

Happy New Year

Reading Pathway Book Launches | Planetarium | Chinese New Year

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

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- including our fantastic house team

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- such as book bags and hats

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- 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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- how to find and contact us



Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2023!

We have had a lovely start to the new term. Visiting classrooms this week has been a delight. Environments are looking wonderful and children are settled and so enthusiastic about starting this term's learning adventures.

The start of each new term at Alford, brings the delivery of the new Reading Pathway books. The Reading Pathway provides a copy of the high quality, carefully selected shared text for each child to use in the class. Everyday for around 30 minutes the children share this book and use it to stimulate their learning of the skills we teach them in reading.

The children have experienced a range of amazing 'hooks' to introduce their new book and you can see this in the year group news on the next page. The passion for reading that is developing around school is tangible. Children and teachers are saying it is one of their most favourite parts of the day, which is a such a pleasure to witness.

As part of the Reading Pathway we have organized for Year 4 to visit the Harry Potter Studio tour later in this term which is beyond exciting. After the last few years of limitations and restrictions, we are thrilled to be able to increase our opportunities for all children to learn outside of the classroom, school and even Alford! Taking them further afield and enriching their primary school experiences. Watch this space for more fabulous curriculum trips and visits!

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Alford Primary School for their £1000 donation towards refurbishing our library area.

Mrs Snow

EYFS



EYFS had a wonderful visit from Rhubarb Theatre this week. Kirsty delivered an amazing storytelling session based on the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'! This is one of their focus books for this term. It was so much fun to be able to act out the story and to learn some of the key phrases! Kirsty also provided the children with a template to make their own storytelling puppets too – look at their fantastic horses



Year 1



Year 1 had a mystery suitcase appear in their classroom! They had to work together to solve some clues. With each clue it gave a number to the combination lock. When all the clues were solved Year 1 opened the case and...it belonged to a little



lost bear! A bear called Paddington.

Year 2

What a Hoot of a day! On our way back from playtime, there was something most mysterious peeping around corners, popping up on cupboards and hiding in doorways...



What were all these pictures of owls doing around Alford Primary School? Amazingly when we returned to our classroom the excitement continued we found their own mini owl picture perched on their chair and a bizarre video was awaiting to be played on our whiteboard. We had so much fun learning and singing to a new owl dance. What a hoot! The Horace Hunters in us linked this to the exciting new book we will be diving into this term, 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark.'

Year 3

Year 3 had a mystery to solve this afternoon... Mrs Pickwell arrived in our classrooms



with a package for the children that could not be opened until they had solved a puzzle on the playground. When the children went outside to investigate, they discovered silver objects that on closer inspection appeared to be parts of a robot that had crash-landed on the playground! The children worked as a team to put the pieces together and found it was THE IRON MAN... Our new Reading Pathway book has been launched – we can't wait to start reading!



Important Dates

January

Thursday 5th

Gingerbread Man story telling session

Thursday 19th

EYFS visit to Angelene's Patisserie.

Thursday 26th

NSPCC workshop Year 5 and 6

Dodgeball—Year 3/4 team

Chinese New Year workshop—Years 1,3 and 6

Afternoon performance for parents 2:50pm (ticket information will be shared via parent hub)

Friday 27th

Chinese New Year workshop—Year EYFS, Years 2,4 and 5

Afternoon performance for parents 2:50pm (ticket information will be shared via parent hub)

Monday 30th

Be Happy Be Healthy Day

Tuesday 31st

Year 1 trip to the Craft Cafe

February

Friday 3rd

NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 7th

Open classrooms - parents invited to visit classrooms to see the reading pathway in action!

Thursday 9th

5/6 Tag Rugby at Horncastle Football Club

Friday 10th

Good to Be Green Reward

Attendance

*Our first class have achieved
100% this week.*

*Well done Year 2H we hope
you enjoyed your 100% reward!*

Class Attendance for this term:

EYFS—98.84%

1H—94.06%

1D - 96.88%

2CW - 97.69%

2H - 100%

3B—96.1%

3K - 87.59%

4BS - 97.78%

4S - 95.60%

5M—89.90%

5L - 93.51%

6D - 93.10%

6H - 98.18%

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 4

Year 4 had a magical adventure today. Firstly, we came dressed as magical people and characters. Then we hunted around school for some runes. Next, we decided what our favourite book should have in it, and people had lots of different ideas. After that, we matched our own answers to the runes we had found. We were very lucky, because we got to use a wand to reveal the invisible writing on the runes; it told us that we were learning about it is Harry Potter! Amazingly, it has everything in that we asked for. We can't wait for our next steps in this exciting reading adventure!



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Space Lincs Mobile Planetarium

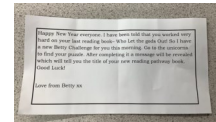
Inside the planetarium it was very dark. We experienced an exciting visual display of the night sky, and learnt about: the sun; how we see the moon; day and night; the planets; and the constellations of the stars.



In the afternoon, we had a Mission to Mars workshop where we worked in groups to consider and investigate inter-planetary space travel. We experienced the smells of space, thought about how we would safely land on Mars, and experimented with creating asteroids.

Year 6

Betty came into our class this morning to deliver a message. She was dressed as a wolf, and this gave us our first clue! We then had to solve a puzzle; we completed a word-search and found the hidden message!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Jack and the Beanstalk

*Trusthorpe
Pantomime*

13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th February 7.00pm
18th February Matinee 2.00pm

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/trusthorpe-pantomime>

Tickets: £4.50 adults, £3.50 children

Or on Sale from Greenfield Stores, 01507 441203

<https://www.facebook.com/TVHpantomime>

