



Newsletter

Feb 2025



Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share another update with you all, and what a busy and productive term it has been! Across the school, I've been so impressed with the positive learning environment I've witnessed in classrooms. Students are engaged, enthusiastic, and demonstrating fantastic progress in their lessons. From the vibrant discussions in our history lessons to the creative problem-solving taking place in mathematics, it's clear that our students are thriving. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our teachers and support staff, as well as the students' own commitment to their learning. I've also been particularly pleased to see how well children collaborate in their classrooms; supporting and encouraging each other to succeed.

Beyond the classroom, we've had some remarkable achievements in the sports this term. Our students have competed with passion and determination, and I'm incredibly proud of their successes. Whether it's in dodgeball, the boccia, or the athletics track, our students have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Finally, I must commend the wonderful class assemblies we've enjoyed this term. Each class has brought their own unique flair and creativity to their performances, and it's been a joy to see the students showcase their talents- some even braving Shakespeare! These assemblies are a valuable part of our school community, fostering confidence and public speaking skills. Thank you to everyone involved in making this term such a success and to all parents and carers for your continued support, it really does make a difference and is appreciated by all staff.



**Best wishes,
Miss Johnson**

SPORTS UPDATE

ALDERTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2025



BY: MISS MURRAY

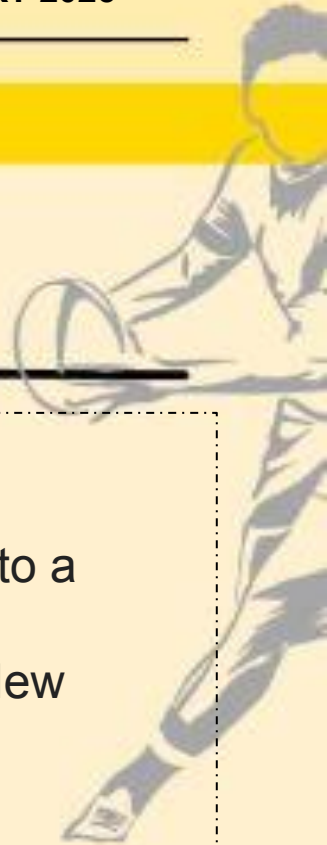
After winning our regional Boccia finals we were invited to the Nationals where we finished 3rd and got bronze medals!

All the children played fantastically and represented Alderton superbly.

BY: MISS DRIVER

Year 4 were invited to a sitting volleyball competition at the New City College sports complex.

It was very exciting as it was something new for the children to learn. After practising some skills and tactics, the children finished 2nd and got silver medals! They were a credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship.



NSPCC



Useful Dates

Tue 25th Feb - Y5/Y5 Anti Racism Workshop

Fri 28th Feb - House Cross Country Event

Thurs 6th Mar - World Book day - Read with your child

Fri 7th Mar - Beatbox Workshop whole school - payment via arbor

Fri 14th Mar - WESSP Cross Country at Ashtons

Mon 17th Mar - Rocksteady concert

Thur 27th Mar - Gunnell Class Assembly

Tues 1st Apr - Parents Evening

Wed 2nd Apr - Gold Awards

Thurs 3rd Apr - Parents Evening

Fri 4th Apr - Achievement Assembly, Finish at 2pm

Lester Class assembly has been moved to the summer term

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Term dates for the Academic Year 2025-2026 click here

[School Term Dates 2025-2026](#)

YOUNG VOICES

FEBRUARY 2025



The Choir performed at the O2 with the Young Voices Choir. Primary Schools across the UK come together to perform and together make the largest choir. Thank you to Miss Wilkins for all her hard work with the Choir, they sang beautifully and had a great experience.





HAVE A DEGREE? WANT TO TEACH?



THE WEST ESSEX SCITT INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME COULD BE THE PERFECT PACKAGE FOR YOU

To our families, parents and carers

Are you interested in training to become a Primary School Teacher?

We have Initial Teacher Training vacancies to start training from September 2025. We are looking for people who have a degree, a passion for education and teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is.

Join us online at our Get into Teaching drop in day on 20th March. You can select a slot between 1pm – 5pm and find out more about our initial teacher training programme.

Please book your place by emailing ysmullen@efspt.org

We welcome the opportunity to meet and talk to you about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. Susan Marbe, the West Essex SCITT Director can be contacted at smarbe@efspt.org or please call one of our team on 020 3325 2809. We can also provide you with support and guidance on your DfE APPLY application form

For any further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can visit <http://www.westessexscitt.co.uk/> or <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

You can find and apply for our Initial Teacher Training courses via [DfE FIND](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day

5 minutes

10 minutes

15 minutes

20 minutes

25 minutes

equates to a yearly loss of:

3
days lost



6.5
days lost



10
days lost



13
days lost



19
days lost



Five minutes late
per day adds up to
three learning days
lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day
you will miss two full weeks
of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!