

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Remembrance Day! | Competitions! | Diwali!

## Office Online Links

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

Medication requests and requests to take your children out of school.

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



## Dear Parents & Carers

Every year, this particular half term seems to slip away before it has even began. With the children in the flow of learning, and the upcoming Christmas events looming, there never seems to be enough time; this year would appear to be no different as over two weeks have already flown by since half term!

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still firing its relentless attack on the nation, and, in school, we have seen a real uptick in cases again. However, we must all 'fight on' and not let it deter our spirit to learn. I must acknowledge the immense hard work that has been put in by our staff since half term - more than the usual amazing effort - in covering for absences, and in dealing with the increased pressures that come with working in school during these times. A thank you too, to all the parents who have risen to the challenge of taking young children for PCR tests in order to help keep the school community a safer place.

This week, we have focused our thoughts on the heroes we know in the present and the heroes of the past; as it was Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup> November. We marked it with a whole-school 2-minute silence, following an assembly led by Mrs Button. Year 3 took on the privilege of writing messages for our Poppy wreath - that was laid at St Wilfred's Church by

## Attendance

### Class Attendance for last WEEK is:

Ladybirds - 92%

Butterflies - 94%

1H - 95%

1AW - 90%

2CH - 93%

2HW - 99%

3BM - 100%!!!! WELL DONE 3BM

3K - 94%

4BS - 96%

4S - 94%

5M - 95%

5L - 99%

6D - 99%

6HS - 93%

Chloe in Year 3, on Sunday. Here are a couple of their poignant messages:

*'Thank you for being brave and sacrificing yourselves for this country.'*

Chloe

*'On this day I would like to say thank you for you being our heroes and keeping us safe and free.'*

Irissa

*'Thank you for sacrificing your life for us and our country and for being away from your family. Thank you to all the doctors, firefighters and anyone who helped the soldiers. Thank you for letting us be free and live a happy life. Thank you.'*

Nula

Thank you to everybody who supported the annual Poppy Appeal by The Royal British Legion. Also, thank you, in advance, for supporting Children in Need this Friday. Both the Royal British Legion and Children in Need provide amazing support for those in need, and I am very proud to support these very worthwhile causes.

Mrs Ross

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## Great News!

A huge well done to the children who took part in the Netball Tournament at Skegness Grammar School last week! They finished in third place and were incredible! A big thank you to Mrs Winter for sorting the team as well as some practices beforehand, and a big thank you to Mrs Bailey and Mr Le'gate for accompanying the children. What a super evening!



## Term Dates

2021/2022

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Monday 6th September 2021 until  
Thursday 21st October 2021

TERM 2: 2021/2022

Monday 1st November 2021  
until  
Friday 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

TERM 6: 2021/2022

Monday 6th June 2022 until  
Friday 22nd July 2022

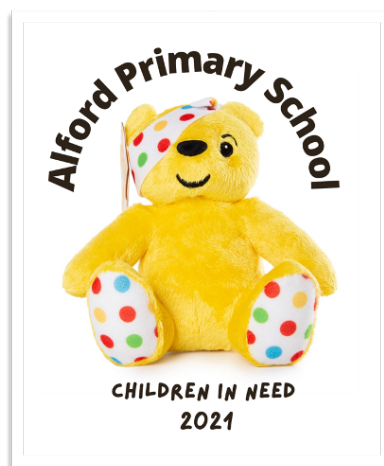
2022/2023

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022  
until Friday 21st October 2021

## Children in Need

Don't forget that it is Children in Need this Friday 19th November. All children are invited to come in in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1. Pudgy suits welcomed!



## Competition Results!

Over the last few weeks, lots of children (and dedicated parents and carers) have been working away on their entries for the Friends of the School colouring and scarecrow competition.

This week, the Friends came to judge the competition. Congratulations to the following children who won!

### Colouring Competition Winners:

Harry (EYFS), Ollie (1H), Reuben (3BM), Grace (3K) – with the 'rainbow technique!' Neive (5M) and Jamila (6D)

### Scarecrow Competition Winners:

Gracie (5M) and Seb(3BM).

Thank you so much to all who entered and to the Friends for their hard work. Look out for the next competition coming your way soon.





## IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

### November

Friday 5th – Individual School Photos

Tuesday 9th – Monday 15th Book Fair

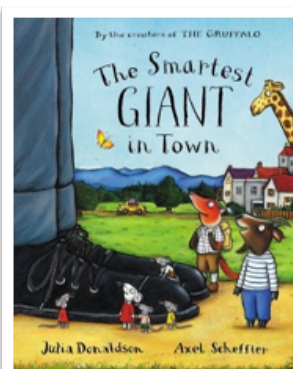
Wednesday 10th – Flu Vaccination

Monday 15th Anti-bullying week



## Kindness Week !

At the beginning of November, we had a 'Kindness Week' in school. It was 'World Kindness Day' on Saturday 13th November. All children have been learning all about the importance of kindness and taking part in many activities that involve being kind to each other. Reception have enjoyed sharing the story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson today. This story is about a very kind giant called George. Look at the super ties that they have created just like the tie that George wore in the story!



### December

Friday 3rd – EYFS Rand Farm Trip

Friday 17th – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

### January

Tuesday 4th January – Back to school

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## Look into Learning

### Diwali!

Two weeks ago was the Festival of Diwali. Throughout the school, children were taking part in Diwali related activities. Mrs Murray led an assembly to tell us all the story of Rama and Sita and the children made Rangoli patterns and diva lamps.

Diwali is a Hindu and Sikh festival of light that signifies the triumph of good over evil.



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Year 1 have been on an Autumn adventure! They enjoyed looking for deciduous and evergreen trees! What super exploring Year 1!



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There was a wonderful smell of cooking across school over the last two weeks! KS1 have been making fruit salad, Year 3 Quesadillas and Year 4 have enjoyed practising their cooking skills with a 'Bonfire Night' theme! Look at the delicious Bonfire snacks that they have made!

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During their topic work, Year 2 have been exploring artefacts from the 1960s. They enjoyed being 'Horis Hunters', looking for clues to find out what the different artefacts were and how they may have worked. Super exploring Year 2!





## 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!



### 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.

£12 per term, term times only.

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#### **Ballet Classes**

Miss Heather, who has been doing Ballet classes in Alford for at least 40 years, is offering Ballet classes on a Wednesday night at the Alford Methodist church.

Age 3-6 @4:00pm

Age 7 -11 @5:00pm

For further details and a free taster class, please contact Miss Heather on 07715178098



**ALFORD's Spectacular EXTRAVAGANZA 2021**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

*Start: 12pm in Market Place Finish at 7pm - Lights Switch on 5.30pm*

**FREE BUS**  
From surrounding villages & back

★ Santa's Procession  
 ★ Christmas Attractions  
 ★ Santa's Grotto at Manor House  
 ★ Christmas Market  
 ★ Live Music ★ Food Stalls  
 ★ Light Switch On

More info: [www.alford.info](http://www.alford.info)

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ALFORD TOWN PROMOTIONS

ALFORD MANOR HOUSE

ALFORD TOWN COUNCIL

ALFORD CRAFT MARKET

## Stay and Play

Little Wishes are delighted that their parent-led Stay & Play group for all 0-5 year olds are meeting again at Alford Children's Centre.

This friendly group meet every Wednesday during term time from 9.00am – 10.45am.

Admission is free but donations are welcome for parent/carers tea and coffee and snack for the children.

No booking necessary, just turn up and enjoy yourself.



**ALFORD SANTA SEARCH**

**TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER**

Help us find Santa  
Wear your Christmas jumper

Please visit the website for more information on what is happening  
[WWW.ALFORD.INFO](http://WWW.ALFORD.INFO)

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