



October at Alford !



Harvest Festival | Diwali | World Mental Health 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 \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- both new and preloved

[PE KIT \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- including our fantastic house team

[Accessories \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- such as book bags and hats

[Wrap Around Care \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- we offer both breakfast and after school club

[Educational Visits \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- pay for any visits or trips easily

School Website

[Dates \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- term dates

[Curriculum \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- information about your child's learning

[Online Forms \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- medication/medical updates and term time absence requests.

[Contact Us \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

- how to find and contact us



Dear Parents & Carers,

The first half term of the school year is coming to an end. This last week alone has seen our Diwali Day, Harvest Festival, Year 4 girls football, and our Good to be Green celebration.

This half term has seen Year 3 enjoy their trip to Creswell Crags and Year 2's visit to Baytree Owl Centre. Next half term, Year 4 are off to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at Nottingham Theatre and Year 5 are off on their Saxon Adventure to Murton Park.

Our Remembrance display is already taking shape. We are so lucky this year to have the War Horses as part of our Remembrance display, thanks to Rachel Burnett and the Alford Knitting Nannas for kindly loaning them to us this year. The children have also created beautiful art work that will be on display at the Alford Library. Please pop along to have a look, and whilst you are there the children can always borrow a book!

Happy Half Term everyone!

Mrs Snow



November

Monday 3rd November—First day of term

Wednesday 5th November—Year 5 trip to Murton Park

Thursday 6th November—Year 4 trip to Nottingham Theatre

Thursday 6th November—Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 11th—Monday 16th November—Book Fair

Friday 14th November—Child in Need Day

December

Wednesday 3rd December—Flu Vaccination 'mop up' session

Thursday 4th December—Y6 Lincoln Castle Trip

Friday 5th December—FoS Christmas Fair

Thursday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December—Whole school trip to Skegness Pantomime

Friday 19th December—Last day of term



Assessment Dates

Every year, there are dates set by the Department for Education for our Statuary Assessments to take place.

As we are all aware, the school are unable to authorise holidays and the fixed penalty notice system is applied. Should you still make the decision to book a term time holiday, we ask that you avoid the dates below.

Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026:

| Date | Activity |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 11 May 2026 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 12 May 2026 | English reading |
| Wednesday 13 May 2026 | Mathematics Papers 1 and 2 |
| Thursday 14 May 2026 | Mathematics Paper 3 |

Multiplication tables check

Schools must administer the [multiplication tables check](#) within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.

Phonics screening check

Schools must administer the [phonics screening check](#) within the 1-week period from Monday 8 June 2026.





Attendance

Betty's Tea Party Winners - ALDER!



Whole School Attendance

Class Attendance for this term so far:

EYFS—**95.8** Alder - **97.8**

Blossom - **96.7** Rowan - **95.7**

Acorn - **97.0** Maple - **97.1**

Conker - **97.2** Oak - **96.3**

Willow - 93.9 Elm - **95.3**

Hazel - **96.3**

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

For more information, see our website:

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



Community News



LIVE & LOCAL
Creative Alford
RURAL HUB TOWNS

FREE

Half Term Workshops
28 | 29 | 30 October
10:30am to 3:30pm each day
South Street Car Park, LN13 9AF
(next to Alford Library)

Lantern Making Workshops

Drop in at anytime!

Work alongside talented Lincolnshire artists to craft your very own Lantern to hold in our procession at the Bonfire event at Alford Cricket Club on the 1st November. Participants will get free entry to the Bonfire event, and will be invited to take their beautiful lantern home after the procession. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Further information
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MONDAY 27 OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
10.15AM–12NOON & 12.30PM–3.30PM

OCTOBER
HALF-TERM

Family Activities

MAKE IT & SHAKE IT!

IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

Make a range of percussion instruments to make music in our mini percussion orchestra and then take home your lovely artwork.



Our half-term activities are included in your Cathedral admission.



Children visit **FREE** with a paying adult and if you Gift Aid your admission you can return free of charge for 12 months.



Community News

FRIENDS OF ALFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

NOV

Professionally printed Christmas cards featuring your children's artwork

NOV

Decorate a Christmas bauble competition

NOV

Non-Uniform day, donations of a chocolate bar

DEC

Christmas Fayre

Donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers and raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

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New members **ALWAYS** welcome.

Next FOS meeting date: 17th October 2025 9am