

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Good to Be Back! | Pupil Voice | Parent Partnerships

Office Online Links

Over the last year we have created lots of online links to our usual forms and for goods, such as uniform. Here they all are....

School Shop

The school shop is available through our school website to allow you to make a range of purchases or bookings at time convenient for you!

[Alford Primary School Web Shop](#)

Uniform, both new and pre-loved

[Uniform \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

PE Kit – including our fantastic House Team polo shirts

[PE KIT \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Accessories – such as reading pets and book bags

[Accessories \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Wrap around Care – we offer both a breakfast and after school club

[Online Bookings \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Educational Visits – pay for any visit or trip easily

[Educational Visits \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)



Dear Parents & Carers

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school for the new school year. They have settled back into the school routines so quickly; it's like we have never been away! Many are enjoying the easing of restrictions in their classroom and playgrounds. It has been great to have parents back on site and our community a bit more together again. We look forward to hosting in-school events starting with the Year 1 Story Cafe next week.

This year, in school, we are focusing on the 3As: **Achievement**, **Attendance** and **'Appiness** (Happiness! – well if you can have the 3Rs...!!)

Achievement will be us focusing all our energy into providing the highest quality teaching and learning - to kick start outstanding progress for the children, and plugging any gaps that might have sprung up over the lockdowns. Our curriculum is designed to do this and, as long as the children are in school, they will have no problems.

This brings me to the second 'A' – **Attendance**. The children have to be in school! If we are going to ensure that they are learning in the best way that they can, children have to be here. The last 18 months, with COVID-19 isolations, has meant that many children have not been in school as much as they should. The Government is now cracking down on non-

Website Links

Our school website contains online forms which may be completed if required when:

- your child has a medical need or requires medication to be administered whilst in school.
- You wish to request to take your child out of school during term time
- If you have a child due to start school in our EYFS class in September

The link to access all of these forms is: [Online Forms \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](https://alfordprimary.co.uk)

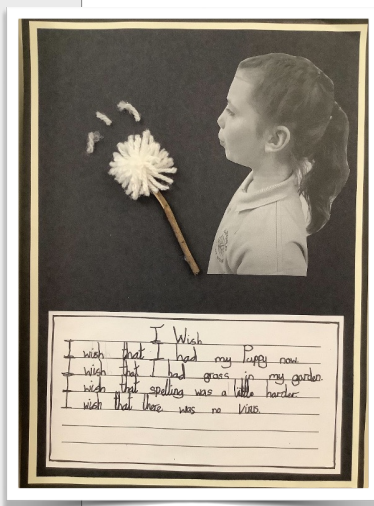
COVID-19 CASES?

The new regulations mean that the school will not be responsible for identifying close contacts. If your child tests positive, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

All children under 18 and adults who have had two vaccinations will not be required to isolate if they have been in contact with a confirmed case (unless they are a prolonged close contact). They will be asked by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test and return to school.

NHS Test and Trace will be contacting families directly in these cases.

Children and adults with confirmed cases, or any of the three main symptoms MUST isolate and must not come onto the school site:



attenders so make sure that your child is in school.

Finally – ‘(H)Appiness’! We are having a real drive on teaching children to recognise and manage their own wellbeing. We will be teaching children the value of good diet and exercise on their wellbeing, and rolling out the PawsB mindfulness training across the school. I can’t wait to tell you more about this!

But until then...

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Ross

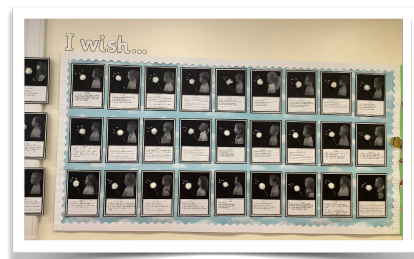
Welcome to Reception!



We would like to say a big, “Hello” to our new Ladybirds and Butterflies! They have had a super first week at school and are really enjoying exploring their new classrooms.

Look into Learning!

Year 4 have been writing poems! They have been thinking about things that would make their lives, and the lives of others, better.



Attendance

Attendance is compulsory. If your child is unable to come to school, please ensure that you let school know using the usual methods.

Class Attendance for this TERM was:

Ladybirds - 94.9%

Butterflies - 91.3%

1H - 97.1%

1AW - 96.5%

2CH - 98.6%

2HW - 96.3%

3BM - 96.7%

3K - 96.1%

4BS - 92.4%

4S - 96.9%

5M - 97.1%

5L - 98.7%

6D - 99.1% - 2ND PLACE

6HS - 99.6% IN THE LEAD!!!!

Term Dates

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Monday 6th September 2021 until
Thursday 21st October 2021

TERM 2: 2021/2022

Monday 1st November 2021 until
Thursday 17th December 2021

TERM 3: 2021/2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 until
Friday 11th February 2022

TERM 4: 2020/2021

Monday 21st February 2022 until
Thursday 31st March 2022

Year 1 have been exploring their senses. They have taken part in some fun practical activities to explore their five senses!

Super exploring!

The Y5 children have really enjoyed testing the properties of different materials. Super Scientists!



Pupil Voice!

It is that time of year where classes elect their school councillors. Year 6 have a very special responsibility to be Team Captains, who will lead the class councillors in providing the important 'pupil voice' to the school community. I am very proud of all the children who put themselves forward for these important roles. This year the following children have been elected.

School Council Representatives

Year 1: Annabelle and Erin

Year 2: Penny and Archie

Year 3: Chloe and Edison

Year 4: Amelie and Beth

Year 5: Lucas and Tilly

Year 6 Team Captains

Red: Captain - Holly, Vice-Captain - Jayden

Purple: Captain - Demi, Vice Captain - Alicia

Blue: Captain - Kaylee, Vice-Captain - Tommy

Green: Captain - Seth, Vice-Captain Jasmine

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

September

Friday 17th 11+ Paper 1

Thursday 23rd – Y1 Story Cafe – 2.30pm

Friday 24th 11+ Paper 2

Thursday 30th – Family Learning Sessions
begin

October

Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th Y6 residential –
Caythorpe

Tuesday 5th – Y6 Wild Pines

Friday 8th – Hello Yellow – come to school in
Yellow for £1

Saturday 16th – Community Concert (Choir)

Friday 22nd – INSET – No school

November

Friday 5th – Individual School Photos

Tuesday 9th – Monday 15th Book Fair

Wednesday 10th – Flu Vaccination

Monday 15th Anti-bullying week

Saturday 27th – Alford Christmas Spectacular
(Choir)

December

Friday 3rd – EYFS Rand Farm Trip

Christmas Performances – Dates TBC



Wear Yellow for #HelloYellow

8th October 2021 !

Hello Yellow – Come Wearing Yellow! On Friday 8th October it is 'Hello Yellow Day'! This is a national day to support and raise awareness of young people's mental health. On this day, the children are invited to come to school wearing something YELLOW! and donate £1 if they can.





Currently, we have vacancies for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. The Governing Body is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who give significant time to work together for the benefit of the school, and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school;
- a desire to contribute to, and represent, the community;
- the ability to look at issues objectively;
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate;
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements and
- the ability to work well with others.

You do not need to have any experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. **If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact the Clerk to Governors via:**
primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk

Friends of the School!



The Friends of the School, our PTA, are looking for volunteers.

If you would like a chance to:

- Connect with other parents
- Have a voice in deciding how the PTA uses the money it raises
- Help the school by helping raise valuable funds

Then please contact the school on

primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk

online Safety!

A Date with Dan: Keeping Children and Young People safe Online

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our live streamed event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for the opportunity to ask us some questions. Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25th November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this FREE session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>

A message from ALFORD WATCH!

You may like to know that Lincs Wildlife Trust are running beach cleans at Gibraltar Point on 18th September and Anderby Creek on 19th September.

May I also point out that next month's meeting, October 10th, will be at Raithby Wood. We will be bird ringing and for this reason the meeting will be held from 10.00-11.30a.m....the birds are more active in the morning! More info next month.

For more information contact
Margot Charlton at alfordwatch@gmail.com

Kendojo!

We have been asked to let you know that Kendojo Martial Arts Classes started on Monday 13th September at John Spendluffe Sports Hall. The classes are at 6pm and cater for all ages and abilities. Cost is £6. For more details contact Teresa on 07810172851

