

End of 2024-2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

End of Year Messages from Mrs Haines and Mrs Turk

What a year! We welcomed new pupils and staff to Aslacton at the beginning of the year and now those new children will soon be transitioning to Year 1 – time flies when you are having fun.

The end of the year is always a mixture of emotion for pupils, staff and family, as our Year 6 children, most of which we have known since Reception, will be transitioning to their next school. We are proud however to be sending, capable, respectful and happy learners to the next phase of their life.

For the children staying with us, we very much are looking forward to seeing them mature and grow over the year ahead. I hope you all have a restful and restorative summer holidays break. I am looking forward to not having to get up so early and to relaxing while drinking my morning coffee. Whatever you are looking forward to, stay safe and take care of yourselves this summer. Staff are back in school on the 1st September and children follow on the 3rd September 2025. **Mrs Haines**

It has once again been a privilege to be the deputy at Aslacton this year. I have enjoyed seeing the children grow and learn over the course of the year. We have had some fantastic new stories, visits and visitors throughout the year and I am very grateful to all those who have come in and supported and volunteered time to share and inspire. As always I am also hugely grateful to the Friends who have worked tirelessly over the year to fundraise and support our ventures. We look forward to launching our playground fundraising in September. A HUGE THANK YOU for all the lovely cards and gifts the staff have received this week, it is very kind of you.

As always the staff will all be taking a well earned break over the summer and will not be available until we return in September. Please respect their time away from school and refrain from contacting them. Dojo classes will be re-set in September. If you need to get a message to a member of staff ahead of the return please email the school office and it will be picked up on our INSET days.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that our staffing remains the same for next year. Mrs Turk and Mrs Anderson will continue to teach Owl Class with Miss Clarke and Mrs Anderson, Mr Silcocks will teach Kestrel with Mrs Graham and Miss Knight will teach Eagles with Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Washington. Mrs Booth and Mrs Adam will continue with their 3 and 2 day split working in the school office.

We say goodbye to Mr Reeve our Sports Coach and thank him for his teaching over the last few years. All PE will now be taught by class teachers and Mrs Tyler.

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Leavers

This morning we had a really enjoyable celebration in church to send off our Year 6s. Here is the text of Mrs Turk's speech from this morning:

One part of my role is to go out and about and meet other senior leaders from across Norfolk. Not many discussions are complete without the questions "so how many have you got in/coming into Reception? And how many year 6s have you got?". The latter question often then develops into questions like "so what are your predictions for their SATs?" and "what's your girl/boy split like?". When I answer the second question with "we don't have any boys in Y6, there are 12 girls" I usually get one of two responses either "gosh that's interesting" or "crikey, that must pose some challenges....". Now when this year group started with us there were only 8– Seren, Scarlett, Millie, Mia, Lacey, Isabella, Amia and of course, the only boy to have ever joined the year group, Warren, who then sadly had to return to the States part way through the Autumn term of Reception. You were my first ever Reception class and my first class at Aslacton starting the year I moved from Manor Field and the year Miss Knight joined us too. It has been a joy to watch you as you have travelled through the school and been joined along the way by Frankie, Ada, Lilli, Elsie and Violet. We have watched you all grow in confidence from small, giggly girls who went to every activity in Reception together to much taller pre-teens ready for high school. You've spent time split between classes when our numbers just didn't work out, you've added to your number and you've found a way to get along. I don't think I've ever known a year group more willing to take on responsibility or to make sure that we, the staff, know exactly what should be happening at any time. You have produced an amazing set of SATs results, but this doesn't really show the whole picture as you have proved yourselves extremely hard workers in all areas of learning, not just your core subjects, but your sport, creative arts and topic work.

That's not to say that it hasn't been without it's challenges too at times, 12 girls together does create a very different dynamic in a classroom and I know you aren't all going on together but I don't think that will matter – you are ready to tackle the next step in your journeys in education as strong, independent and interesting women and we wish you all the very best for whatever comes next.

As we say goodbye to our Y6s we also say goodbye to 6 families who have been with us for varying amounts of time over the last few years. We thank you for your support over your time with us and we wish you well as you navigate this next phase away from the world of primary education! Do keep in touch, let us know how you are doing and enjoy what is to come and we would love to see you all at Family Fun next year!

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Celebrations!

We are very proud to announce the results of the end of KS2 SATS by Year 6 for 2025-2026

SATS tests were taken in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) and Maths. We had a cohort of 11 taking the SATs this year with each child equating to 9.09%. The percentage of children reaching the expected standard were as follows:

Reading - 72.7% (75% national)

GPS - 90.9% (73% national)

Maths - 81.9% (74% national)

Through teacher assessment we had 83.3% of children reaching the expected standard in Writing (72% national)

This means the percentage of our children reaching the combined expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 63%. When compared to the national combined average of 62%, Aslacton Primary School are above national standards.

A very big thank you to Miss Knight and Mrs Humphreys for their preparation of the children this year and to all the staff who have taught and worked with them during their time here. Also, a huge well done to all our Year 6 children who did so well, took the SATS with confidence and completed

them so calmly. You are all amazing and we wish you so much luck for the years ahead.

We are also very proud of our KS1 Phonics results

Once again our Year 1 children took part in the phonics screen check and we are pleased to report that 83% of the children reached the pass score.

The Y4 multiplication check does not have a pass score but we were

very pleased with the individual scores recorded with 10 children achieving 20 and above out of 25.

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Celebrations continued...

The **House Cup** this term was won by Holkham. Well done Reds!

After an absolutely fantastic sports day the **Sports Day Cup** was also won by Holkham—we were very proud of the sportsmanship on display on Sports Day and thought the carousel activities from Y6 were some of the best we have ever had.

When she retired, Mrs Lightbown donated an award to the school for creativity and the winner of the **Corvus Creativity award** for 2024-2025 was **Ada Routledge for her gymnastics, fantastic artwork and progress with clarinet.** WELL DONE ADA!!



Information for next year

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer 2 sports clubs from September which will be run by Mr Tim Courridge. These will take place on Wednesdays (gymnastics) and Thursdays (multi sports club - this will include a variety of different sports including dodgeball, football, cricket and capture the flag to name just a few) after school. Places for these clubs must be booked by contacting Mr Courridge via email (Tim.courridge@gmail.com) and both are open to all year groups. Booking for clubs in the Autumn term will be open from July 14th. Clubs start week beginning 8th September.

The cost per session will be £4.00 and this is payable directly to Mr Courridge. All sessions must be paid for in advance to secure your child(ren)s space for that half term. Any questions please contact Mr Courridge directly.

Alongside these clubs we will be running Library club for Eagles on Wednesdays and Film Club for all year groups on Thursdays. These will be run by school staff and there is no payment. Sign up for these clubs will be through the school office once we return in September.

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Information for next year cont...

Proposed Family Friday dates for the Autumn term—please note that these are subject to change—we will endeavour to inform asap if we have to make changes.

All times are 9am until 9.15am

19th Sept Eagles

26th Sept Owls

10th Oct Kestrel

17th Oct Eagles

24th Oct Owls

14th Nov Kestrels

21st Nov Eagles

28th Nov Owls

5th Dec Kestrels

Is you child moving to Year 3?

If your child is moving into Year 3 in September there are some changes that affect them:

They are no longer entitled to Universal Free Meals unless they receive Free School Meals. Meals need top be paid for in advance via your Pupil Asset account.

They also stop receiving a fruit snack every day and need to bring their own snack if they need one at break time.

They will also need their own backpack or bag to carry their belongings in as book bags are not provided in KS2.

Parent Readers

All parent reader sessions will take place at the end of the school day from September to enable us to make some changes to the curriculum and our timetables. Please note that during the year we may change the days for each class to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to attend during the year.

They will start on from **Monday 22nd September** at 2.50pm on the following days:

Owls: Tuesday Kestrel: Thursday Eagle: Monday

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PE DAYS AUTUMN:

PE lessons begin on 3rd September

Owl—Monday and Thursday

Kestrel—Tuesday and Wednesday

Eagle -Thursday +Swimming

Kits must be in school from Monday to Friday each week as these may be subject to weather and staff changes.



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Save the date!

A full calendar for the Autumn Term will be published on our return.

September and October	
Wednesday 3rd Se stembee r holid	क्रिक् ी आहे ool for all pupils. Club sign up opens for Library (Y5/6) and film.
Week beginning 8th September	Clubs start—see page 4 for details
Thursday 11th September	Eagle Swimming starts
Wednesday 17th September	Individual school photographs
Friday 3rd October	Harvest Festival Service in church (pupils and staff) with collection for the Waveney Foodbank.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 27 October - Friday 31st October 2025

Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026

Monday 23 February -Friday 27 March 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 30 March - Monday 13 April 2026

Summer term

Tuesday 14 April - Friday 22 May 2026 (Monday 4 May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026

Monday 1 June - Friday 17 July 2026

Staff training days (INSET days)

Staff training days are on 1st and 2nd September, 5th January and 13th April. The school is closed to children on these days.

Please note that Reception start dates may be different in September to allow for transition. Details will be published separately.

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