

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the start of the 2026 school year. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I hope you and your family have enjoyed a safe and restful holiday.

A special welcome to our 28 new Reception children and their families. Starting school is a significant milestone, and we look forward to making this transition a joyful and supportive experience. We are also delighted to welcome three new families to our wider community. May you all quickly feel the warmth, belonging and engagement that make Aldgate Primary such a unique and caring place to learn and grow.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our fabulous OSHC team for running a vibrant and engaging Vacation Care program over the holidays. Their dedication ensures our students have meaningful, safe and enjoyable experiences outside of the regular school term.

Our teaching staff deserve significant recognition for their efforts in preparing classrooms and learning environments. Over the break, teachers have worked collaboratively, planning carefully to create spaces that stimulate curiosity and support every child's learning journey from day one.

As we launch into the year, I am excited to share some developments enhancing our learning community:

- Central to everything we do is our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement. Our 2026 School Improvement Plan with have a focus around two main goals:
 1. We want our students to be effective literacy and numeracy learners who can articulate their thoughts and ideas clearly and confidently.
 2. We want our students to be active partners in their learning, collaborating with both teachers and peers to create a dynamic and engaging educational experience.
- OSCH Redevelopment: Planning is underway to improve our Out of School Hours Care space, ensuring it continues to meet the needs of our growing school population.
- Greenhouse and Propagation Station: Our environmental program is expanding, with a new greenhouse and propagation station providing opportunities for hands-



on science and sustainability learning. Our Greenhill Living, environmental program, will begin in week 4 of this term.

- Student Parliament: We are further developing our Student Parliament, empowering students to actively shape school life and build leadership capacity at all ages.

Felicity and I recently had the privilege of undertaking the Harvard Family Engagement course with Dr Karen Mapp over the holidays. This experience reaffirmed our belief in the importance of strong, authentic partnerships between home and school. This year, you will see an even greater focus on meaningful parent engagement, with many opportunities for dialogue, shared learning, and celebration.

Just a reminder that we use two main forms of communication; Seesaw and email. The Seesaw app we use for class-based communication, messaging teachers and quick whole school communication. Email is used for more formal completion of forms, Department for Education and whole school communication. Please ensure the office has your up-to-date contact details if they have changed over the holidays. Of course, you can always phone us and arrange to meet up in person too.

A few key dates for your diary this term:

Tuesday 10th February – Governing Council AGM (6pm) and Acquaintance Night (more information to follow soon)

Friday 6th March – student free day

Monday 9th March – public holiday

Friday 20th March – Sports Day

Friday 3rd April – public holiday (Good Friday)

Monday 6th April – public holiday (Easter Monday)

We will send out a fuller newsletter at the end of week 3. Let's make 2026 an inspiring and successful year for everyone!

Warm regards,

Hazel Robertson
Principal,

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