

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Happy New Year! | NSPCC Numbers! | Paul Cookson!

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

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2022.

We have had a lovely start to the year, and the children are already well into the swing of things. I have visited classrooms so many times this week, and it is wonderful to see the progress that the children are making. This term is always the one where the children start to lift off in their learning.

It has been great to talk to so many parents, too. I am really hoping that we will be finally able to have face-to-face parents' evening later this term, and then start to see you in school more often as the weather improves– my fingers are well and truly crossed.

In school, this term's value is 'Aspiration'. We will be teaching the children the positive message of aiming high, and, combined with the support of our value leaf, Resilient Rosie, the children will be focusing on how to be resilient in their learning, and how resilience helps us to achieve our goals and targets.

I look forward to sharing the amazing work that the children will be doing this term!

Mrs Ross

Attendance

Class Attendance for the last full week is:

Ladybirds - 95%

Butterflies - 97%

1H - 95%

1AW - 100% - AMAZING!!!

2CH - 87%

2HW - 94%

3BM - 95%

3K - 97%

4BS - 90%

4S - 95%

5M - 92%

5L - 93%

6D - 100% - AMAZING!!!

6HS - 93%

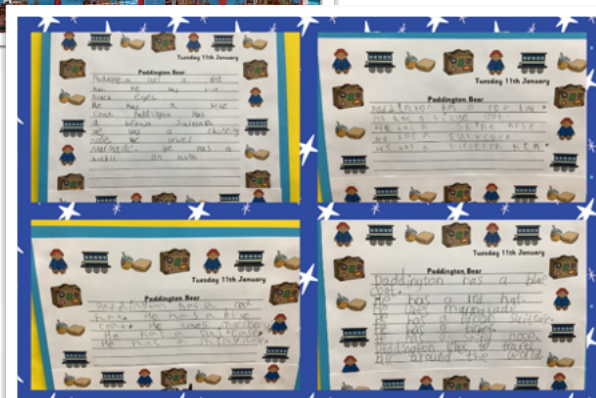
Performance Poetry!

We had a fun-filled start to the week with our first visitor of the year, Paul Cookson. Paul is an accomplished poet, with many published books. He entertained the children, delivered poetry workshops, and produced laughter like we haven't heard in years. The children, and Paul, had a wonderful time, and we would like to say a big thank you to Paul Cookson for coming into school to deliver these brilliant poetry performances!



Look into Learning!

Year 1 have been learning how to use adjectives during their English lessons this week. Look at their amazing writing about Paddington Bear linked to their topic for this term - Wonderful World. Super work Year 1!



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

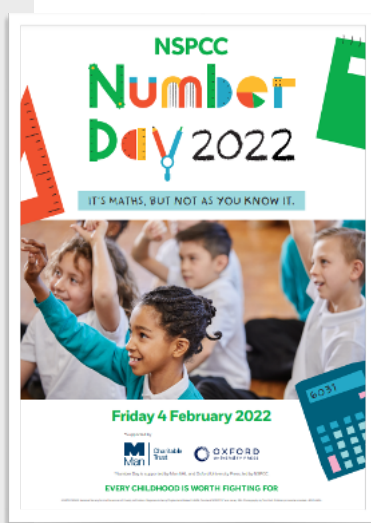
Monday 6th June 2022 until
Friday 22nd July 2022

2022/2023

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022 until
Friday 21st October 2021

The Ladybirds and Butterflies have had a wonderful week learning how to re-tell the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. This week, they enjoyed learning how to make their own bread. There was an aroma of bread cooking all around school!



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On Friday 4th February, it is NSPCC Number Day! This is a day that combines fun maths activities with the great work done by the NSPCC. On this day, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something with a number, or numbers on, or going full out with a maths themed outfit. Ideas include a

top with a number on, a badge with a number on or anything to do with numbers!

We are asking those who can spare it for a donation of 50p! All money raised will go to the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).

We are looking forward to seeing lots of different number outfits!

Changes in COVID-19 Testing and Reporting

As many of you will be aware, from Tuesday 11th January, the Government's policy on testing changed. The following now applies in school:

Any child testing positive on a Lateral Flow Test (LFT), WITHOUT ANY OF THE THREE MAIN COVID SYMPTOMS, will no longer need a confirmatory PCR test.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

January

Tuesday 4th January – Back to school

Monday 10th January – Paul Cookson,
Performance Poet visiting school

February

Friday 4th February – NSPCC Number day
– wear maths/number themed clothes for
50p donation

Tuesday 8th February – Internet Safety
Day

March

Thursday 3rd March – WORLD BOOK DAY
– dress up as your favourite book character

Tuesday 8th March – Monday 14th March
Book Fair

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – wear
red for £1

Parents' Evening – dates TBC

THURSDAY 31st March – last day of term

April

Wednesday 20th April – Return to school
for pupils

Any child testing positive on a Lateral Flow Test, WITH ONE OF THE MAIN THREE SYMPTOMS, will still need a PCR test to confirm the case.

The main three symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

We have also changed how we report cases to parents. Rather than individual cases being reported to parents and carers via Parent Hub, we are now displaying this information via a link on the front page of the school website.

Safety Section

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership road safety
education E-Newsletters.

The newsletter features current road safety advice and updates and is intended to be a digital document that can be shared electronically. To access the newsletter.

1. Simply right click on the green box and choose 'Copy Hyperlink'.
2. Right click and Paste into an email or document.

<https://sway.office.com/pYg0rH1XuAjMkAzm?ref=email>

2022 Digital Parenting Magazine

Help your family stay safe online with Vodafone's Digital Parenting magazine - the latest issue is available to read now

at <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

Our Commitment to Safeguarding Children

At Alford Primary School, we work hard to ensure all our children are safe. On many occasions this has involved working in partnership with the Local Authority and outside agencies. As a school we will never ignore concerns about potential abuse of children.

During this challenging time, we are acutely aware of the additional pressures that families are under and the potential risks and challenges they face. We advocate early help processes and, where possible, we will identify any difficulties or concerns early in order to act preventatively. We work closely with outside agencies to ensure support for students and families.

Staff are asked to report any causes for concern to the School Safeguarding Team. Any concerns will be shared with parents as early as possible as more often than not there are extremely reasonable explanations for the concern. Concerns may range from children being visibly upset to students 'disclosing' concerns. Should a student disclosure be of a more serious nature then the Safeguarding Team have a duty of care to inform Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111. Parents who are concerned about the safety of any child can also report this directly.

The NSPCC Helpline is always available on 0808 800 5000, if you have concerns for your own, or another child's safety. If you feel that a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522782111. You can also report concerns to the police on their non-emergency number, 101

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Ross;
the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Button.