



Newsletter

July 2025

Head Teacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I am delighted to reflect on the significant progress we've made across our school development priorities. A key focus this year has been on enhancing pupils' writing skills, an area nationally impacted by the pandemic. To address this, we've successfully implemented a new school-wide curriculum, empowering teachers to use high-quality texts and engaging experiences as a "hook" for writing. This approach has given our staff the creative freedom and time within lessons to guide children, fostering a deeper understanding and allowing for crucial editing and refinement of their work. We've also collaborated with an English consultant and Local Authority moderators, gaining valuable insights into our strengths and identifying precise steps for continuous improvement in assessment and teaching practices. The impact of this drive in Writing this year has seen cohorts increase their writing attainment as much as 20% on the previous year. Our Year 6 writing outcomes at 71% Expected Standards and 14% Greater Depth, are in line with the Trust average percentage from our 16 schools, and the National average.

Beyond writing, we've seen remarkable success with the implementation of Ped Tech in Year 3, providing every child with a Chromebook to support learning across various subjects. This initiative has significantly boosted children's independence, research skills, and ability to share their learning, proving particularly beneficial for reluctant writers. The diverse tools available have helped children make huge strides not only in academic achievement but also in confidence, resilience, and self-esteem. Our Year 3 pupils have also made accelerated progress in reading, thanks to the Chromebooks providing more opportunities for fluency practice, complemented by our Rapid Catch-up Phonics programme, additional reading fluency sessions, dedicated volunteer readers, and the unwavering commitment of the Year 3 staff. They should be incredibly proud of their progress, having become more focused, resilient, and aspirational learners, ready for Year 4.

In addition, I want to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 6 pupils. Their SATs results were incredible. The percentage of children reaching Greater Depth were particularly amazing across the board, and where Year 6 had been working over the last two years to improve their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling skills- over 30% of children achieved GDS! This is a testament to their focus and determination to achieve their best. This cohort has truly excelled in so many areas – from music, sports, and drama to academic achievement, confidence, self-esteem, public speaking, and presentation. Their end-of-year performance was a truly memorable occasion, with many of us shedding a tear during their solo songs, filled with immense pride in the individuals they've become over the past four years. While we will miss them dearly, we are confident they will go on to achieve great things in their next adventures, and we wish them all the very best.

Finally, I'd like to thank the dedication of all of our Alderton Junior School staff for giving their all to every member of our Alderton Family. Staff are giving and compassionate towards the pupils, each other, parents and the wider community- and Alderton just wouldn't be the wonderful place it is without each and every one of them. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for the commitment and support you give to your children and our school. We appreciate all that you do to work in partnership with us to help you children have the best education possible. I wish you all a very restful summer and hope you enjoy some well-deserved family time.

Wishing you all the very best,

Miss Johnson

SPORTS UPDATE

ALDERTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

July 2025



BY: MISS MURRAY

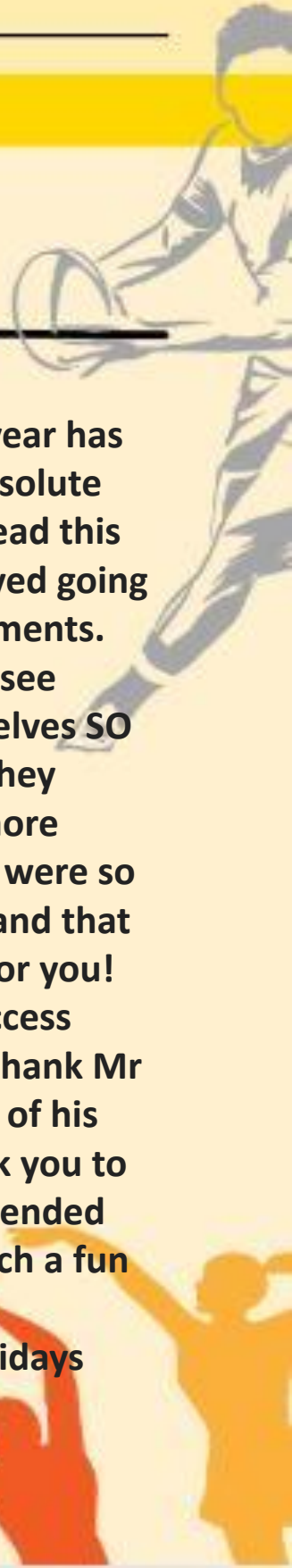
Well, what an eventful term we have had, with lots of different competitions and so many children being chosen to represent the school! We are immensely proud of everyone who has taken part.

We are also very pleased to announce that our Year 3 Boccia team who won their county competition were nominated as West Essex Schools Sport Team of the Year and won the silver award!

Finally, our annual Staff v Year 6 netball match was very close, the staff just about managed to win.

BY: MISS DRIVER

Can you believe another year has passed? I have had the absolute pleasure of being sports lead this year and have really enjoyed going on many different tournaments. Recently, my cricket club (see photo) did me and themselves SO proud - not just because they played so brilliantly but more importantly because they were so supportive of each other and that sums up Alderton pupils for you! Sports day was a huge success once again and I want to thank Mr Pearce in particular for all of his help with that. Also, thank you to the many parents who attended despite the rain. It was such a fun day. Have a lovely summer holidays everyone!



Useful Dates

3rd September - School reopens 8.40am
25th September - Flu vaccinations
30th September - Parent Reading Morning 8.45-9.15am
2nd October - Y6 to Grange Farm
14th October - Broadcast Junior Arc Theatre (Y5 & Y6)
15th October - Bigfoot Workshops
16th October- Flu Vaccinations
16th October - Gunnell Class Assembly
21st October - Individual Photo
21st October - Parents Evening
22nd October - Parents Evening
3rd November - Trust Inset Day
11th November - Parent Coffee morning - Reading
12th November - Y3 Stone Age workshop
12th November - Y6 Viking workshops
13th November - Pankhurst Class Assembly
18th November - Pantomime for whole school
20th November - Shepherd Class Assembly
25th November - Y4 Ped Tech training
3rd December - Trust Christmas Concert
9th December - Y3 Christmas performance pm
10th December - Y3 Christmas performance am
19th December - Carol Concert 1.15-1.45pm Parents invited
19th December - End of term 2pm finish

BORN TO ROCK



ROCK
STEADY



OPAL

We have had another great year of OPAL playtimes with the children continuing to be involved in a range of activities.

Thanks to all the parents who came to the open lunch to learn more. We will hold another one next term as we continue to work towards Platinum status. If you are having a tidy up over the holidays, **we are in need of the following things: Fabric (for dens/swings) pots, plans and utensils, pushchairs, dressing up in larger sizes. Thank you!**



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SPORTS DAY



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SPORTS
DAY



PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA
Together they have raised
£8000

to be shared between both schools.
This is an amazing amount of money
and will help fund several projects.



Thank you to the parents for supporting
the PTFA events

If you would like to get involved please
email aldertonptfa@gmail.com





UNIVERSITY OF LONDON BRILLIANT CLUB 2025

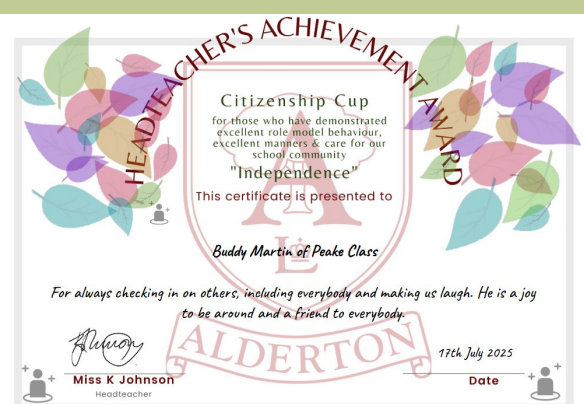
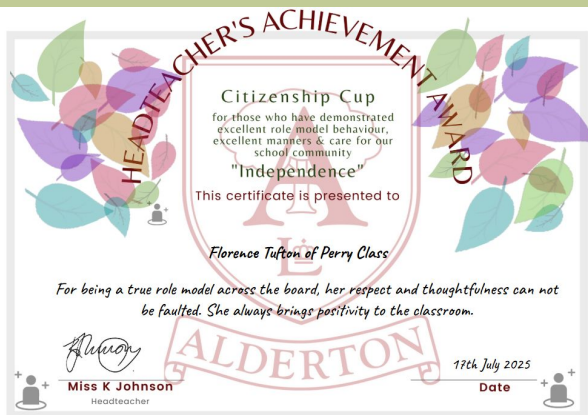


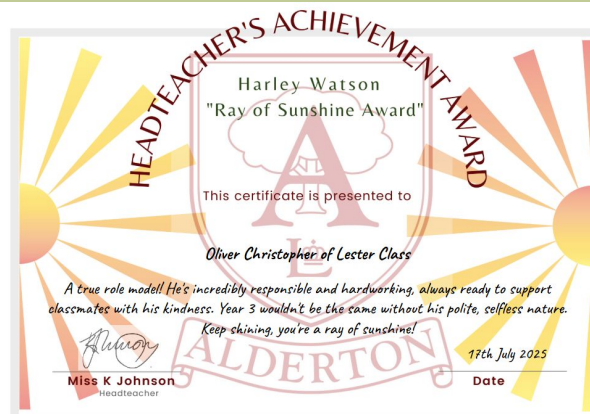
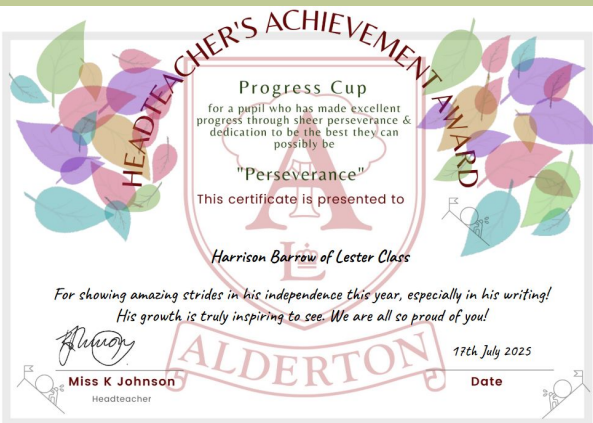
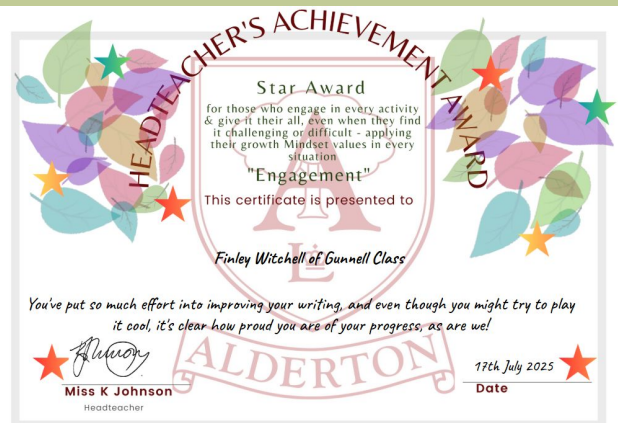
THIS YEAR'S GROUP OF Y5 BRILLIANT CLUB PUPILS HAVE BEEN WORKING INCREDIBLY HARD ON THEIR 1,000 WORD ESSAYS WITH THE HELP OF ROLF, THEIR PHD TUTOR. THE CHILDREN CREATED THEIR PIECES BASED ON NATURE IN LITERATURE AND RECEIVED UNIVERSITY STYLE GRADES FOR THEIR WORK (3RD, 2:2, 2:1 OR IN ONE CASE, A FIRST!).

ON THE 7TH JULY, WE VISITED SOAS (PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON) FOR OUR GRADUATION EVENT. THE CHILDREN RECEIVED A TALK AND A TOUR FROM A STUDENT AMBASSADOR WHERE THEY LEARNT FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT LIFE. THEY THEN RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES IN A CEREMONY AT THE END. WELL DONE TO ALL OUR FANTASTIC STUDENTS!



Headteacher's Achievement Awards





FREE!



Loughton

Roding Valley Recreation Ground
(near Tennis Courts), Roding Rd,
Loughton IG10 3LQ. What3Words:

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- Friday 25 July, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Dr Bike attending.
- Thursday 7 August, 1:30pm -
3:30pm.
- Thursday 21 August, 1:30pm -
3:30pm - Dr Bike attending.

Jessel Green Playground, Colebrook
Lane, Loughton IG10 2HP.

What3Words: ///tester.keen.rope

- Tuesday 29 July 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Dr Bike attending.
- Tuesday 12 August, 1:30pm -
3:30pm - Dr Bike attending.
- Tuesday 26 August, 1:30pm -
3:30pm - Dr Bike attending

The Green, Marlescroft Way, Loughton IG10 3NA. What3Words:

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Monday 4 August, Monday 11 August, Monday 18 August - 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Play in the Park are **free outdoor play sessions** for children, with the Communities Team bringing outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and sports equipment. **No need to book, just drop in at any time.** Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com for a full list of Play in the Park sessions across the district or **scan the QR code to book a free Dr Bike bike check up.**



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Presents



SUMMER CAMP

JULY

21ST / 22ND / 23RD / 24TH / 25TH
28TH / 29TH / 30TH / 31ST

AGES
5-11

AUGUST

1ST / 4TH / 5TH / 6TH / 7TH / 8TH

9AM - 3PM
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SUMMER
2025

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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on **tech fun**,
iPad creativity, and **take-home inventions!**



WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	Strawbees Structures	3D CREATIONS	X LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINECRAFT ROCKETS
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Conductive	Motorised	Aquatic	Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
CRAZY CIRCUITS	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LittleBits INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	MINECRAFT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Hydraulics	Motorised	Solar	Light

Please note, the above schedules are for reference only—please check our website for the accurate schedule of your local camp.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

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★★★★★

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

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Would your child like to attend a FREE summer holiday camp?

Funded by the Department for Education, HAF camps are for children on benefits-related free school meals—and include exciting activities, a hot meal each day, and free childcare. We're proud to run these camps in partnership with the Council.



HAF attendees can book 16 sessions with us over the Summer holidays (either a morning OR an afternoon session). HAF eligibility codes will be sent to schools/families in advance of this date.

DATES:
28th July - 22nd August 2025

LOCATIONS:
Alderton Junior School, IG10 3HE

Please book via the **Holiday Activities** booking link and search for our camp:

Please book the camp via the Holiday Activities bookings link which will be sent to you direct from the Council

