

February

Swimming / Fire Engine Visit / 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)

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School Website

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

- term dates

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- information about your child's learning

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- medication/medical updates and term time absence requests.

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- how to find and contact us

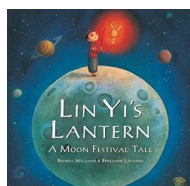


Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Chinese New year and welcome to February's newsletter!

The term has continued to be positive start to 2023. It has been busy with visiting theatre groups, the planetarium, trips to our local bakery, the fire engine visit, weekly swimming lessons, NSPCC workshops, Phonics open classrooms, our Bingo Good to be Green reward, Chinese New Year celebrations and marmalade sandwiches for all! So much learning has been packed into these first 4 weeks and there is more to come!

It was lovely to welcome so many parents back into school for our first audience performances. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing to a live audience and did us all proud.



The children took part in a variety of activities throughout the two days. My personal highlight was being able to visit classes to share a tale about another Chinese festival, The Moon festival. It was a delight to be able to read to so many of the children.

We look forward to seeing parents in and around school for our open classrooms on Tuesday 7th February to experience our reading pathway sessions.

Mrs Snow

EYFS

What an exciting morning for EYFS last week! The children enjoyed a cold and frosty walk down to Angelene's Patisserie in Alford to buy a Gingerbread Man! It was



lovely to meet Lyn and for the children to experience using money to pay. A big thank you to Lyn for making the visit so enjoyable! After their visit, the Ladybirds and Butterflies were delighted to discover that their role-play area had turned into a Bakery! The children have had lots of fun pretending to buy and serve cakes and bread!



Year 1

Recently, Year 1 have loved getting stuck into their new reading pathway book, Paddington! We have enjoyed trying marmalade sandwiches and making tags for our own teddies. In English, we have written our own Paddington adventure story and we are now learning how to write a diary. The children have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London in History, and materials in Science. We have enjoyed seeing the children return from their Christmas break with a new zest for learning!

Year 2



Year 2 have been getting stuck into their new reading pathway book 'The owl who is afraid of the dark'. We have been enjoying many drama activities. Focusing on a section of text "So Plop, who was quite new to flying, took a deep breath and... ."



We had to think of suitable reasons why Plop should fly and reasons why he should not fly. Then we were put into 2 groups—for or against flying. We had to convince Plop what he should do in the 'conscience corridor.' What would Plop choose? Which side was more convincing? The children were superb at arguing their opinion!



Year 3

Year 3's Science topic this term is Rocks and Soils. They have learnt about the way different rocks are formed and last week enjoyed investigating the permeability, density and hardness of a



variety of rocks. This term's Outdoor PE topic has been Outdoor and Adventure. The children have been using their teamwork and communication skills when taking part in a range of problem solving activities.

Important Dates

February

Friday 3rd February

NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 7th February

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

Thursday 9th February

Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Horncastle Football Club

Friday 10th February

Good to Be Green Reward

March

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day, wear your PJs to school

March 7th—14th

Book Fair

Wednesday 8th March

Harry Potter Studio Tour Year 4

Monday 13th March

National Science Week

Wednesday 15th March

Year 2 Tattershall Farm Park Trip

Week beginning 20th March

Year 5 Bikability

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March

Spilsby Music Festival

Thursday 30th March

Easter Assembly

Friday 1st April

Last day of Spring Term

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April

School closed INSET Day

Tuesday 18th April

Summer Term begins!



Attendance

Well done to Year 2 who have the highest combined attendance per year groups. And have managed to meet that 95% target!

Class Attendance for this term:

EYFS - 93.91%

1H - 91.58%

1D - 92.08%

2CW - 95.71%

2H - 95.76%

3B - 95.76%

3K - 91.17%

4BS - 93.97%

4S - 94.99%

5M - 94.80%

5L - 91.36%

6D - 93.32%

6H - 93.56%

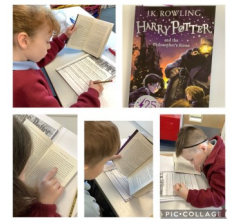
National Attendance Expectation are for children to have at least 95% attendance

For more information, see our website:

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

Year 4

The Y4s are having the best time! Our favourite part of the day has to be when we read Harry Potter! With their own copy of the book, the children are really getting into the story and are practicing so many reading skills. We are all extremely excited about our upcoming trip to the Harry Potter Warner Bro. Studios!



Our favourite part of the week are Tuesdays this term. The children are really enjoying their weekly swimming lessons at the Embassy Pool in

Skegness...the improvements in their confidence and swimming ability are super!

Year 5

Year 5 had a great time during the Chinese New Year celebrations! They Chinese lanterns by weaving coloured paper which made them very effective! They also learnt about the Zodiac New Year story and how the animals were chosen. The day ended with our amazing dance which the children absolutely loved! Here are some pictures of our day!



Year 6



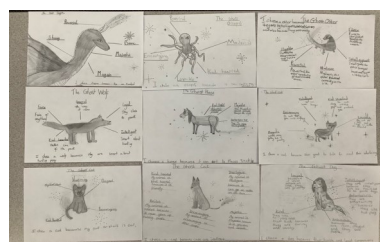
Year 6 were very excited to be invited to a virtual visit from the author Sarah Ann Jukes. We sat in awe, with our own teddy



animals, as she presented her moving and uplifting story,

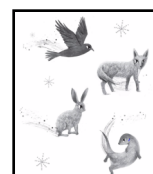
The Night Animals, which is the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month for January.

After the visit, we created our own night animals in the style of **Sharon King-Chai** who illustrated The Night Animals. Have a look at our work!



Alford year 6 illustrations.

Sharon King-Chai's illustrations.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Our very own Mr Le'Gate will be running the London Marathon 2023 this year and will be raising money for Barnardo's UK.

The fundraising link is - <https://2023tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/adam-le-gate> if you would like to donate any money towards the cause. Later in the year, we will be doing our very own Alford Primary School London Marathon, more information about this will be released soon.



Help support us to secure a grant, worth up to £1500, to use towards updating the Key Stage 1 outdoor area.

All you need to do is visit **Tesco Mablethorpe** and after shopping put your little blue Tesco token in the Community Grants slot to vote for us!



Alford Uniform and Baby Bank has a vast quantity of free good quality Alford primary school uniform and PE kit, with sizes to fit EYFS to year 6.

The shop opening hours are 9.30 to 12.00 Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to visit at these times they will be happy to make an alternative arrangement with prior notice, you can contact Jan Parrott on 07355036284 or alternatively e-mail jan.parrott@alfordhub.co.uk who will be happy to help.

If you are unable to collect uniform and require support with this please contact the school office.