Reception. The year has flown by! This term the children have been working really hard. We did a projects all about minibeasts which we enjoyed and it finished with our won creepy crawly calypso! In phonics we have been learning how to read really long words! We have done lots more writing too and are writing our own simple sentences making sure our handwriting is perfect. We love to read in Reception and we love being read to. We have shared some super books this term that have led our projects. We enjoyed a great range of traditional tales which we enjoyed and also some super books about dragons. In Number Time we have explored addition and subtraction, sharing and grouping, 2D and 3D shapes, number bonds to 5 and 10 and working hard on our number formation. We had a great sports day which was so well supported by our grown ups. We also had a really lovely last Stay and Play together. The children enjoyed their transition day in Year 1 and have come back ready to start our project all about bears! A big thank you from the Reception team to all of our grown ups for the amazing support you have given us this year.



YEAR 1

HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a very busy and exciting final half-term for us in Year 1. The year has flown by and we cannot believe it is time for the children to move onto Year 2 already.

In English, we have been busy writing stories, fact files, letters and instructions. We have used the book 'The Day The Crayon Quit' to inspire our letter writing. The children have worked so hard to include all the skills they have learnt. In Maths, we have used our new strategies for addition and subtraction to solve problems.

We loved learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale in History. We learnt about the important changes they made to hospitals and the impact they had. In Science, we have loved learning about plants. We also planted some cress! In DT, we have developed our sewing skills and enjoyed making our own fish.

We would like to thank all of the Year 1 grown ups for all your support this year.

We have had a fabulous year!



YEAR 2 HIGHLIGHTS

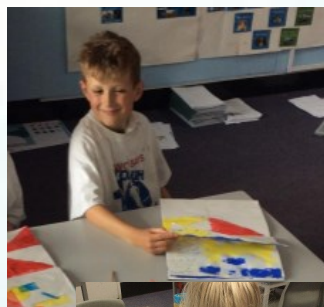
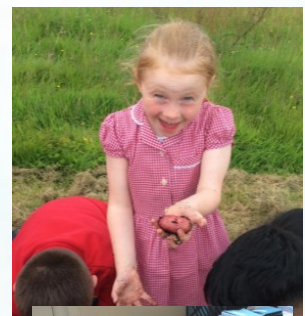
Year 2 have had an excellent end to the year in Summer Term 2!

We have been learning how to multiply and divide in Maths, learnt more spelling rules and writing techniques in English and read lots of new stories and texts!

In the wider curriculum we have learnt lots of interesting facts including learning all about Food Chains in Science and harvesting our potatoes!

We have loved getting creative in Art and learning all about primary, secondary and complementary colours! In DT, children have enjoyed designing a picnic lunch and have developed their cooking skills such as peeling, grating, slicing and dicing.

We also had our Sports Day which was a lot of fun seeing children take part and celebrating each other's successes!



KEY STAGE 1

SPORTS DAY

KS1 had a fantastic sports day! Despite the cloudy weather, we stayed outside and had a great time.

We had fun with our relay races, egg and spoon, hurdles, sack races, running races and the tug of war!

The children were fantastic and enjoyed cheering on their House Teams.

A big well done to all of our winners and the overall winners —
Hawthorne Harriers!



KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS DAY



YEAR 2 POTATOES!

What an exciting day Year 2 had when it was HARVEST DAY!

After planting their potatoes earlier in the term, Year 2 were so excited to get their hands dirty and rummage through the soil and roots to see what potatoes had grown!!

We were delighted that we found lots had grown and children got to take 2 each home with them! Some children decided they wanted to plant these at home when they start chitting or even cook them!



YEAR 3

HIGHLIGHTS

What a great end to Year 3! The children have worked incredibly hard and should feel very proud of all they have achieved this year.

They had a fun taster of Year 4 learning, including creating artwork linked to nocturnal animals, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

In English, the children have been reading *The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth*. Inspired by the book, they have been learning all about persuasive writing. They worked very hard to create fantastic advertisement leaflets encouraging others to join Captain Crow's ship, making excellent use of persuasive techniques. As part of their homework, the children took their skills even further by designing adverts for a new toy. They really enjoyed presenting their ideas to their peers, using persuasive language with great confidence and enthusiasm. We saw some brilliant and creative toy inventions.

In Maths they have worked on fractions - equal and unequal parts of a whole and writing and naming unit and non-unit fractions. They have confidently recognised that equal parts can look different. They have also made excellent progress with numbers up to 1,000, and with adding and subtracting them, division with remainders and many have successfully learned the 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 times tables. The children should be very proud of all they have achieved, as we are.

On behalf of the Year 3 team, we wish you a relaxing and safe summer holiday.



YEAR 4

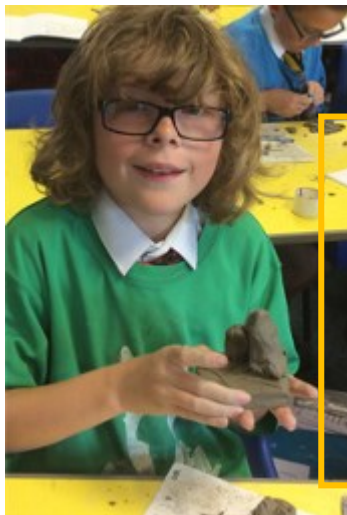
HIGHLIGHTS

As we come to the end of another half-term in Year 4 the children have again worked very hard. This half-term, our English work has been inspired by *The Explorer*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed following the characters' adventures and have produced some excellent ideas. Most recently, they have written thoughtful letters linked to the story, demonstrating their growing confidence in organising their ideas and using ambitious vocabulary. The children have continued to develop their reading skills, showing greater confidence in retrieving information, making inferences and discussing texts. It has been wonderful to see so many children becoming enthusiastic readers and sharing book recommendations with one another.

A huge well done to everyone for their hard work preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check. The children have shown fantastic determination and resilience, and we have been delighted with the progress they have made in recalling their times tables quickly and accurately. Their positive attitudes and perseverance have been something to celebrate.

In 4C in DT, the children developed their sewing skills, learning how to sew carefully and accurately to create their own mobile phone holder. It has been lovely to see their patience and pride as they mastered new techniques and worked hard to produce high-quality finished pieces.

While in 4A they have been learning about the inspiring artist Frida Kahlo who has encouraged us to think about resilience, determination and overcoming challenges. Her perseverance, despite facing many difficulties throughout her life, has been a powerful message for the children. They have also enjoyed creating their own clay tiles linked to the artist Maori Stone. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and maturity over the year. They are well prepared for the exciting challenges that Year 5 will bring.



YEAR 5 HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a busy and productive half-term in Year 5, with the children demonstrating enthusiasm and resilience across all areas of the curriculum.

In Science, we have been learning about irreversible changes, exploring how and why they occur. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in a range of practical investigations that helped to develop their scientific understanding and enquiry skills.

In History, 5C have deepened their understanding of the Industrial Revolution, exploring its causes and the significant impact it had on society. Meanwhile, 5A have been developing their geographical knowledge of North America, learning about its countries, physical features and human geography.

In Design and Technology, 5A have been designing and creating moving vehicles, applying their knowledge of mechanisms and evaluating their finished products. In Art, 5C have developed their understanding of street art, exploring the work and style of the famous artist Banksy and creating their own inspired pieces.

The recent heatwave certainly tested us all, but we were incredibly proud of how well the children persevered. Once it had cooled - we had the perfect conditions for developing our cricket skills.

Wishing all our families a wonderful summer.



YEAR 6

HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a very busy half-term for Year 6, with celebrations of completing their government tests and our amazing Residential.

The children have been working so hard in rehearsals for our Year 6 production 'School Daze'. They have learnt all their lines and the songs, which sound incredible!

Year 6 have been very creative, creating props and posters for the Year 6 production. We have also worked on a DT project of designing their own chocolate bar. The children have chosen the ingredients, designed wrappers and poster adverts, as well as storyboarding their own TV advert. Some children even used their computing skills and Microsoft PowerPoint to create a digital version of their chocolate bar.

They have also been very busy attending their Secondary school transition days. This makes it all feel very real that they will be leaving us next week, but we are very proud of them and will miss them!



THEATRICAL SUCCESS

A big congratulations to Jett in Year 6 who has been successful in auditioning for the professional production of **Matilda - the UK Tour**.

He is playing the part of Bruce in several performances and if anyone would like to go and support him, here are the dates he is playing the role at Birmingham Hippodrome this month (July):

Saturday 18th matinee

Tuesday 21st evening

Wednesday 22nd evening

Saturday 25th matinee

Wednesday the 29th matinee

Thursday the 30th evening



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Football Success!

Cup final, here we come!

Our Year 6 team played their semi-final against Bramford Primary School this half-term. It was by far their best performance of the year so far, they produced an incredible 4-1 victory to send them on their way to the final. A special moment for Ryan J who produced a moment of magic with a stunning strike from a distance, a goal of the season contender for sure!



Another Cup Final for Alder Coppice!



Our U10's football team played against Blanford Mere Primary School and despite a very late scare, came out on top 3-2 winners with 3 fantastic goals from Alfie.

Well done to all of those involved.

Football Champions!

Our Year 5 team played the final of the Ray Westwood trophy against Milking Bank.

Our Year 5 team produced a fantastic comeback after falling 1-0 behind early in the match. The equaliser came in spectacular fashion, with Oliver curling home a stunning free kick that flew into the net. The goal gave the team confidence, and they never looked back. Super-sub Kye made an instant impact, scoring twice after coming off the bench. Jacob F also got on the scoresheet with a well-taken finish, while Alfie added another goal to cap an excellent team performance. Oliver rounded off his outstanding display by scoring his second goal of the game with Rhen also scoring with the last kick of the game. It was a brilliant all-round performance, showing great determination to come from behind and secure an impressive victory. Well done to the whole team, winning the final 7-2!

Our player of the match was Frazier for non-stop running and determination to help and support his team!



Football Champions!

Our Year 6 team played the final of the Campbell Cup against Roberts Primary .

Our Year 6 team also produced a fantastic performance in a thrilling final. Harrison was the star in front of goal, scoring a superb hat-trick with three well-taken finishes to put the team 3-2 ahead.

With victory in sight, the team defended with incredible determination and resilience. However, an unfortunate late penalty allowed the opposition to equalise, making it 3-3 and sending the match into extra time. Despite both teams giving everything, neither side could find a winner. The match finished level, meaning the trophy was shared, with both teams deservedly crowned champions. Our players of the match are given to both Harrison for his goals and Frankie for being absolutely everywhere in midfield!



GYMNASTICS COMPETITION SUCCESS!



After a superb performance in the preliminary rounds, a very excited group of Year 6 gymnasts travelled to Dudley Gymnastics Club to compete against several other schools from across the region on Finals Day.

The girls demonstrated outstanding resilience, perseverance and determination throughout the competition. They performed a range of challenging floor routines, including inverted movements such as bridges and cartwheels, with excellent skill, control and confidence. The team then moved on to the vault, where they impressed the judges with their technique and execution.

Their hard work and dedication paid off as the team secured an excellent second-place finish, earning the silver medal overall. There were also some fantastic individual performances. Olivia achieved an outstanding 3rd place out of 24 competitors, taking home a bronze medal, and she also finished 3rd in the individual vault competition scooping up her second bronze of the day! Darcey earned an impressive 3rd place for her floor routine - also taking home bronze.

It was an amazing day of gymnastics and a wonderful achievement for everyone involved. The girls should be incredibly proud of their performances and the way they represented the School.



TOP 10 READERS



3A	TOP 10	3C	TOP 10
Evelyn W	618,363	Aria A	756,763
Penelope W	569,549	Jennifer A	507,192
George D	535,217	Florence B-E	244,328
Arthur T	401,744	Lucy S	207,048
Mason J	122,107	Harry A	187,386
Charlie G	118,169	Evie G	133,870
Lola T	117,930	Dexter G	129,537
Archie M	105,245	Orla H	102,344
Charlie M	103,750	Erin T-F	88,146
Aria T	81,408	Seth H	72,606

4A	TOP 10	4C	TOP 10
Hughie H	1,205,625	Leo J	838,978
Elliot D	1,167,581	Harriet M	806,542
Jaiveer S	850,751	Sahib D	546,644
Jacob P	698,038	Sehaj T	511,588
Brody S	641,733	Clara S	487,881
Olivia P	542,176	Oliver S	476,937
Nahla G	534,829	Elliot P	446,416
Beatrice S	462,967	Ethan T	413,278
Amelia P	451,019	Evie F	278,978
Frazier F	317,845	Spencer-Rai D-H	275,963



TOP 10 READERS

5A	TOP 10
Zachary L	566,613
Eliza S	435,698
Samuel J	412,162
Georgia T	321,933
Georgia H	294,137
Max M	279,573
Jenson J	271,629
Jacob J	209,746
Melina K	160,764
Jack B	148,725

6A	TOP 10
Theo D	686,615
Samuel M	649,800
Harry G	444,489
Sonam D	278,795
Seerat K	263,872
Ryan J	234,857
Daisy To	203,343
Olivia H	190,641
Ce'Ce R	180,587
Edith B	174,654

5C	TOP 10
Isabella E	1,426,509
Emily D	806,750
Liam B	785,201
Oliver T	621,968
Alfie J	507,988
Rhen R	492,330
Freddie B	395,862
Isabella R	351,334
Isabel S	292,860
Brooke M	252,636

6C	TOP 10
Lola D	730,881
Karishma K	382,646
Tyhler W-J	236,709
Ethan G	204,880
Ruby B-S	192,212
Anaya N	138,275
Mason T	111,783
Daisy-Mae J	106,502
Eloisa D S	101,487
Chloe B	100,610





COMPARATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Congratulations on the following Writing Awards:
In KS1 the Awards are presented for the Highest Writing Mark
on their Comparative Writing Assessment and
The highest Writing Progression mark from Year 1 - Year 2.

YEAR 1

Thomas G
Theia S

YEAR 2

Freddie H
Sehaj D

Writing Progression Awards - Year 1 - Year 2

Tobias W
Sehaj D

Congratulations on the following Writing Awards:
The KS2 Awards are presented for the Highest Writing Mark on their
Comparative Writing Assessment and
The highest Writing Progression mark:

YEAR 3

George D
Aria A

Writing Progression Awards October 2025 - May 2026:

Edward N & Makadi B

YEAR 4

Hughie H
Olivia P

Writing Progression Awards January - May 2026:

Thomas S & Beatrice S

YEAR 5

Alfie J
Eliza S

Writing Progression Awards November 2025 - May 2026:

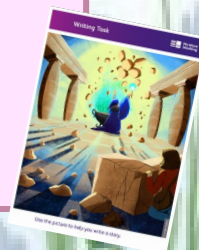
Max M & Emily D

YEAR 6

Ethan G
Eloisa D S

Writing Progression Awards February - April 2026:

Samuel M & Jasneet K





TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS



3A	TOP 10	3C	TOP 10
Mason	32,460	Aurora	342,901
Evan	22,850	Jennifer	102,099
George	15,343	Florence	44,963
Thomas	10,124	Orla	35,884
Aria	7,978	Aarvi	29,538
Arthur	6,874	Harry	22,960
Lilliana	4,646	Lucy	20,648
Avarnah	3,588	Evie	16,106
Penelope	3,515	Dexter	13,616
Kavia	3,250	Xavier	8,416

4A	TOP 10	4C	TOP 10
Frazier	34,308	Isaac	48,297
Brody	17,290	Spencer-Rai	29,742
Hughie M	14,982	Millie	18,264
Amelia	14,747	Alexander	14,410
Olivia	13,937	Sahib	11,776
Jacob	8,021	Clara	11,339
Hughie H	6,803	Oliver	8,006
Oliver	5,483	George	7,415
Freya	5,344	Evie	6,908
Nahla	5,024	Elliot	6,535

JUJITSU JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNER

A huge well done to Charlie in Year 3 who successfully competed in the Jujitsu Junior World Championships.

He was one of only three children at his jujitsu club invited to compete in the Junior World Championships and he walked away with two bronze medals.

Amazing news Charlie.

CONGRATULATIONS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Place	Class	Points	Position in Chart	Movement
1st	3A	21	=	Stay top
2nd	6A	20	=	stay 2nd
2nd	6C	20	=	stay 2nd
3rd	3C	16	↑	4 th - 3rd
3rd	4C	16	=	Stay 3rd
4th	5A	12	↑	5 th - 4th
4th	5C	12	↑	5 th - 4th
5th	4A	10	↑	5 th - 6th

This is as at Friday 3 July. Who will be our winners?

SUMMER FUN

Back2basics FAMILY FEST

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

At Wellness Woodlands, Highley, Shropshire

£99 inc camping

£33 Family day ticket

Ticket inc 1 free Stone Age workshop

2 full days of outdoor fun & wild skills for
all the family

More info &
tickets



Workshops in
Stone Age
Bushcraft
Forest School
Nature Crafts
Graffiti
Singing

Wellness
Wood fired
saunas
Yoga
Breath work
Demos, talks &
loads more

Wood fired pizzas
Evening BBQ
Bar
Live music

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