

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

October is Here! | Story Cafe | Family Learning

## 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

How is it October already! I truly can't believe how fast September has gone by. The weather has certainly declared Autumn!

There has been so much happening in school. Year 4 have been out on a local trip around Alford. Next week, Year 6 are shooting off to Caythorpe on their residential, or off to Wild Pines. We have had parents in school for the first time, sharing books in our Story Café and making tasty, healthy treats in our Family Learning sessions. After-school activity clubs have finally started again, too! It has been just brilliant!

Moving forward, next month, we are looking forward to seeing you in our first face-to-face parent's evenings in over 18 months – make sure that you have booked your appointment using the Parent Hubbed link. It will be a chance for you to talk to your child's teacher about their work and to find out how they are settling into their new year group; I know you will be pleased.

With so much to hear about, I will leave you to enjoy the newsletter.

Wrap up warm and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ross

## 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)

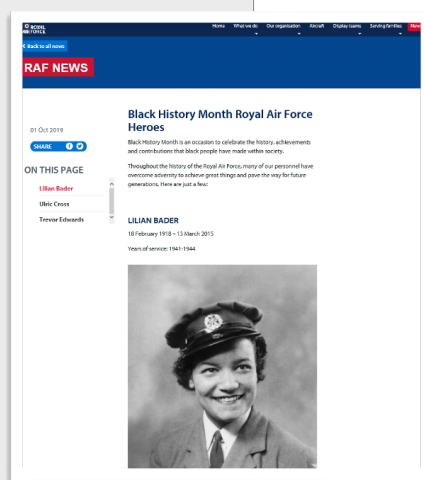
## COVID-19 CASES?

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.**



## It's Lincolnshire Day!

Lincolnshire Day is celebrated every year on 1 October and marks the anniversary of the Lincolnshire Rising, a revolt by Catholics against the establishment of the Church of England by Henry VIII in 1536.

The first official Lincolnshire Day was held in 2006 to commemorate the uprising. The date was voted for by readers of Lincolnshire Life magazine and BBC Radio Lincolnshire listeners.

## Black History Month!

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

The RAF have been remembering some heroes including Lilian Bader...



Lilian Bader overcame racial prejudice to become one of the first black women in the RAF, paving the way for others to follow.

Born in Liverpool to a British mother and a Barbadian father, Lilian was orphaned at the age of eight and brought up in a convent. She struggled to find work due to racism but eventually found a domestic job with a family.

When the circumstances of the Second World War cut her employment short, she joined the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI) at an Army camp but was fired after seven weeks when her Caribbean heritage was discovered.

As the war continued, Lilian heard that the RAF was accepting recruits with a West Indian background, so enlisted into the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF). She was one of the first women to become an instrument repairer, moving to Shropshire to work on Airspeed Oxford light bombers. After working her way up to Acting Corporal, Lilian turned down further promotion to leave the service and start a family.

Lilian married a fellow serviceman and once their children had grown up, she gained a degree and became a teacher.

## Attendance

**Class Attendance for this WEEK is:**

**Ladybirds - 94.7%**

**Butterflies - 90.4%**

**1H - 94.1%**

**1AW - 94.4% - 2ND PLACE**

**2CH - 86.1%**

**2HW - 85.8%**

**3BM - 99.8% IN THE LEAD!!!!**

**3K - 92.8%**

**4BS - 85.5%**

**4S - 88.4%**

**5M - 87.1%**

**5L - 91.8%**

**6D - 87.3%**

**6HS - 89.3%**



parents too. Look at what they have made - yummy fruity kebabs! Thank you to Mrs Bowen for her hard work in organising this.

There are still places for more EYFS and KS1 Parents / Carers to attend the course starting next week. Please enquire via the school office if you are interested.

## Look into Learning!

What a fun **Family Learning session** this week! Some EYFS and KS1 children took part in an exciting practical cooking workshop along with their



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## 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**

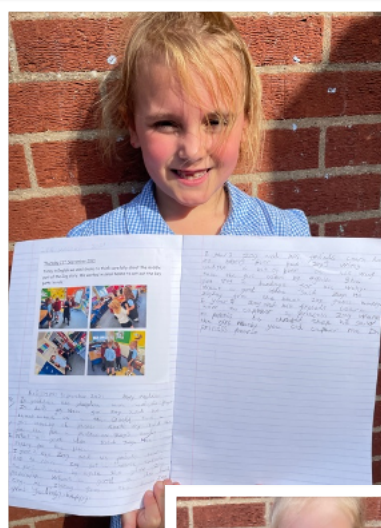
Tuesday 4th January 2022 until  
Friday 11th February 2022

**TERM 4: 2021/2022**

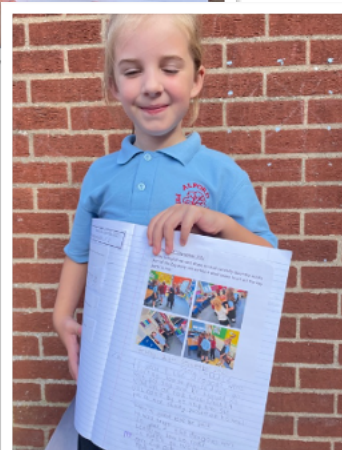
Monday 21st February 2022 until  
Thursday 31st March 2022

**TERM 5: 2021/2022**

Wednesday 20th April 2022 until  
Friday 27th May 2022



What fabulous story writing in Year 2 this week! The children have been re-writing the middle part of the story Zog by Julia Donaldson. Fantastic writing Year 2!





## IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

### September

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

Friday 17th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day



Year 1 had a wonderful time reading with their family at their reading cafe.



Can you spot the Reception children hidden beneath their ears?! The Ladybirds and Butterflies were very excited to come to school wearing a pair of 'Listening Ears' that they created at home over the weekend - they are just fantastic! The children had so much fun going on a 'Listening Walk' around school. They heard so many different sounds!



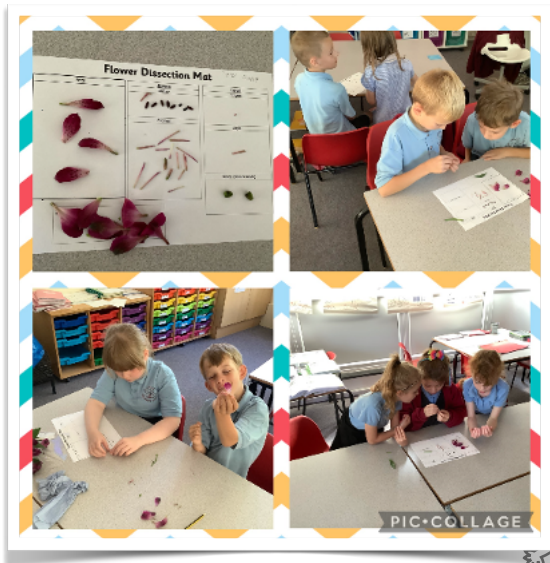
Super art work in EYFS too The Ladybirds and Butterflies are learning all about their



'Five Senses'. Lots of their activities this week have been themed around the 'Sight' sense. The children have really enjoyed creating observational drawings of beautiful flowers. Look at their wonderful pictures!







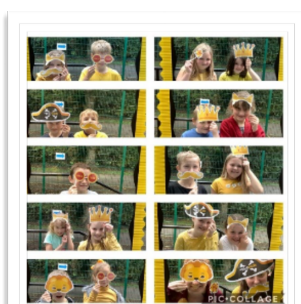
Super Science in Year 3 this week! The children have been learning all about the different parts of a flower. They looked at and smelt lillies and then they 'dissected' another flower called Alstroemeria. They had great fun!



## Run, Mrs Abba, Run!

Last weekend, you may have spotted a familiar face if you were in Louth for the Race for Life. Our very own, Mrs Abba was taking part, raising money for Cancer Research UK. She did really well and even had enough energy at the end to take part in a newspaper interview for the Grimsby Telegraph.

Not satisfied with that, this weekend, she is completing the Hedgehog Half Marathon! Good luck, Mrs Abba!



Wear Yellow for  
#HelloYellow  
8th October 2021 !

**YOUNGmINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

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. This can be as little or as much YELLOW as you wish!

We are really looking forward to seeing a spread of YELLOW across school!

To find out more information about this worthy charity, please click on the website link below.

[youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow](https://youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow)



## Alford Primary School Staff Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in school:

RELIEF Midday Meals Supervisor  
RELIEF Cleaner

If you are interested, there are more details, and an application form, on our website:

<https://alfordprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>

Closing date: Thursday 14th October 2021

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We also have vacancies for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. Thanks to all the parents who have put in a nomination. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 3rd October.

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](mailto:primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk)**



## Friends of the School!

The Friends have been busy organising fun to raise funds. They are running not one, but two competitions.

### Build a Scarecrow Competition...

Get creative and build a scarecrow! Your scarecrow needs to be no bigger than 75cm. You can be as imaginative and as inventive as you wish! Entry fee - £1.00

Finished scarecrows will need to be brought into school after Half Term by Friday 5th November. Don't forget to make sure that your child's name is clearly displayed somewhere. Please can we also ask you to hand your child's £1.00 entry fee to his or her class teacher in a NAMED ENVELOPE.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED AND THERE ARE PRIZES TO BE WON!

### Colouring Competition

A colouring sheet will be sent home with your child if he or she wishes to take part. Entry fee - 50p

Finished colouring sheets will need to be brought into school after Half Term by Friday 5th November. Don't forget to make sure that

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Friends of the School

Build a Scarecrow Competition and  
Scarecrow colouring competition

Prizes to be won

**Entry fee 50p for each**

**\*\* Build a scarecrow, no bigger than 75cm and bring to school the week after half term (deadline is Friday 5th November). Entries will be judged and prizes awarded. There is also a scarecrow colouring competition running alongside this as well. We can't wait to see your creative entries! \*\***



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Please join in the fun and help us to raise funds for our school!

## Morrison's: It's Good to Grow!

If you shop at Morrison's please choose us as your designated school and we will be awarded tokens towards gardening equipment." The link to register is:

<https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.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 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Community Events!



**In Harmony**  
Alford Area Youth Singers  
**Come and Sing!**

Do you love Singing?  
Would you like to have a go at singing in a fun, friendly and relaxed group?

Then join us for 45 minutes in a pop-up singing experience on Saturday 16th October at 1:30pm, St. Wilfrid's Church.

Open to all ages, so bring the whole family and sing together!

Memories **Maroon 5** Try Everything **Shakira**

Part of 'Alford Together', a whole day event celebrating our community through music

**Free Event**



ST WILFRID'S CHURCH,  
ALFORD

**ALFORD TOGETHER!**

A CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS MUSIC

**SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021**

**EVENING CONCERT 7.00PM**

WITH

ALFORD ACOUSTIC  
ALFORD SILVER BAND  
THE ELIZABETHAN SINGERS  
ALFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
JOHN SPENDLUFFE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE  
QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY (FREE)**  
AVAILABLE FROM ALFORD TOWN PROMOTIONS  
23 MARKET PLACE, ALFORD.  
(SECRETARY@ALFORDPROMOTIONS.ORG.UK)

## Boys' Brigade

### Calling all boys!

Come and join 1st Alford Boys' Brigade at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Tuesday evenings, [6-7.30pm](#) for primary ages and [7-8.30pm](#) for secondary ages.

¥ Fun and games ¥ subsidised camp trips & pantomimes ¥ sports ¥ friendship forming.

£12 per term, term times only.

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