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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

June & July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We've made it to the end of the year and kept everyone in school for the entire time since reopening after the last closure! Thank you to everyone for supporting the routines and measures in place. It has meant that the children have been able to continue to attend school without bubbles needing to isolate and enjoy time with friends before breaking up for summer. Learning has been able to keep going and children's brilliant reports have shown their developments, progress and achievements this year.

Much has happened since our last newsletter. Please read on to find out about: Euro 2020 [page 2](#); Visit from the Olympic Athlete [page 3](#); Class Learning Highlights [pages 4-10](#); Sports Day Olympics [page 11](#); World Ocean Day [page 12](#); Y6 Residential [page 13](#); Summer Reading Challenge [page 14](#); Message from Governors [page 15](#); and Community News [pages 16&17](#)

Coming to the end of a year inevitably means some goodbyes. Firstly, to our Y6 children who will leave us to begin their new chapters at secondary school after the summer break. They have made us proud and it's wonderful to see them prepared and ready for their next step. They enjoyed a fabulous residential and a great final week. We wish them the best of luck, hope they go forwards with confidence and continue to be the best they can be.

We also say goodbye to Miss Coldwell and Mrs Shepherd who joined us during the year, and to Miss Horgan who has been part of the St Aldhelm's community for the last 5 years. Thank you for all you have contributed to the school and for the positive impact you have had on so many children. We wish you the very best of luck for your new roles and future adventures.

We hope all our staff and families have a happy and healthy summer and will look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards
Pippa Cohen
Headteacher

TERM DATES for 2021-2022:

06.09.21 INSET DAY – school closed to children

07.09.21 Term 1 starts for all children
YR morning or afternoon sessions

13.09.21 YR morning or afternoon sessions

20.09.21 YR mornings with lunch

27.09.21 YR in full-time

21.10.21 End of Term 1 for children

22.10.21 SCHOOL CLOSED (in lieu of additional bank holiday in June)

Half Term 23rd – 31st Oct

01.11.21 Term 2 starts for all children

17.12.21 End of Term 2

Christmas Holiday 18th Dec- 3rd Jan

04.01.22 INSET DAY – school closed to children

05.01.22 Term 3 starts for all children

18.02.22 End of Term 3

Half Term 19th – 27th Feb

28.02.22 Term 4 starts for all children

08.04.22 End of Term 4

Easter Holiday 9th – 24th April

25.04.22 Term 5 starts for all children

02.05.22 Bank Holiday

27.05.22 End of Term 5

Half Term 28th May- 5th June

(Bank Holidays 2nd & 3rd June)

06.06.22 Term 6 starts for all children

24.06.22 INSET DAY – school closed to children

22.07.22 End of Term 6

25.07.22 INSET DAY – school closed to children

26.07.22 INSET DAY – school closed to children

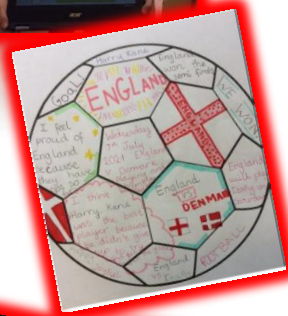
New school year starts 1st September 2022 (TBC)



Kylian Mbappe Lottin

Kylian Mbappe is a 22 year old footballer from France. He played in the 2018 World Cup at 19 years old. Mbappe is the second teenager after peli best player back in 1958. Mbappe plays for Paris Saint Germain. Mbappe has scored 10 goals. Kylian Mbappe is 178 cm tall. Mbappe scored all 16 goals in 2018. Mbappe is the second most goalscorer in football. Mbappe was signed for PSG on 1 August 2017. Kylian Mbappe was born on 20 December 1998. Mbappe's salary is 18 million EUR a month. Mbappe has a big brother called Luc Mbappe. Luc is a professional football player in the world.

When they were in the school for the first time, I was nervous. He does all of skills and he's shooting. Mbappe inspires me because he's shooting and skills. I want to be like him. Kylian Mbappe plays football for Paris Saint Germain. Kylian Mbappe is a professional football player in the world.



Player & manager
devastated pressure
gotten excited
help others
disappointed
mixed emotions
I've done it!
trusted
never give up
persevere on your dreams

Final 25yrs later



Grand Total Raised by pupils at St
Aldhelm's Primary School:

£2,431.46!

60% of this goes to our school to spend
on new sports equipment and 40% goes
to Sports for Schools to help fund the
athletes they work with. What an
amazing achievement!



ISABEL HAIGH

GB Acrobatic Gymnast





Reception Robins



At the Seaside

Reception Robins have been enjoying our Seaside project this term. The children have loved role-playing in our beach hut, playing at the 'beach', learning about 3D shapes and recipe writing by creating our own ice-creams and writing postcards to our families!



Recycling Water

The children talked about what they wanted in their new water area. The children drew designs and made it happen! They loved the challenge of setting up the water wall, directing the water into the buckets to save and reuse the water.





Year One Nightingales



Year 1 enjoyed learning new techniques to prepare their healthy sandwiches and fruit desserts for Mr Grinling – they loved eating them too!



We have been going potty about plants! We have been hunting and identifying; drawing and painting; describing using adjectives and observing their structure in our homemade greenhouses.



Artists study with Reception Class – We have been exploring the artwork of Van Gogh and Matisse, sharing our ideas about which pieces of art are our favourites and recreating them in our own way.



Year 1 have loved welcoming Jigsaw Jack and Jerry Cat to our class during our special PSHE time.

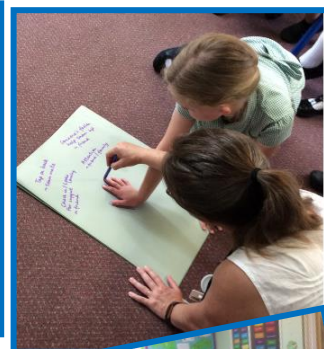




Year Two Magpies



Y2 have enjoyed the new **PHSE Jigsaw** lessons this term. They have listened, thought and talked about a variety of topics and ideas on the unit 'Changing Me'. They have shown consideration, maturity, respect and curiosity. Brilliant!



Children chose **reading** as one of their highlights this term. Their attitudes and engagement in reading at school and home, has helped them to progress, read more fluently and enjoy a variety of books. Keep it up Y2!



It has been such a privilege to enjoy Y2's beautiful singing in **music**. They are a talented and musical group, who have embraced solo, duet and group singing as well as the positive power of collective song. Goosebumps!





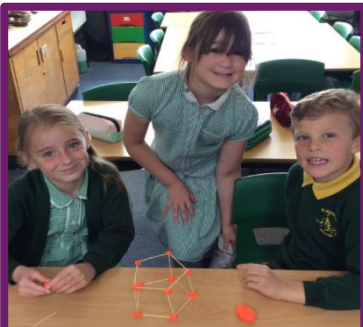
Year Three Owls



Personal Trainers in Year 3! Year 3 have been exploring diet, nutrition, bones and muscles with the end goal of helping their personal clients to solve many of their health and fitness related questions. From creating balanced meal ideas incorporating the 5 main food groups, to learning the scientific names of the bones through a catchy songs and dances, Year 3 are now experts!



Amazing Athletes - It is no secret that Year 3 are a competitive bunch! In athletics, it has been amazing to see children compete against themselves, wanting to push themselves to improve their personal scores. We've reached new heights soaring over the hurdles, pushed ourselves with our javelin throwing and even practiced the tricky high jump and triple jump too! Super enthusiasm by all!



Geometry Geniuses - As part of our geometry learning we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We've been spotting these in superhero comic pictures and collaboratively building some in small groups! We've created 'angle eaters' who have helped us investigate right angles. We were even invaded by the Angle Invaders, who we had to defeat by identifying the type of angles in the classroom that they had left plastered all over the walls.



Year Four Finches



Maths Fun in Year 4

Year 4 have loved making their summer Maths learning as fun and practical as possible. The children measured out accurate quantities to make fruity mocktails, accurately drawn 2D and 3D shapes as well as created symmetrical patterns.



PHSE

It has been wonderful to see the children positively engaging with PSHE. We have enjoyed feeling connected as a class, having 'calm me' times listening to the chime and discussing important topics and issues around the theme of 'changing me.' Year 4 have shown a mature and respectful attitude throughout the lessons.



Bright Sparks! Science & DT Project

The children were feeling confident and safe with using the electrical circuits in Science, they were given the task of designing and creating a working electrical product. Children showed such creativity and resilience when things didn't quite go to plan first time. Such amazing working products were created in the end – well done!

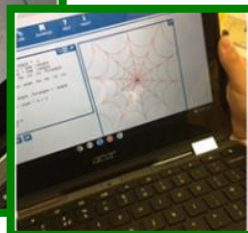
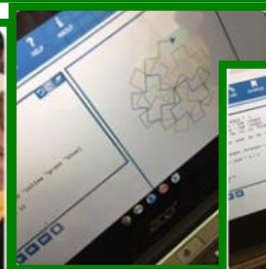
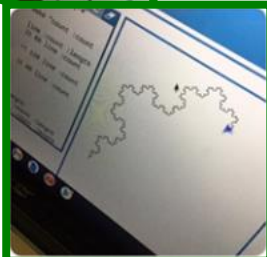
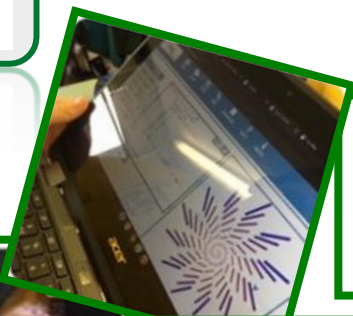




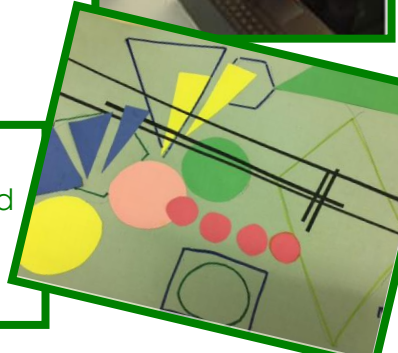
Year Five Woodpeckers



We have been developing our programming skills, starting with a programme called Scratch and then progressed to Logo. This is where we programme the computer to create different lines and shapes with code.



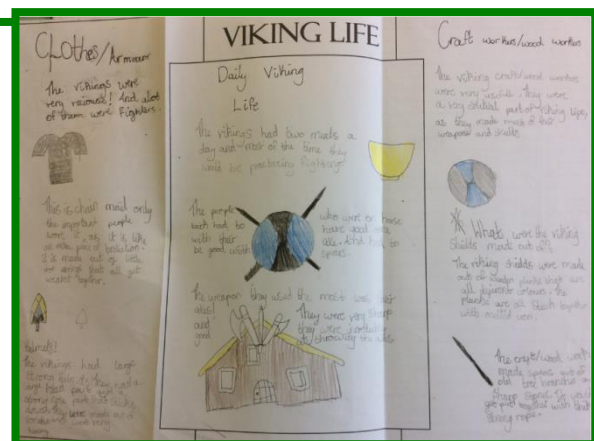
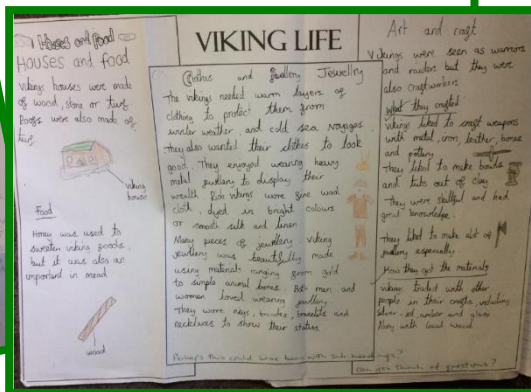
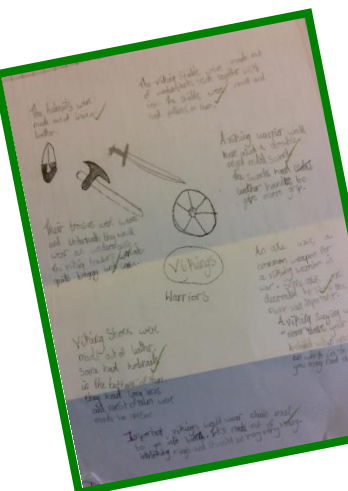
Having looked at properties of shapes and movement of shapes in Maths, we then looked at the work of the Russian Artist Kandinsky and created our own master pieces.



In Maths, we have been exploring volume and 3D shapes.

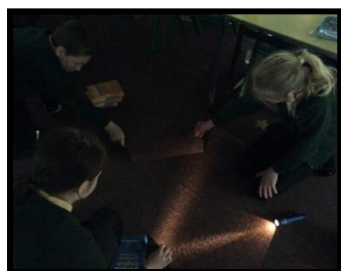
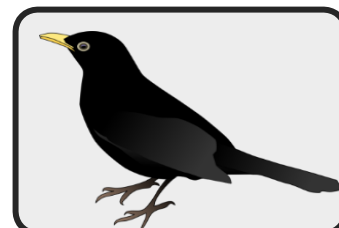


History – We have been independently researching our own choice of an aspect of Viking life. We have used non-fiction books and the internet. We have linked this with features of non-chronological reports in English.





Year Six Blackbirds

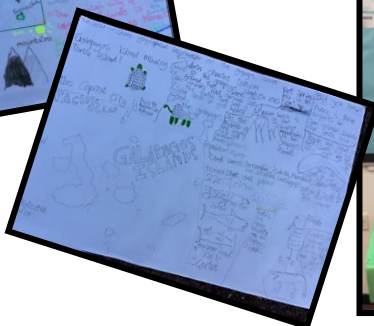
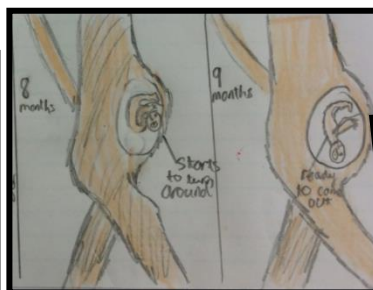


PSHE – Jigsaw Changing Me

This term we welcomed Jigsaw Jem to our class. We all have enjoyed our special PSHE time, where we come together as a class to discuss and carry out work linked to the Jigsaw focus. This term it has been a focus on Changing Me. The children have been incredibly sensible and reflective in their contributions, questions and work created. The Jigsaw company on Twitter were so impressed that they made Year 6's work 'Tweet of the Week.'

Geography – Biomes and the Galapagos components

The children have been learning about the Galapagos Islands and the amazing species that live there. They have been able to see how unique these islands are and why they are protected. This has linked well into our biomes work, where the children researched and created their own biome with Mrs Manship.



ST. ALDHELM'S SPORTS DAY OLYMPICS 2021



This year's sports day was a little different to usual, but no less fun and exciting for all the children.

They competed in a range of different athletic events in their bubbles, showing great determination and team spirit. After that, the children competed in the traditional sports day races including hurdles, relay, egg and spoon and sprint.

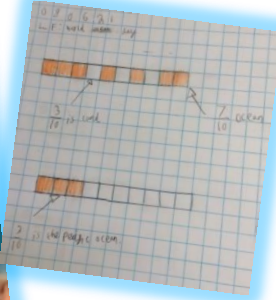
The whole school showed fantastic perseverance, resilience and team spirit to support their classmates.

The day was finished off with a delicious, refreshing ice lolly!

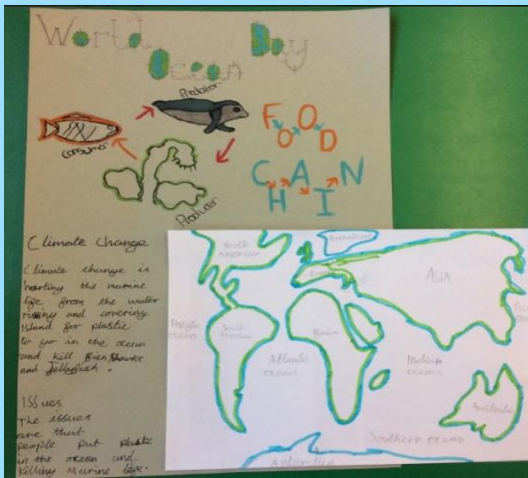
What a super day – we are so proud of you all!



World Oceans Day was on 8th June 2021.
Across the school, we all completed a range of activities to do with oceans, ocean life and the problems concerning our oceans at the moment.



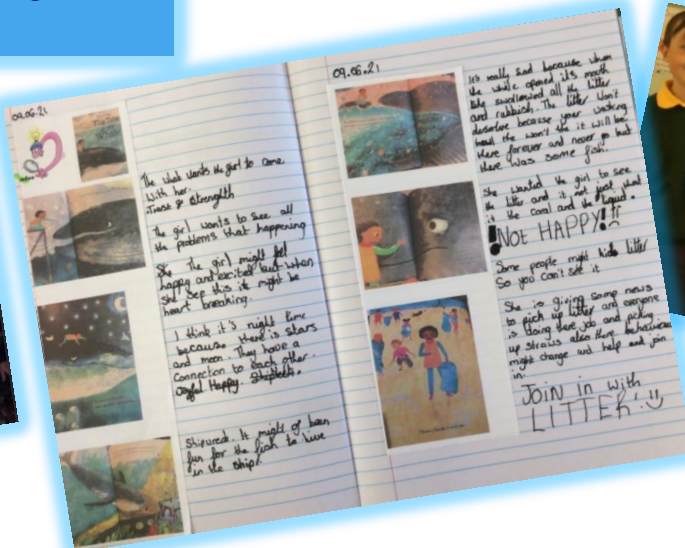
Y3 Pollution Experiment



Y6

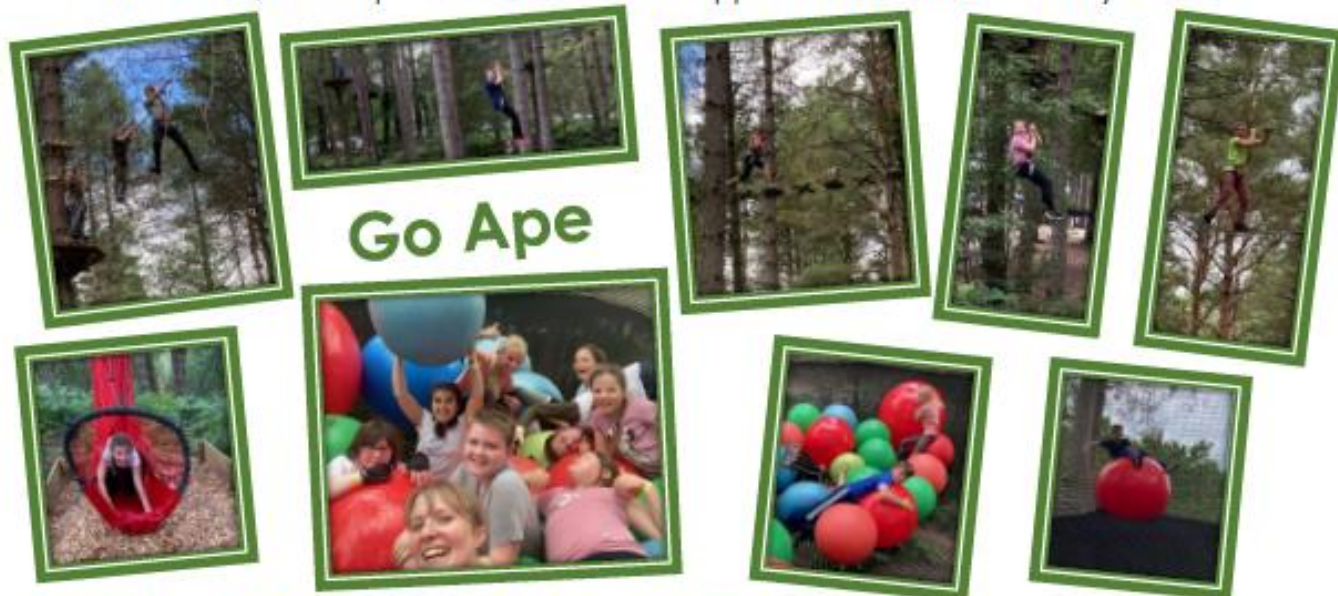


Y4



Our Year 6 Residential

We have felt really lucky at St Aldhelm's to still be able to provide Year 6 a residential experience to celebrate their time with us. Our adventures included Go Ape, a sleepover at school and a trip to Shepton Mallet Prison where the children had to take on the challenge of trying to escape the cell. Year 6 were amazing! We were all so proud of their collaboration, their respectful behaviour and support for each other. Thank you Year 6.



Feast – Sleepover - Glebeland



Shepton Mallet Prison



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes' which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school.

The challenge offers a fantastic opportunity to visit the newly renovated Shepton Mallet Library. You might like to like the Somerset Libraries Shepton Mallet Facebook page for further information.



Monday 9.30am to 5pm
Tuesday 9.30am to 5pm
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 9.30am to 5pm
Friday 9.30am to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1.30pm



This year, children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform wildworldheroes.org.uk, which offers book sorters and e-books too.



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INSPIRE YOUNG
READERS TO STAND UP
FOR OUR PLANET

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A message from our School Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final days of the school year, it is a good time for reflection on what has been another year of change and challenge. That said, there have also been some wonderful memories that the school team and children have made along the way, from a wonderful, albeit virtual, Christmas nativity, to the recent visit from the athlete Isabel Haigh which inspired the children into sports activities.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of the amazing staff at St Aldhelm's, juggling new ways of working whilst developing quality education techniques, as well as the huge support from parents during remote learning and for the transition back to the classroom. This has truly been a demonstration of what working together can achieve for the benefit of all the children.

As governors of St Aldhelm's School, we all want to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment and also thank all of the parents for their support and trust they have offered during the year.

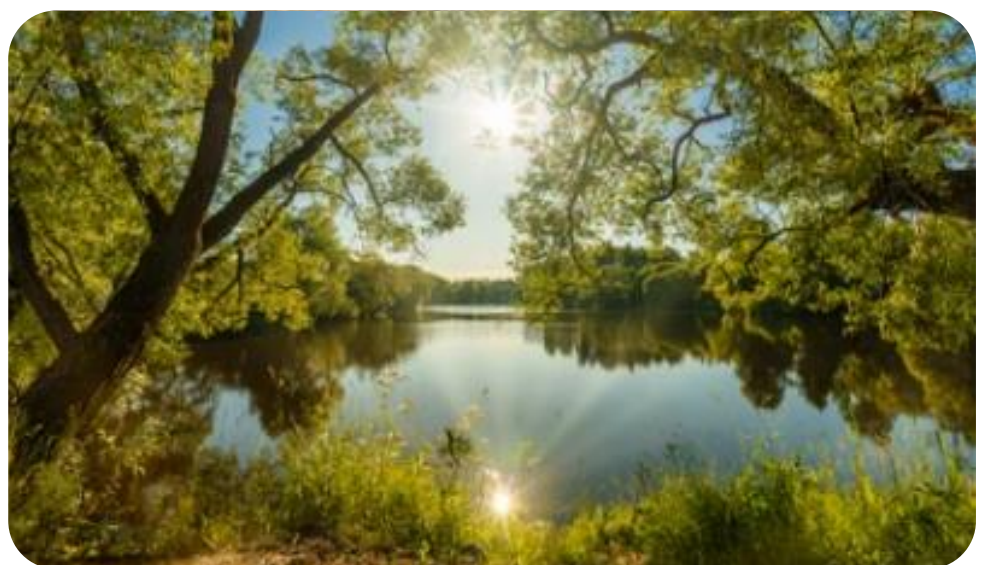
We hope you will have a welcome and enjoyable summer break and look forward to a new start in September.

Yours sincerely

Adam Underwood

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Full
Governing Board



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 or make direct contact, if your child is interested:

Becky Whiting – piano and flute - bexnmoo@hotmail.com

James Davidson – guitar – jwfdavidson@yahoo.co.uk

Helen Brock – violin – helenbrock_hb@yahoo.co.uk



Friends of
St. Aldhelm's
PTA



JUNE Draw for the 100 Club:

First Prize £20 Ticket No.4

Second Prize £10 Ticket No.2

Third Prize £5 Ticket No.32

JULY Draw for the 100 Club:

First Prize £20 Ticket No.20

Second Prize £10 Ticket No.27

Third Prize £5 Ticket No.9



The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. We will start Club 100 in September with new parents and new members. Details on how to join up will follow in September.

Also, we would like to say a big thank you to 3Solution 2011, a local company for their generous donation present to the PTA.

**The children and staff wish to thank the PTA for supplying ice-lollies on Sports Day.
They went down very well and were much enjoyed by us all!**



BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY at Wells Cathedral



SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of seven and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact:
musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net

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Yeovil Summer Fete



St Margaret's Hospice Care

Saturday 31 July

11am to 4pm

Free
parking
at Aldon
Fields

Dogs
allowed
on leads

£2
on the
gate

Children
under 14
Free
entry

• TEA ROOM • ICE CREAM • FACE PAINTING • RAFFLE
• ENTERTAINMENT • PLANT STALL • CRAFT STALLS • BBQ
• CAKES • CHILDREN'S AREA • TOMBOLAS AND MUCH MORE!

All events will be run in accordance with the latest UK Government guidance.

St Margaret's Hospice Care
Little Tarrant Lane, Yeovil, BA20 2HU
01935 709480

www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

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CRANMORE CC JUNIORS OPEN DAY/TASTER SESSION

Local club side Cranmore CC would like to invite any local youths with an interest in cricket or sport to join us on 22nd August 2021 10:30 am at Jill's Close Cranmore for a taster session being run by the club.

The session will be open to all ages up to 16 and all abilities as the club looks to gauge interest in restarting a youth side for the 2022 season.

The session will be run by club volunteers and players as an introduction to the sport for any local youths with an interest in playing whether they have played previously or not.

The club has previously successfully run a youth side for many years but does not currently due to youth numbers.

We look forward to welcoming as many eager youngsters as possible to the session to get a taster for the sport - a great way to be active, healthy and social with your local community.

Anyone with any queries or an interest, please feel free to get in touch with
Joshua Keene on 07522918793 or joshuakeene1@aol.com.