



December at Alford!

Good to be Green! | Christingle | Egyptian day!

School Shop

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

[Uniform \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- both new and preloved

[PE KIT \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- including our fantastic house team

[Accessories \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- such as book bags and hats

[Wrap Around Care \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- we offer both breakfast and after school club

[Educational Visits \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- pay for any visits or trips easily

School Website

[Dates \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- term dates

[Curriculum \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- information about your child's learning

[Online Forms \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

- medication/medical updates and term time absence requests.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we enter the last weeks of this term, the festivities at home, and in school, are truly ramping up. Last week we kicked off the festive fun with our Christingle celebration. On Monday and Tuesday this week, we had the absolute pleasure of watching our youngest children take part in the nativity. As always it was truly magical. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the carol concert on Thursday. The children performed beautifully and I hope it has put all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to Cumberworth Christmas trees who have kindly donated the school their Christmas tree; afterschool club have decorated it beautifully.



This year the Friends of school have used the money so generously donated by parents to provide the children with a Christmas party. Parties will take place on Wednesday 14th December and children are welcome to school on this day in festive themed non-uniform. There may even be a special surprise visitor! The last day of term is Friday 16th December and we are all looking forward to a delicious Christmas dinner feast. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

We hope all the children have a fabulous last week in school before everyone enjoys a wonderful, merry Christmas.

Mrs Snow

EYFS

EYFS were intrigued to find a mystery trail of leaves, a wrapped up present and a giant Stick Man on the wall when they arrived at school one Monday morning earlier on this term! They

opened up the story of Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

this has been one of their focus books this term as part of their 'Celebrations' topic. The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities themed around this wonderful story! Learning how to re-tell the story, making chocolate playdough stick men and building Stick Man's family tree are just a few of the exciting activities!



Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed their Science topic about plants and trees. They had a great time on a plant hunt around the school grounds where they identified different types of plants. They also enjoyed their walk around Alford where they learnt about human and physical geographical features. For our reading pathway book 'Dogger' the children went on a fancy dress parade and took part in a sports day. The children loved the 3-legged race and found the teacher's race really funny!



Year 2

CRASH! What on earth is that in the playground? Stand back everyone – it looks like a rocket has crash-landed!

Year 2 excitedly went to explore what/who might have landed at Alford Primary School by exploring and investigating scattered scientific specimens left on our school field! Using their Horace Hunter skills Year 2 believe an astronaut had got into a spot of bother and crashed after being hit by a meteorite!



The children have enjoyed learning all about Neil Armstrong and his Apollo 11 mission to the moon. They have also explored how astronauts spend their time in space and how they go about daily activities whilst experiencing zero gravity.

Important Dates

December

Thursday 8th December - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 13th December - EYFS Christmas Card Workshop

Tuesday 13th December - Carols Concert @2:30pm
(Gates open @2:15pm)

Tuesday 13th December - Choir Club Performance

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Party Day
(Festive themed non-uniform)

Thursday 15th—EYFS & KS1 Pantomime Trip

Friday 16th December - Christmas Dinner day (Christmas Jumpers Day)

Friday 16th December - Last Day

January

Tuesday 3rd January - Staff Training day

Wednesday 4th January - First day back



Attendance

*Our first class have achieved
100% this week. Well done
Year 4S we hope you enjoyed
your 100% reward!*

Class Attendance for this term:

EYFS—90.6%

1H—91.4%

1D - 97.5%

2CW - 94.2%

2H - 99%

3B—96.1%

3K - 90.7%

4BS - 93%

4S - 100%

5M—91.2%

5L - 90.9%

6D - 78.8%

6H - 92.9%

National Attendance Expectation are for children to have at least 95% attendance

For more information, see our website:

[Attendance \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](http://alfordprimary.co.uk)

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their first Read-



ing Pathway book this term, 'The

Great Kapok Tree'. They have explored this lovely story of the South American Rainforest using the school's Pawsome Piggies to help focus their work. A favourite session for many, was our 'Conscience Corridor', where they had to use the reasons given by animals in the story to persuade the man not to chop down the tree – they had some great ideas and loved the drama aspect. We can't wait to introduce Year 3 to their next book in the new year!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a really busy and exciting Autumn term. It started with a visit from Santa who delivered them their own copy of Coming Home by Michael Morpurgo. The children are enjoying the story and exploring the events that happen to the robin on his long journey.



Year 4 have been having some amazing music lessons with Mr Taylor from the Alford Silver band. Here you can see class 4S having amazing time learning to play a musical instrument. Year 4 also took part in some Bonfire themed cooking...the sausage rolls were so tasty!



Year 5

Y5 have been learning about William Morris as part of their work on the Victorians. Look at these amazing designs created in his style!

On Monday, the Year 5 children had a visit from Mrs Hatch from Road Safety Lincolnshire who spoke to the children about bike safety and making sure they wear a helmet on their bikes. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of wearing a helmet and seeing the dangers of not wearing one by using an egg in a small helmet to see how it is protected.



Year 6

We have been enjoying learning about the excellent Ancient Egyptians this term. The highlight of the topic was Egyptian Day where the children got to dress up and 'walk like an Egyptian' all day! The children also worked on developing their drawing skills, which culminated with beautiful papyrus art, and sculpture skills, creating clay



COMMUNITY NEWS

Alford Wildlife Watch Programme 2023

Please note, this is our plan- but sometimes we have to change things!

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| 8 January | Beach Clean and Bird Watching | Anderby Creek |
| 12 February | Woodland Clearing and Bonfire | Rigsby Wood |
| 12 March | Owl Pellets and Springtails | Alford Manor House |
| 16 April | Countryside Lincs | |
| 21 May | Chalk Stream dipping with Louth Watch. | |
| 10-11 June | Wild Camping! Taking part in National Watch “30 Days Wild”
Moths, Bats and other activities (but may be swapped with August activity) | |
| 9 July | Beach Dipping/ Clay Footprints | Beach tbc. |
| 13 August | Flowers and Seed Collecting at Red Hill | |
| August Bank Holiday at the Alford Craft Fair, helping with activities on WW stall | | |
| 10 September | Bird Ringing | |
| 8 October | Fungi and Guided Walk with James Forrester
Snipe Dales -Dave | |
| 19 November 10am. | Guided Walk - Seals at Donna Nook | |
| 10 December | Christmas Party | |

We hope that you like this year of fun activities and look forward to seeing you there... bring your friends!

Any enquiries, contact AWW at alfordwatch@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

FESTIVE FABULOSO

Festive Fabuloso is coming to town...

A community celebration of lights, sounds and creativity!

- Fabuloso Organ
- Digital Graffiti
- Shadow Puppet Stage
- Earth Bound Misfits
- Silent Disco
- Local performances
- Carousel Fabuloso
- Food & Drink

Friday 2 December 4pm - 8pm Horncastle Market Place	Friday 9 December 4pm - 8pm Alford Market Place
Saturday 3 December 12pm - 6pm Wainfleet Market Place	Saturday 10 December 4pm - 8pm Spilsby Market Place
Thursday 8 December 4pm - 8pm Louth Cornmarket	2022

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