

Aslacton Primary School

End of 2025-2026

Friday 17th July 2026

End of Year Messages from Mrs Haines and Mrs Turk

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful summer term, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their commitment and care, and our families for working in partnership with us to provide the very best experiences for our children. The Friends have again, done a super job fund raising, enabling us to give our children new and exciting experiences. Thank you to all the members. Another thank you to our school volunteers who read with our children every week and support us on educational trips. The 1:1 experience our volunteers offer is so valuable to our children.

We would also like to say a special farewell to our children and families who are leaving Aslacton this summer. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us and hope they look back on their memories here with great fondness.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome the new children and families who will be joining our Reception in September. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting your children as they begin their learning journey with us. We know they will quickly become valued members of our school community.

We look forward to welcoming the rest of our children back in September for another exciting year of learning.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. **Mrs Haines**

Well this year has flown by! Once again it has been a great privilege to be the deputy at Aslacton this year even if my time here has been slightly reduced due to increased teaching commitments at our federated school. A special privilege this year was to help our pupils to lead the village Act of Remembrance on 11th November, We have been asked to lead this again next year which is a sign of how much the children's efforts were appreciated.

As always I am also hugely grateful to the Friends who have worked tirelessly over the year to fundraise and support our ventures and look forward to seeing everyone at our re-arranged Family Fun on 18th September. Thank you.

I want to add my thanks to that of Mrs Haine's above, to the staff at Aslacton for all they have done this year for our pupils and the school. I wish each one of them a well earned break! Staff will not be available after the end of today 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. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and hopefully continued sun-filled summer holiday. **Mrs Turk**

Staffing

Our staffing for next year remains as it has been this year with one small change in Kestrels .

Mr Silcocks will teach Kestrel with Mrs Graham reducing her hours to 2 days a week and Mrs Newman joining us for 2 days a week. Mrs Newman is well known to the school as her children attended Aslacton for their primary education and she will be known by pupils who attended Gissing Pre-School in recent years.

We are saying goodbye to Mr Courridge our Sports Coach due to the change in PE funding from next year and we thank him for his teaching over the last few years. All PE will now be taught by class teachers and Mrs Tyler. This means there will be no sports clubs on our return in September. We are looking at alternative options and ask for your patience as we explore our options.



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Leavers

This morning we held our celebration in church to send off our Year 6s. Here are the edited highlights of Mrs Turk's speech from this morning:

So much has happened over the last year. We began with the sad news of the death of our much missed colleague Nadia, whose ashes have been interred here in the churchyard during the year as it was her wish to be near to the school. We have an idea for a tribute to Nadia in our school grounds which we hope to pursue next year. Speaking of our grounds they have changed slightly this year too with the removal of the old play equipment and the agreement of the new arrangement that will go in over the next few years. We are also grateful for the immense volunteer support we have received in making these changes and with various mending jobs around the school. Thank you.

We have had a varied programme of activities, learning and visits this year with new experiences and opportunities for all. Of course it was also the year for our residential visit in June. I won't go as far as saying it was my favourite one I've ever been on with rather more rain (I am sure we would have been drier in the water than we were in the canoes), less sleep (including boys who were up and ready for the day at 5.20am) and a little more illness than I would have liked! All that having been said, we saw some amazing courage, resilience and bravery from all who took part and the centre staff commented how much they enjoy us visiting as our pupils are polite, kind and enthusiastic. They are already looking forward to our return in 2028! One huge privilege this year was to assist our older pupils in leading an Act of Remembrance here in church for 11th November following watching our youngest resident pupil Nathaniel unveil the new village sign with the oldest resident in the village. We will be returning this November to lead the service here again.

And now to our leavers. The time has come to say goodbye to you. We started with 9 -William, Finley, Freya, Freya, Lola, Dylan, Ellie, Harry and Harry and end with 12 having added Freddie, Owen and Sophie to your number along the way. It's fair to say that you had an interesting start to your school life with us as your Reception year moved online halfway through as the country locked down for Covid. You were one of the year groups who were invited back later in the year when we were able to partially open, and I can remember spending a lot of time explaining how we had to leave a gap for our 'invisible friend' between each of us when we were playing, lining up etc and reading a lot of Charlie and Lola stories to illustrate the point with Lola's invisible friend 'Soren Lorensen' as a visual explanation of social distancing!! Year 1 was equally disrupted with the second lockdown but after that we got into the swing of it and you were able to be in full time. With the move to year 3 and 4 came new teachers and a return for me to teaching you some of the week for a large part of the year. I was getting a bit worried that if the pattern continued I might have to spend some serious time reading the Y5/6 curriculum just in case but I am very grateful that Miss Knight has had you for both years and you have been spared from my teaching of various Y6 maths and grammar concepts! As a year group you have had many challenges and changes along the way. You have however made it to the end – bigger, braver, more determined and with a strong sense of self identity and belief. We are proud of your academic achievements in the SATS and we look forward to hearing how you get on as you move on. Good luck and keep in touch, we would love to hear how you are getting on.



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Celebrations!

KS2 SATS

SATS tests were taken in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) and Maths. The percentage of children reaching the expected standard were as follows:

GPS: 58.3% of which 28% were Greater Depth

Reading: 66.6% of which 25% were Greater Depth

Maths: 66.6% of which 37.5% were Greater Depth

Through teacher assessment we had 58% of children reaching the expected standard in Writing.

This means the percentage of our children reaching the combined expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 63%.

Reception GLD scores

Every year our Reception pupils are assessed against the Foundation Stage Profile. This year 83% of our cohort achieved the a Good Level of Development (GLD) - the benchmark for age expected standard at the end of Reception.

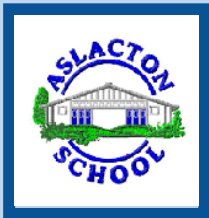
The Y1 Phonics screen

Once again our Year 1 children took part in the phonics screen check. Our pass rate was 58% with several children making significant improvement in their phonics over the course of the year,

The Y4 multiplication check

This check does not have a pass score but we were very pleased with the individual scores recorded with 89% of the year scoring 20 or above out of 25.





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Celebrations continued...

The **House Cup** this term was won by Brancaster. Well done Greens!

After an slightly different sports day the **Sports Day Cup** was won by Holkham. Well done Reds!

When she retired, former Headteacher and CEO Mrs Lightbown donated an award to the school for creativity and the winner of the **Corvus Creativity award** for 2025-2026 was **Finley Eastick** for skilled creative drawing and playing and learning musical pieces by ear. WELL DONE FINLEY!



Information for next year

Clubs

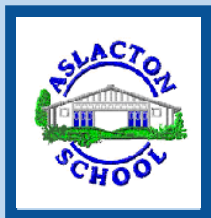
As noted on the front page we are saying goodbye to Mr Courridge from today. We are exploring options for replacement clubs and ask that you bear with us as we do so. When arranging clubs we have to consider that staff have many commitments in terms of meetings after school and we are required to have correct ratios, DSLs and first aiders available whilst clubs are running.

We plan to run Film Club for all year groups on Thursdays—start date to be confirmed in September.

Uniform

Please see the end of the newsletter for a reminder of our uniform expectations. New rules from the Government around the number of pieces of logo-ed uniform do not affect our uniform arrangements as we do not expect any item to carry the school logo, we just as that they are the right colours.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED



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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

25th September	EAGLE
9th October	KESTREL
16th October	OWL
6th November	EAGLE
13th November	KESTREL
27th November	OWL

Is your 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 to be paid for in advance via your 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 21st September** at 2.50pm on the following days:

Owls: Tuesday

Kestrel: Thursday

Eagle: Monday

PE DAYS AUTUMN:

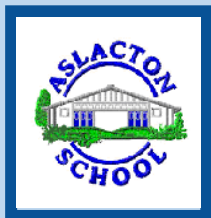
PE lessons begin on 7th September

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	
Thursday 3rd September	Return to school for all pupils. Club sign up opens for Library (Y5/6) and film.
Thursday 10th September	Eagle Swimming starts
Friday 11th September	First Cake Friday (Cake provided by the Friends this week).
Tuesday 15th September	Music lessons start. Some spaces may become available if you are interested in paid for tuition next year. We will let you know in September.
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Festival Service in church (pupils and staff) with collection for the Waveney Foodbank.
Monday 5th October	Individual Class Photos

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn term

Term time: Thursday 3 September - Thursday 22 October 2026

Half-term holiday: Friday 23 - Friday 30 October 2026

Term time: Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December - Monday 4 January 2027

Spring term

Term time: Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February 2027

Half-term holiday: Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2027

Term time: Monday 22 February - Thursday 25 March 2027

Easter holiday: Friday 26 March - Monday 12 April 2027

Summer term

Term time: Tuesday 13 April - Friday 28 May 2027 (Monday 3 May 2027 is a bank holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027

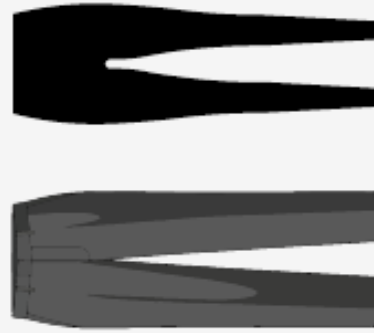
Term time: Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July 2027

Staff training (INSET) days

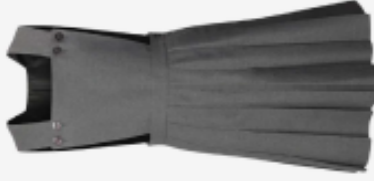
Staff training days are on 1 and 2 September 2026, 23 October 2026, 4 January 2027, and 12 April 2027. The school is closed to children on these days.

ASLACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

For uniform with a logo our supplier is MyClothing. Parents order directly from the supplier at the following address: <http://www.myclothing.com/>. We do not expect uniform to carry the school logo.



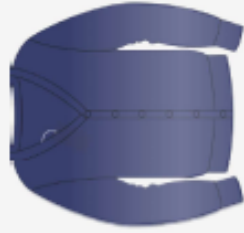
Grey, black or navy trousers or leggings



Grey or navy pinafore or skirt



Navy sweatshirt or cardigan



Pale blue t-shirt

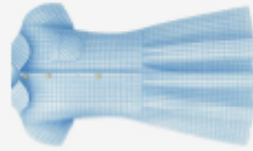
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Clothing does not need to carry the school logo

Warmer Weather



Tailored grey or black shorts (no cycling shorts)



Blue summer dress

Footwear

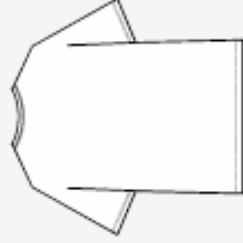


Black school shoes



ASLACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P.E. KIT

Please provide all kit below all year round as pupils will take part in P.E. lessons outside as much as possible. All kit should be in a separate bag to their school bag and should be sent into school every Monday regardless of class P.E. days as these can change at short notice.



White t shirt



Navy or black shorts



Navy sweatshirt

Clothing does not need to carry the school logo



Navy or black leggings or jogging bottoms



Spare socks



Footwear



Trainers (no plimsolls)

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P.E. Bag



Earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons



ASLACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Below are other items your child may need in school. Please note that we go outside for break and lunch every day in most weathers so pupils will require a weather-suitable coat each day.

Some equipment is needed only for certain classes. Bags should be small



Plastic re-useable
water bottle



Coat



Lunchbox (if having
home pack)



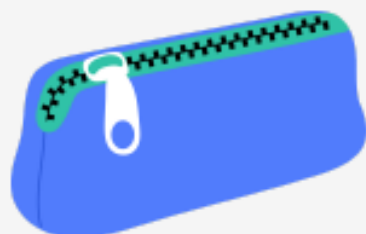
OWLS ONLY: A bookbag
will be provided by
school



KESTRELS AND
EAGLES: Backpack
for carrying books
etc



Wellies
OWLS to keep a
pair in school.
KESTREL and EAGLE
to bring when
needed.



EAGLES ONLY: Optional
Small pencil case with
basic stationery

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS

Please do not allow pupils to
bring toys or other personal
belongings to school.

