



Aslacton Primary School

Half Term ending Friday 4th April 2025

Deputy's Message

It's hard to believe that we are now two-thirds of the way through this academic year and that when we return we will be into the Summer term with all the fun and excitement that it brings. With the prospect of better weather, please can we remind you that children will need a named sunhat in school and shorts in their PE kits. They will also need their coat as it can still be cool in the first half of the term. Suncream should be applied at home, before school.

We rounded off the term this morning with our Easter celebration in church. We have once again provided artwork for the church which will be put out over the Easter weekend, do take the opportunity to visit the church and see it from Easter Sunday onward—the church is open until 4pm daily and the artwork will still be up the first week back of term.

As we look to the Summer term we will be thinking about our transition arrangements for September both for our new Reception who will join us and also our Year 6s as they prepare to leave us for their High School places. We are making plans for school visits and all our usual end of year events such as sports day. The calendar at the end of the newsletter has as many dates as we know and will be added to as soon as we have updates. The dojo calendar will be updated with all the new dates once the term begins.

We will also be taking part in the national celebration and commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. More information can be found on page 2.

When we return we will have a **new school lunch menu**—this can be viewed here on our school website: [Aslacton Primary School - Clarion Corvus Trust - School Meals](#). Please do take time to look through it with your child so they know what is coming up each week.

From all of the staff we wish you a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone on **Wednesday 23rd April** for the start of the new term, please note that the staff are also on their well earned breaks until this date and will not be checking email or dojo communication during this time.

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VE DAY Thursday 8th May



This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe on 8th May 1945 and the end of the War in Japan on 15th August 1945 (VJ Day). There will be lots of national celebrations and commemorations during the week starting 5th May for VE Day and in school we will be marking this on Thursday 8th May.

We are inviting children to attend in 1940s style clothing or red, white and blue. Costumes do not need to be elaborate or bought especially—have a look in your wardrobe and see what you can find that is close to the style—some information about typical clothing of the period can be found below

In the run up we will be learning a song that is being released for the commemoration and a 1940s VE Day dance. On the day we will gather to sing and dance together as a school and we will spend time during the day using resources that have been put together by the Royal British Legion to help young people to remember VE and VJ Day 80 years on, with special films including stories from the end of the Second World War. There will also be a special lunch that day—details to follow after Easter.

1940's Children's Clothing Ideas:

Young boys wore shorts or trousers with a blazer or jacket for more formal occasions or sweaters for casual wear.

Girls primarily wore cotton dresses and skirts with blouses or shirts and a cardigan or jumper. Very young girls sometimes wore overalls.

Hand-knitted garments like sweaters and cardigans were easy and popular items for young children.



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Information

Family Friday for the Summer Term

9am

May 2nd: Kestrel

May 9th: Eagle

June 6th: Owl

June 13th: Kestrel

June 20th: Eagle

June 27th: Owl

PE

After Easter more and more of our PE lessons will be outside. The wind can still be very chilly across the playground and field so we ask that all children have leggings/joggers and a jumper as well as shorts and t-shirt in their PE kits for the next half term.

There is no swimming for any class during the Summer.

Clubs

Due to the short number of weeks in next half term attendance at clubs will roll over until May half term. Club spaces will then re-open for the final time for May Half term to July.

Y6s who missed out on Gym spaces due to SATs club will be given priority in their last half term.

Friends A big thank you as always to the Friends for arranging the Easter Hampers and gift bags—they looked amazing! The current total stand at £135. Thank you.

The winners were:

Hampers:

Owl: Emilia

Kestrel: Jenson

Eagle: Ellie

Gift Bags:

Owl: Mabel, Luna

Kestrel: Oliver, Francesca

Eagle: Harry Wo, Finley



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What a busy term it has been in Owl Class. The children have enjoyed exploring Herminin by Mini Grey and Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. We have been particularly concentrating on sentence structure and letter formation. We are impressed with the pride the children are taking in the presentation of their writing. Reception have enjoyed exploring 'Little Red' by Bethan Woolvin. They enjoyed writing instructions on How to trap a wolf! Our Science focus has been looking at Seasonal change, planting and caring for our planet. KS1 enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and how the fire spread so quickly. Reception children have focussed on using their phonic skills to support them with their reading and writing. Everyone enjoyed discussing VIP's in PSHE. Well done Owls on all your hard work and on helping each other this term.

Kestrels have explored the fascinating world of soil, fossils, and light in science and sacrifice, looking at its significance in both Christianity and Islam in RE. In Geography, we discovered the unique landscape of Tierra del Fuego, investigating its weather and location and comparing it to our own local area. Design and Technology saw us get creative with designing, making, and evaluating our very own book covers. In English, we enjoyed reading Jemmy Button and retelling the story in our own words.

Eagles have enjoyed reading classic Sherlock Holmes and 'The Promise'. We have written a range of stories, poems and letters with growing maturity and skill. We have loved geometry mathematics, and we have enjoyed studying lines and angles. In history, we have discovered the impact Ancient Greece has had on the modern day. In science, we have explored material properties and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. A fantastic term!

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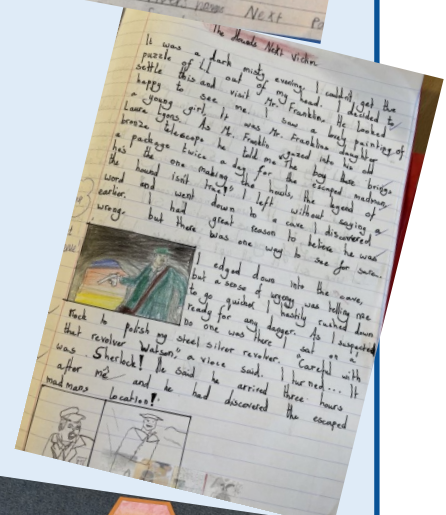
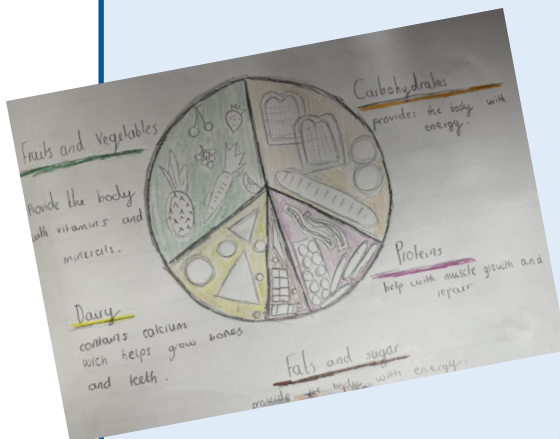
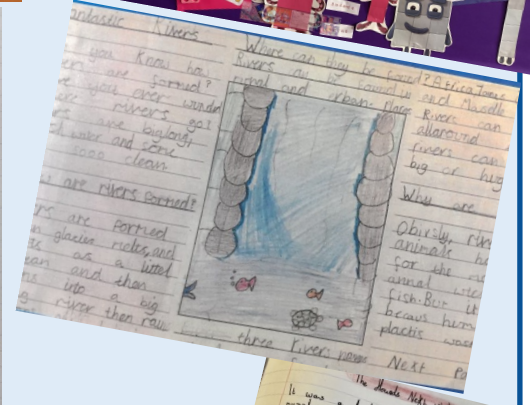
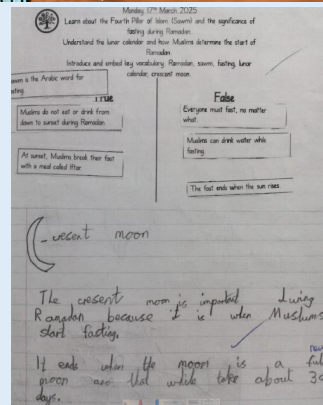




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Save the date! - please note we reserve the right to change or amend any of the dates set out below and we will inform you of any changes as soon as possible.

April	
Wednesday 23rd	Summer Term begins and new menu starts (see website)
May	
Monday 5th	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 8th	VE Day celebrations—see page 2 for details
Week beg Monday 12th	Y6 SATs testing week
Friday 23rd	Friends Cake Sale– cakes to be provided by Kestrels on the theme of Summer. Please drop cakes at school office by 9am on 23rd, NO CAKE FRIDAY on this date.
Friday 23rd	Parent Workshop—Supporting Challenging Behaviour—details to follow.
Monday 26th– Friday 30th	Half Term
June	
Monday 2nd	Term starts
Friday 6th	Non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize/hamper gift for Family Fun Night
Tuesday 17th	Whole class photographs –full uniform please
Friday 27th	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 4.30-7PM
July	
Tuesday 1st	Possible LSHS Taster Day for Y5—TBC by LSHS
Thursday 3rd	Y4 Bike checks for Cycling Proficiency . More details will follow nearer the time.
Friday 4th	Y6 Bike checks for Cycling Proficiency . More details will follow nearer the time.
Monday 7th	Sports Day—Carousel of activities in the morning, family picnic at lunch and "traditional races" in the afternoon. You are welcome to join for all or part of the day.
Thursday 10th	Y4 Off road cycling (on playground)
Thursday 10th	Friends End of Year Disco
Friday 11th	Y6 On road cycling
From 17th onwards	Leaver's activities– Miss Knight will provide full details at a later date including church service Tuesday 22nd at 9am to which Y6 parents are invited
Tuesday 22nd	Term Ends



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Attendance

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 96.69%

Class with the best attendance: Owl—97.8%
(Kestrel and Eagle both scored 96.4%)

221 minutes of learning time was lost this half term due to late arrivals (after registers close).

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