

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Alford Art! | NSPCC Numbers! | Design Days!

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

The last week in January already! Who would believe it?

The days are beginning to slip by fast, and the children are producing absolutely fantastic work. Soon we will be sending out invitations for our (hopefully face-to-face) parents' evenings which are scheduled to take place in March – just before we break up for Easter. I'm excited because you will be able to look at the work that the children have been producing in school; I know that you will as impressed as me with the progress they have made.

Not just in reading, writing and maths either! I walked into Year 4 the other day and thought that I had walked into the National Gallery! The beautiful art work, depicting Alford Windmill, just blew me away.

Enjoy looking at it below.....

Mrs Ross

Attendance

Class Attendance for the last full week is:

Ladybirds - 85%

Butterflies - 99%

1H - 96%

1AW - 96%

2CH - 94%

2HW - 93%

3BM - 97%

3K - 96%

4BS - 93%

4S - 86%

5M - 95%

5L - 86%

6D - 91%

6HS - 93%



Look into Learning!

Year 4 have been learning how to use watercolours - to stunning effect. They have been painting the Alford Windmill and the results are just spectacular!



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

DT fun in Year 1 this week! The children have enjoyed designing a sandwich for Paddington Bear's Royal Tea Party when he meets the Queen.



Super gymnastics in 4BS! The children have been practising different ways of travelling and balancing. They linked them together to make a short routine. Brilliant work!



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

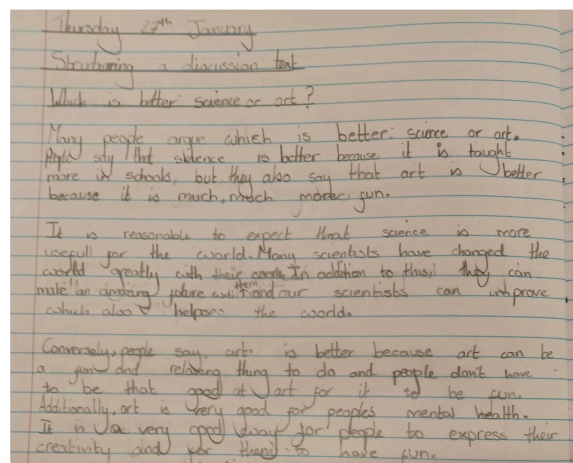
Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day - wear red for £1

Parents' Evening - dates TBC

THURSDAY 31st March - last day of term

April

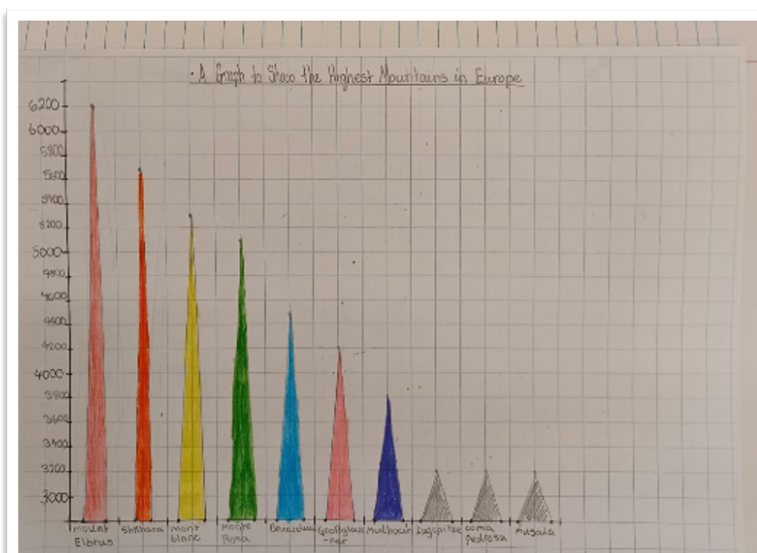
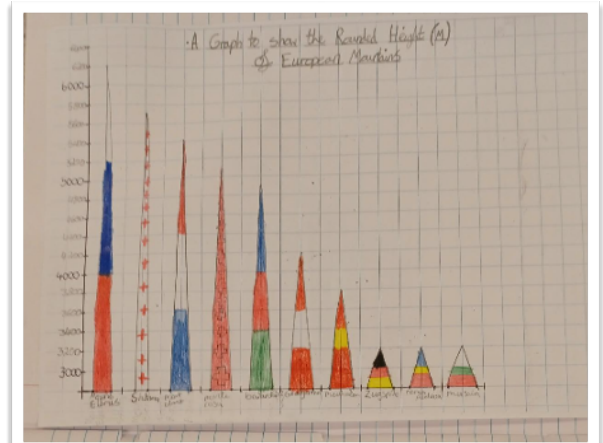
Wednesday 20th April - Return to school

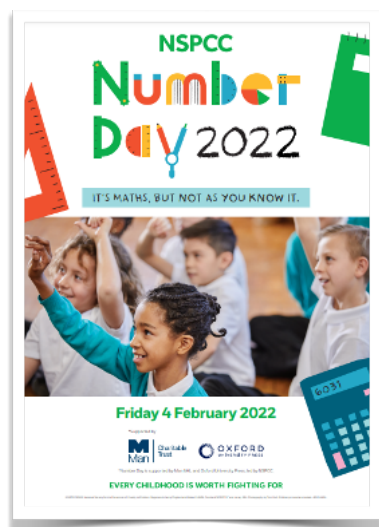


In English, Year 6 are in the middle of an 'Argument and Discussion' unit. They have read articles to pick out the language, analyse the structure and learn about biased and balanced arguments. In these pieces, Year 6 have been writing counter arguments, and then, in the other piece, they have written their first mini argument, using the structure and vocabulary they have learnt about.

In Topic, Year 6 needed great maths skills to round the height of mountains to the nearest 100. Year 6 then researched the location of these mountains and placed them on the map.

They then created a graph to show the results.





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.

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.