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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

What an exceptional year it has been! Who would have thought we would have experienced such a bizarre time in recent months? It has certainly put us all to the test and given us a challenge. It is a credit to everyone that we have got to the end of the summer term in one piece. We have probably changed, developed and grown in a variety of ways, particularly in character and spirit.

It is worth sharing the amazing start to the year; the introduction of the new school rules, learning behaviours and settling into new year groups. From this we saw great learning take place, along with popular topics, whole school themed days, performances and Christmas celebrations. Children showed individual development and progress in a variety of ways and areas. Celebration of learning has been shared throughout.

In March we all experienced lock-down; not something we have any experience of but something everyone has learned to cope with in their own way. Family units have become closer, we've all got to grips with Home Learning and our technology skills have moved forward in huge leaps. Tapestry and ClassDojo have proved hugely effective in communication between home and school – a good job we had this up and running! It has been wonderful to keep in touch with you all and we really look forward to having you all back in September.

Please read on to find out about: Keeping Children Safe Online [page 2](#); Maths Problem Solving [page 3](#); Times Table Rockstar Successes [page 4](#); Spelling Shed Superstars [page 5](#); Art Week [page 6&7](#); Super St Aldhelm's Scientists [page 8&9](#); Sports Week [page 10](#) and School Community News [page 11&12](#)

Kind regards
Pippa Cohen
Headteacher

TERM DATES for 2020-2021:

03.09.20 INSET DAY – school closed to children

04.09.20 INSET DAY – school closed to children

07.09.20 Term 1 starts for all children; YR small group sessions

14.09.20 YR morning or afternoon sessions

21.09.20 YR morning or afternoon sessions

28.09.20 YR mornings with lunch

05.10.20 YR in full-time

23.10.20 End of Term 1

Half Term 24th Oct-1st Nov

02.11.20 INSET DAY – school closed to children

03.11.20 Term 2 starts for all children

18.12.20 End of Term 2

Christmas Holiday 19th Dec- 3rd Jan

04.01.21 INSET DAY – school closed to children

05.01.21 Term 3 starts for all children

12.02.21 End of Term 3

Half Term 13th-21st Feb

22.02.21 Term 4 starts for all children

01.04.21 End of Term 4

02.04.21 Good Friday – Bank Holiday

Easter Holiday 2nd-18th April

19.04.21 Term 5 starts for all children

03.05.21 Bank Holiday

28.05.21 End of Term 5

Half Term 29th May-6th June

07.06.21 Term 6 starts for all children

25.06.21 INSET DAY – school closed to children

23.07.21 End of Term 6

Summer Holiday 24th July-31st Aug (fbc)

Safeguarding Our Children

Keeping Safe Online



Please take time to explore the following websites to keep yourself up to date with new apps and games and to answer any questions you may have.

NSPCC

Please refer to the NSPCC website to update yourself on Online Safety.

Please note in 'Inappropriate or explicit content' the updates regarding seeing upsetting Coronavirus content online.

There's a specific area with specific 'Lockdown Tips'.

TikTok

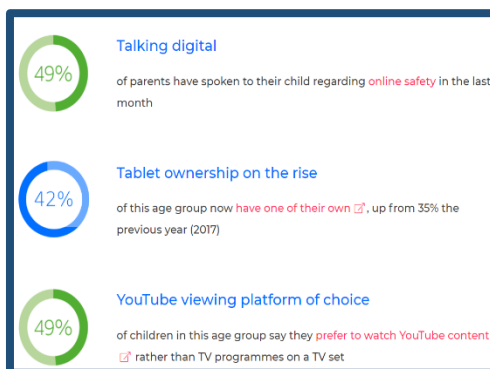
We are aware that social media platforms have been used through lockdown to stay in touch with family and friends.

Please visit:

https://parentinfo.org/article/tiktok-what-parents-need-to-know?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 16 06 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-55094713 for a detailed article about the content, risks and parental controls to implement, such as filtering inappropriate content and digital wellbeing time constraints.

All adults at school, in our communities and at home, have a duty and responsibility to safeguard our children. This means we ensure their safety and well-being at all times.

Don't forget the part **you** play in keeping your child safe online at home. Visit the sites for information, advice and resources but most importantly talk to your child, understand what they are doing and support them to be safe online.



Other Useful Websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

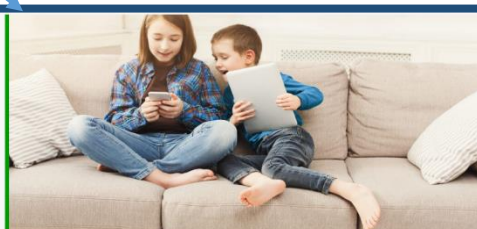
<https://www.gov.uk/govern>

Please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

Age 6-10

Advice by age

Whatever their age, we can help you to find out more about what they might be doing online and give you practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe in their digital world.



Maths problem solving

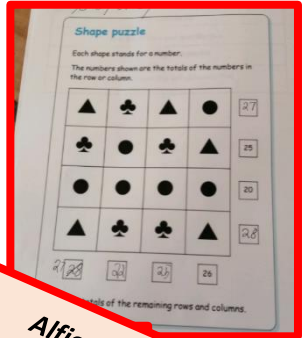


I just wanted to say how much Ruby loved the Maths problems today and she managed to complete them all (with an ice cream incentive if she persevered with the Albert Square challenge!). She can't wait for the next Maths day.
Ruby's Mum Y3

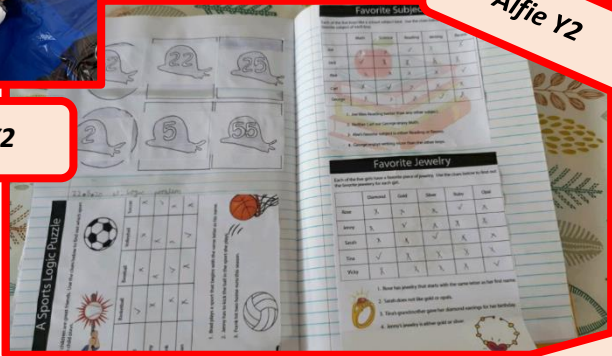


Rocco Y2

It was really good to get both our brains working!
Emily D Y5



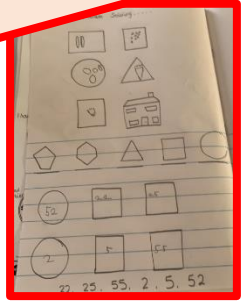
Alfie Y2



Sophie Y1



Amy really enjoyed the puzzles that Mrs Phillips sent through. She did the first two quite easily, the 3rd one took some thinking about but she got there in the end.



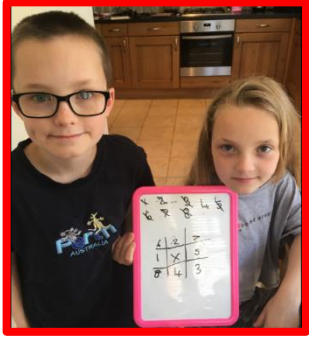
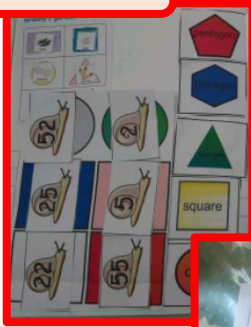
Arya Y1



Statler Y3

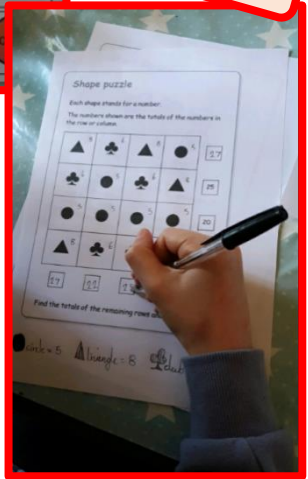
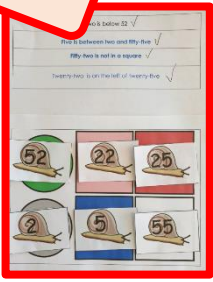


Caitlin Y6



Harry & Lola Y5 & Y4

Jack Y4



End of year



Review

In the last year...

Name	Avg Speed (s/q)	% Accuracy	% Active players	Daily minutes per active player	Avg coins per person	Avg correct answers per person
Year 6 Blackbirds	3.73	90.81	100	15s	21,200	2,646
Year 5 Woodpeckers	5.53	82.06	100	15s	12,212	1,670
Year 4 Finches	5.28	84.52	96	21s	18,150	2,798
Year 3 Owls	8.19	89.37	96	22s	22,840	2,448
Year 2 Magpies	6.28	88.79	89	17s	14,314	2,028

Well done to Year 6 who are our most accurate and fastest class for the last year.

Well done to Year 4 who are answered the most correct questions per person in the last year.

Well done to Year 2 who have been the most active since lockdown began.

Well done to Year 3 who earned the most coins per person in the last year.

Since lockdown began...




Name	Avg Speed (s/q)	% Accuracy	% Active players	Daily minutes per active player	Avg coins per person	Avg correct answers per person
Year 2 Magpies	6.80	87.63	78	50s	11,084	1,733
Year 3 Owls	7.65	88.82	96	31s	8,056	918
Year 4 Finches	4.06	83.57	96	25s	6,205	1,121
Year 5 Woodpeckers	5.66	82.4	83	20s	3,752	515
Year 6 Blackbirds	2.82	93.88	82	27s	16,542	1,987

Position on 10.07.2020	Name	Year Group	Lifetime Earnings
1	Lily B	Year 6	187569
2	Olivia C	Year 5	174671
3	Charlie N	Year 3	161663
4	Chloe B	Year 6	157645
5	Ramazan S	Year 5	110371
6	Ruby L	Year 3	100821
7	Jack G	Year 6	98328
8	Mina S	Year 5	85237
9	Ruby L	Year 2	82218
10	Corey L	Year 4	81304
11	Aaron R-B	Year 6	80399
12	Fabio K	Year 4	76763
13	Imogen S	Year 5	69196
14	Ethan E	Year 5	68880
15	Tyrese N	Year 4	65558
16	Will P	Year 6	64082
17	Naomi B	Year 2	63760
18	Darcey M	Year 3	61356
19	Henry D	Year 3	60110
20	Ellie-Jayne S	Year 4	58284

2020 Superstars

All teachers have been impressed with the energy and enthusiasm that the children have shown since we launched Spelling Shed at the start of the year. Spelling Shed has helped children learn new spelling rules as well as revise old ones. We have seen a real increase in the accuracy of spelling this year – we are very proud of the children and look forward to having more individual successes in 20-21.

We have seen classes go head to head, competing to reach the top of the leader board and we are delighted to announce the top 3 scoring classes are:

	Year 6 - Blackbirds	133,752,402 points
	Year 2 - Magpies	107,456,943 points
	Year 4 - Finches	79,499,842 points

We would also like to celebrate and congratulate the 2019/20 top 20 scorers* in key stage 1 and 2:

KS1

1 st	Noami B	Year 2	11 th	Maisie C	Year 2
2 nd	Austen T	Year 2	12 th	Evie S	Year 2
3 rd	Rocco K	Year 2	13 th	Nancy H	Year 2
4 th	Ruby L	Year 2	14 th	Justin T	Year 2
5 th	Alfie B	Year 2	15 th	Sophie C	Year 1
6 th	James B	Year 2	16 th	Grace R	Year 1
7 th	Poppy Ma	Year 2	17 th	Arabella D	Year 2
8 th	Arthur R	Year 2	18 th	Alana P	Year 1
9 th	Arya M	Year 1	19 th	Hollie R	Year 2
10 th	Poppy Mi	Year 2	20 th	Charlie N	Year 2

KS2

1 st	Fabio K	Year 4	11 th	Caitlin H	Year 6
2 nd	Chloe B	Year 6	12 th	Henry D	Year 3
3 rd	Freya B	Year 6	13 th	Harry B	Year 4
4 th	Lily B	Year 6	14 th	Ruby M	Year 3
5 th	Will P	Year 6	15 th	Corey L	Year 4
6 th	Alfie B	Year 4	16 th	Leah M	Year 6
7 th	Ruby W	Year 3	17 th	Emily R	Year 5
8 th	Erin P	Year 3	18 th	Charlie N	Year 3
9 th	Cameron M	Year 5	19 th	Grant J	Year 4
10 th	Eden K	Year 6	20 th	Lola L	Year 6

Art Week 2020

For Art week this Year we asked the children to:

Design, Make and Evaluate a product for the Art Bank Café in Shepton Mallet.

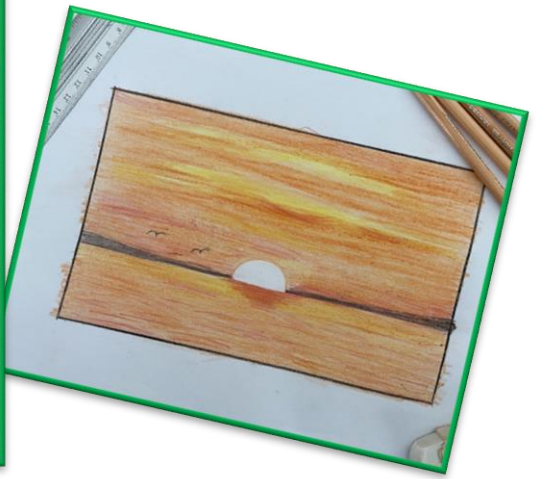
The Art Bank works at improving social unity in Shepton Mallet and beyond by offering a hub for creative connection and collaboration. Central to the Art Banks aims are environmental messaging, a reconsideration of one-use plastics and other materials.



The children used recycled materials from their homes. There was a huge range of different creations.



Many children made model animals using packaging and recycled decorations such as a milk bottle tops and buttons.



More skill-based activities included colour mixing and following a tutorial on how to paint a field of flowers. The tutorial showed step-by-step instructions that the children had to follow carefully. Some children even went as far as making their own frames for their artwork!



The children also had the opportunity to develop their art skills by following tutorials online. One example was how to draw a sunset. The children shared some fantastic examples of artwork!



Across a range of ages, the children shared how they were developing their skills as well as being creative. Some children shared colouring they had done to practise their accuracy! Some children wrote about famous artists including Van Gogh. This also inspired paintings and moving pictures!



Some of the activities suggested in the Art themed learning included building a miniature garden or house. Some children combined this with their moving picture!

Super Scientists at St Aldhelm's

Wow! We have been blown away by all the fantastic science work you have completed during home learning.



Floating and sinking



Fossils



Volcanoes



Renewable energy



Plants

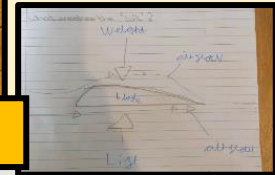
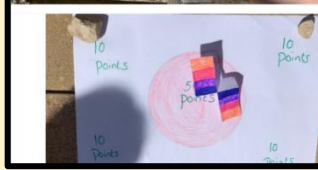


Bridge building

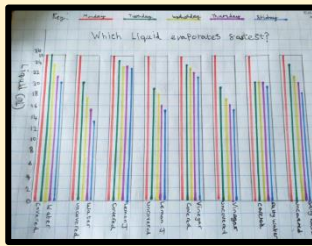


Lava lamps





Helicopters



Evaporation



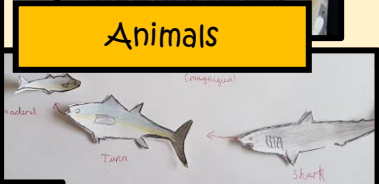
Bull Shark

Bull sharks get their name from their snarling noise which they use to threaten their prey before attacking it. They are grey and white, and their fins have dark ends.

Bull Sharks can be found in the shallow warm parts of the ocean and will eat almost anything including other sharks. They do not hunt humans to eat but will attack them.

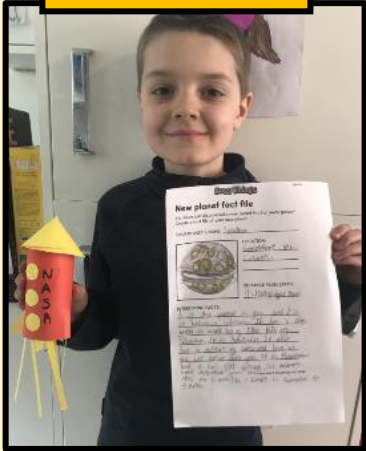
Bull sharks are hunted by humans for their meat, skin and oil they number in our ocean are dropping.

COMMON NAME: Bull Shark
 SCIENTIFIC NAME: Carcharhinus leucas
 TYPE: Fish
 DIET: Carnivore
 GROUP NAME: Shark
 AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD: 15 years
 SIZE: 7 to 11.5 feet
 WEIGHT: 200 to 1000 pounds
 SIZE RELATIVE TO A 5-FT MAN:



Animals

Space

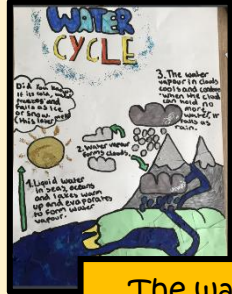
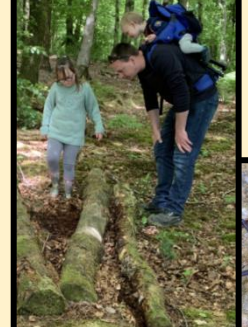


Investigating yeast

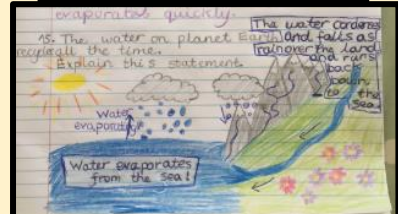


Bird watching

Mini beasts



The water cycle



Sports Week 2020

A huge well done to all the children and adults who took part in our Sports Week challenges.



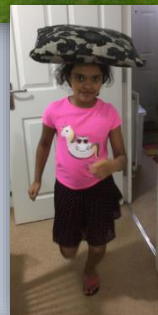
Challenge 1:
Star jumps

Challenge 2:
Welly wang

Challenge 3:
Egg & spoon

Challenge 4:
Cushion balance

Challenge 5:
Long jump





Goodbye and Good Luck Year Six!

We are so pleased that our Y6s have been able to come into school for the last three Fridays. We have been really impressed at how well they have coped with the end of their time at primary school. We would never have wanted their final term to go as it has done and are disappointed that they haven't enjoyed the end of Y6 experience we would usually have.

We have been grateful that they have returned, we've shared memories, prepared for transition to new schools, had leavers' lunch and presentations to each child. Thank you to all staff who have enabled this to happen. We are sorry that parents haven't been able to join us this year but do want to share how proud we are of each and every Y6 child. We all wish them lots of luck for their new start at their secondary school and hope they continue to live life in all its fullness.



Goodbye and Thank You Sue!

As we finish our year, we say a big thank you to Sue Bloomfield, our Chair of Governors. Sue has led the St Aldhelm's Governing Body for the last 4 ½ years. She has contributed to the strategic running of the school, updating and organising all governor processes and systems, as well as providing support to leadership and staff.

We truly appreciate all Sue's hard work and commitment to our school. We thank her for her calm approach, vision for the school and her kind and caring support.

We hope you can now enjoy more time with your family, in particular, your grandchildren xx

St. Aldhelm's Community News



Is your child showing any musical talent or ambition?

Our visiting music teachers are keen to hear of any children in Year 2 to 6 who would like to take up the opportunity of music lessons. We have piano, flute, violin and guitar on offer. Please call the school office if you are interested. Lessons will hopefully restart in October.

Keep Reading through the Summer!

See library opening information here



We haven't received anything through from our local Shepton Library about their summer challenge but look out for any reading challenges to keep your child reading through the holidays.

One below from 'The Reading Agency'

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Re-opening Your Library Safely During COVID-19

July 2020



SOMERSET Libraries

Opening Schedule

July 6th
Taunton



July 13th
Bridgwater, Minehead, Frome & Yeovil

Other libraries will open as soon as possible, no later than the end of August 2020

Community managed libraries will be opening at their own pace, supported by the library service

July 21st

The mobile library service restarts

Visit:
www.somersetlibraries.co.uk
for details

What has changed?

We will offer an 'order & collect' service so that customers can place an order for a selection of books, talking books or DVDs that staff will hand-pick for you to then collect from the library (browsing our open shelves won't be possible at this point). You could also ask someone to pick up books for you. **No hire or overdue charges will be payable.**

Some public computers will also be available to use on a pre-booked basis (maximum 1hr sessions).

To access the 'order & collect' service or book a public computer, please see: www.somersetlibraries.co.uk
email: librariesmail@somerset.gov.uk or call 0300 123 2224

Our opening hours have changed so we can keep our libraries safe. Please check the website or phone the number above for details.

Book Returns

Book returns will be available at all open libraries for members to return borrowed items.

Libraries from Home

- Download eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines, eComics & eNewspapers
- Home library service
- Virtual Summer Reading Challenge
- Free Access to Library Ancestry Edition & other online resources
- Online programme of activity & events including Storytimes, Gardening club and Lego challenges via Facebook

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During the first weeks of opening these services will not be available

- Public toilets
- Browsing stock
- In-library events or programs
- Donations of books
- Photocopying
- Local Studies material
- Meeting room bookings

Improving LIVES

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2020

HOME FIND A READ BOOK SORTER READING CLUB CHAT ACTIVITIES NEWS GAMES ABOUT

JOIN THE SILLY SQUAD

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

I'M IN THE CHALLENGE

Job Opportunity

Job Vacancies at St.Aldhelm's:
School Midday Supervisory Assistant

Five days a week (Mon-Fri) – term-time only

Please see Mrs Barton or the school office if you are interested.

