



Pickwick Papers – Edition 9 – Term 6 – June 2022

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

Welcome to the ninth edition of Pickwick Papers, publication of which has been purposefully delayed from last term as we wanted to bring you the GOOD news from Aloeric Primary School's recent Ofsted inspection, hot off the press. Find out more in the panel on the next page.



I would like to say a huge well done to all the staff, children, families and governors of Aloeric Primary which has been judged to be a strongly 'Good' school by the inspector.

Have a wonderful Term 6 everyone!

Best wishes, James

Easter and Jubilee Celebrations

Children across all our schools had a fabulous final week of Term 5, celebrating with special Easter and the Queen's Jubilee events.

There were Easter hat wearing parades, egg rolling and egg decorating competitions.

There were street and garden parties, maypole dancing and poetry writing, and lots of dressing up in red, white and blue!

Children joined their friends on the playground and had picnic lunches and cake together, and took part in cake making and decorating competitions.

Children learned about the monarchy and British values and made flags, bunting and crowns.

How did you celebrate the Queen's Jubilee?

Governor vacancies

Can you help us? Would you like to make a positive difference to our children's education?

Several of our schools have vacancies on their Local Governance Committees (LGCs).

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children's education, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

To see if there are vacancies at your child's school please contact the school office.

Clerk to Governors

We are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors at Aloeric Primary. Please email / ask at the school office for more information.

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Aloeric Primary Ofsted Inspection - Good

On 26/27 April 2022, Ofsted carried out a routine inspection at Aloeric Primary School. We are delighted to say that the report confirms that Aloeric Primary continues to be a 'good school'.

The inspector noted that 'Pupils enjoy coming to this inclusive school,' that 'they feel safe' and that 'strong pastoral provision is in place.' Pupils 'conduct themselves well around the school' and are 'motivated to do their best'. 'Leaders are determined that all pupils reach their full potential,' and 'Governors and the Trust share leaders' determination for all pupils to succeed'.

'Leaders have systematically developed a curriculum to engage and excite pupils', and pupils with SEND 'thrive in a supportive and caring environment'. The inspector recognised that reading is prioritised, a range of high-quality texts are in place across the school, and that there is a 'consistent approach to the teaching of reading'. A pupil at the school articulated this beautifully, saying that 'reading takes us to different worlds where we can use our imagination'. Pupils enjoy maths, which is 'well organised and resourced' and pupils 'build on prior knowledge well'.

The staff have implemented a range of school improvement changes over recent years, and this report externally validates the fantastic practice taking place across the school. Well done to everyone at Aloeric Primary for all your hard work and dedication.

Gillingham Primary – possible joining school

We have been talking to staff, parents and governors at Gillingham Primary School, in North Dorset, about the possibility of the school joining Pickwick in the Autumn Term. Gillingham is 15 minutes from Ludwell and would join our South Hub if the Regional Schools Commissioner approves it, and our due diligence and community consultation processes support the move.

Parent Webinars

Our suite of pre-recorded webinars remain available to all parents and carers here:

[Resilience for Learning and Well-being](#)

[Helping your child cope with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

Ivy Lane Nursery Open

Ivy Lane Primary School's new purpose-built nursery officially opened on 25 April. We have been delighted to welcome 20 children to 'Sunflowers Nursery Class' so far, with more places being booking from September.

The children have settled in really well and are having their lunch in Ivy hall. They have been visiting different areas of the school and joining for some events with the EYFS children.

If you are looking for a nursery place for your child, come along to the Open Morning on 18 June and/or contact the school to arrange a visit.



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