



# News from Great Aine Primary School



“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”

6.2.26



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week it's been here at school!

We began our week by sharing the story of *Mavis the Bravest* — a charming tale about a chicken who often felt nervous but found courage in trying her best. Mavis discovered that knitting helped her to feel calm, and this led us to talk about Olympic diver Tom Daley, who also knits poolside to help manage his nerves before competing. The children were fascinated to learn about his incredible achievements — and his impressive dives!

On Wednesday morning, it was such a pleasure to welcome families into school for our Celebration Assembly. It's always one of my favourite moments of the week — seeing the children filled with pride as we celebrate their latest accomplishments. This week's assembly was extra special, as we shared photographs from our exciting trip to the Snow Dome on the big screen! A reminder that Celebration Assembly is also a wonderful time to recognise achievements from outside of school. If your child earns an award or certificate for something they do at home or in clubs, we'd love to celebrate it together — helping to strengthen our lovely home-school connections.

Later that day, I had the joyful task of accompanying the children swimming. It was fantastic to see how much progress our older pupils have made and to watch our younger ones displaying such confidence in the water. What a treat to witness their enthusiasm and teamwork!

Today, we rounded off the week with NSPCC Number Day. KS2 began the morning with a number investigation and spent the afternoon taking part in the TT Rockstars competition, showing off their maths skills and speedy times tables! The school has been full of number-themed energy (and lots of digit-covered tops!) as we celebrated our love of maths together.

Looking ahead, next week is Mental Health Week. A letter has gone out via ClassDojo detailing the timetable and activities planned. On Monday, we'll be marking *Come to School as Yourself Day!* — encouraging children to wear clothes that make them feel comfortable and happy. This could be their favourite outfit, something cosy, or anything that reflects who they are. Please check the letter for more details about the rest of the week's events.

Finally, I've also attached an updated list of dates for the rest of the term. These were shared earlier in the term, but there are one or two small amendments. Please take a moment to read through them, and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

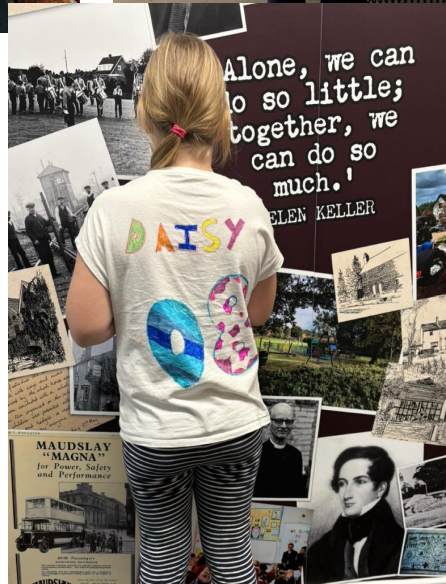
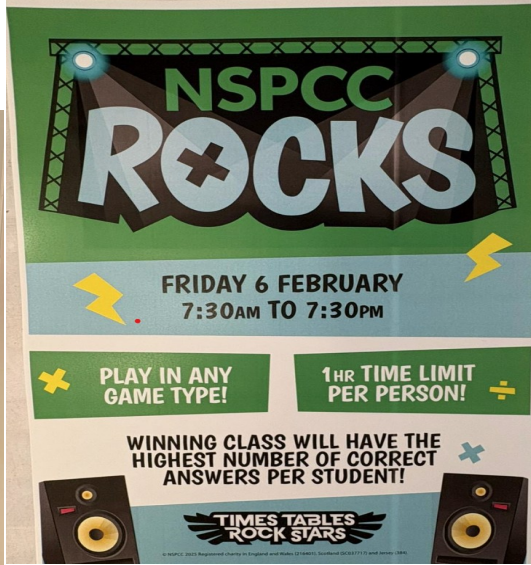
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With warm regards, *Miss L. Williams*

# Teddy Bear's Picnic



# NSPCC NUMBER DAY



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## Spring term dates – 2026



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** -Young Voices- Birmingham Pulse Arena KS2 Choir children only

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**- Celebration Assembly- Families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for digits

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Children’s Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**Half term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – British Science Week – Curiosity: What’s your question?

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**- Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultations

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Shakespeare Week

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**- 1.30pm-3pm – **Easter Workshop- St. Mary Magdalen**

**Church, Great Alne**- Families welcome to attend

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for the Easter holidays

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

Break up for Easter holidays      **Easter holidays – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** –                      **Children return for the start of the Summer term**



## Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

### Autumn term 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### Spring term 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**